



**Door County Partnership for Children and Families (DCPCF)
Meeting Minutes
Friday, December 14, 2018
Justice Center – Multipurpose Room**

The Door County Partnership for Children and Families, together with our partner organizations, is dedicated to connecting people to resources through a family-centered approach in order to achieve social emotional well-being and school success.

In Attendance: Chelsea Smies (DC Public Health Department), Dawn Vandevort (UW-Extension), Kathy Schultz (DC Department of Human Services), Helen Bacon (County Board), Nikki Voight (Door-Tran), Rebecca Nicholson (Door County Partnership for Children and Families), Jennifer Moeller (Circuit Court), Beth Lokken (Library), Emma Lehman (DC Department of Human Services), Candis Dart (Door County Partnership for Children and Families), Teresa Mertens (WIC/Public Health), Sandy Brown (PFLAG), Wess Roberts (HELP of Door County), Ann Smejkal (Sturgeon Bay Schools), Chad Welch (Door County Partnership for Children and Families), Tenley Koehler (UW-Extension)

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Welcome to Chad Welch, the new Family Engagement Leader for the Door County Partnership for Children and Families. Chad started at the end of October and has been working to meet many of you and to learn about the different programs here in Door County. He has also started working on planning for Parent Cafés, future Block Parties, and other family activities and events.
- b. Agency Updates - This was an opportunity for everyone to share upcoming events or exciting news that they may have. For future meetings, please feel free to bring any flyers you may have and updates you want to share.
 - Emma Lehman (DC Department of Human Services): They are in the process of hiring a new social worker. They will also be opening a Youth Connections Center in the next few months. This will be an opportunity for youth who are involved in the Juvenile Justice system. Watch for additional information to come.
 - Kathy Schultz (DC Department of Human Services): Kris Wagner-Maclean will be retiring.
 - Nikki Voight (Door-Tran): Door-Tran currently has unspent money in the car loan program. Please be sure to send any referrals to them.
 - Jennifer Moeller (Family Court): Jennifer shared information on a Mediation training coming up in Madison in March/April. She also shared information about the WIPCOD (Wisconsin InterProfessional Committee on Divorce) Conference that is coming up in the Wisconsin Dells on April 25th and 26th. For more information: <https://www.wipcod.org/>.
 - Chelsea Smies (Door County Department of Public Health): Sue Powers has accepted the Manager/Health Officer position. There is an opening for a new Public Health Nurse.
 - Teresa Mertens (WIC): Please continue to refer families to WIC to see if they qualify to receive benefits.
 - Beth Lokken (Door County Library): The 2019 Door County Reads books were announced. There will be two books this year. The books are: *The Death and Life of*

the Great Lakes by Dan Egan and *Wintering* by Peter Geye. Free copies of the books will be available at all Door County Library branches (while supplies last).

- Sandy Brown (PFLAG): On Sunday, December 16th, 2018, Rae Senarighi will be the presenter during the Adult Forum at Hope Church from 9-10 a.m.
- United Way of Door County will be hosting their Ugly Sweater Open House on Wednesday, December 19th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

- c. Please continue to watch for the DCPCF Newsletters. A lot of important information is shared through this newsletter. If you do not receive the newsletter or if you have any information that you would like shared, please email Candis at doorcountypartnership4children@gmail.com.

2. Committee Reports:

a. Collaboration Committee

- Mental Health Film Series – DCPCF, Mental Health Focus Group, Public Health, and Door County AOD Coalition
 - For all events: A light meal will be served at 5:00 p.m. The film will begin at 5:30 with panel discussion to follow. Events will be held at the Kress Pavilion in Egg Harbor.
 - January 2019 – *Written Off*
 - February 2019 – *Resilience*
- The showing of the film *Paper Tigers* on November 8th was a success. Approximately 30 people attended and the conversation with the panel and attendees was very inspiring.
- An additional showing of *Paper Tigers* will be held at the UU Fellowship in Ephraim on Tuesday, December 18th at 4:30 p.m.
- The Collaboration Committee is also looking to host another Diversity/Inclusivity training again in 2019.

b. Family Enrichment Committee

- Raising a Thinking Child
 - Another *Raising a Thinking Child* class will be planned for the winter months. Please be sure to watch for additional details to come soon.
- Block Parties
 - The Block Party at the ADRC in September went well. We will be continuing to look for opportunities and locations to host additional Block Parties.
- Parent Cafes
 - Parent Cafés are opportunities for parents/caregivers to come together and make connections with one another. We will begin hosting Parent Cafés in January 2019. Be sure to watch for additional details to come soon.
 - a. We will be in need of volunteers to help with childcare and to serve as table hosts.

c. Community Resources Committee

- http://doorcountylibrary.org/community_resources

- Beth is continuing to update the Community Resource Guide as needed. If there are any changes/updates/additions that need to be made, please let Beth know (blokken@co.door.wi.gov).
- The next meeting of the Community Resources Committee will be Tuesday, January 29th at 9:00 a.m.

d. Marketing Committee

- The Marketing Committee will meet next on Wednesday, February 27th at 12:00 p.m.
- We are continuing to work on a poster that will be widely distributed throughout the community.
- We are also going to be working to increase our Facebook presence. Many families have shared that Facebook is one of the main ways they get information. We will be working to increase the number of posts each week. If you have not already liked our Facebook page, please be sure to do so (www.facebook.com/doorcountyparents).
- If you are in need of any promotional materials for the DCPCF (rack cards, Community Resource Guide cards, Community Connections brochures), please let Candis know. We would be more than happy to drop them off.

e. Screening Workgroup:

- This group is continuing to meet. Over the last year, the discussions have transitioned to focusing more on a Welcome Baby style of program (similar to Manitowoc County and Sheboygan County). In this model, all new parents would receive a visit and a packet of information – either prenatally or at the birth of their child.

f. Executive Committee

- The Executive Committee has been working on a new Strategic Plan. This Strategic Plan is based on the input provided at the June Partnership Celebration and the September Quarterly Partnership meeting. Details on this Strategic Plan will be shared at a future Quarterly Partnership meeting.

3. Other Business

- a. Community Connections: Rebecca reported that since the Community Connections service began in November 2017, she has worked with 27 families. This is a total of 102 people served. These referrals have come from multiple places and she has referred families out to several different programs/services. If you would like more information on Community Connections or if you have a referral to make, please contact Rebecca Nicholson at partnershipconnector@gmail.com.
- b. Imagination Library: The Door County Imagination Library program has officially begun. Registration went live for the program this week. A Kick-Off event will be held on Saturday, December 15th at the Door County Library in Sturgeon Bay. This event will be Glitter-Rama. There will be fun activities and families will be able to begin registering their children for the Imagination Library program.
 - Registration is available in person at the United Way of Door County Office, at the Door County Library branches, and in various other locations throughout the county. Families may also register online at www.doorcountyparents.com.

- The first group of children will be pulled at the beginning of January. These children will begin receiving books in the mail in February or March. Books will continue to be mailed monthly until the child turns five.
- This is a FREE book gifting program for Door County children, from birth until their 5th birthday. All Door County children (ages 0 up until their 5th birthday) qualify for this program- there are no restrictions on school, socio-economic status, etc. The only restrictions are that the children must live in Door County and must be within the age requirements.
- It is free for a family to register their children. Once registered, the child will receive a book in the mail each month until the month they turn five.
- The costs for this program are covered by the Door County Partnership for Children and Families and donations from the Community. It costs \$25 to provide a year's worth (12 books) of books for one child. This is approximately \$2.10 for the book and shipping.
- Everyone is encouraged to share the information about this program with others who might be interested – either families who would register their children or people who might be interested in making a donation.
 - Donations can be made by check or cash. Checks should be made payable to United Way of Door (Please be sure to note that the donation is for Imagination Library). You can drop the donation off to the United Way of Door County office or by contacting Candis.
- The goal of this program is to encourage reading to young children, which will have an impact on future school success.

4. Discussion: Holiday Stress and Self-Care, Dawn VandeVoort, UW-Extension

- a. Thank you to Dawn for sharing this great information with all of us!
- b. Dawn shared information with the group on the importance of taking care of ourselves during the holiday season: <https://www.mindful.org/train-brain-tame-holiday-stress-anxiety/>.
- c. She had everyone do two activities:
 - Writing down the things that are stressful
 - Writing down the things that bring us joy (our Joy List).
- d. Dawn also shared information on the importance of making time for play.

5. Future 2018 Quarterly Partnership Meeting Dates

- a. In 2018, the Door County Partnership for Children and Families will continue to host Quarterly Partnership Meetings. Meetings will be on the 2nd Friday of every 3rd month at 8:15 a.m. in the 1st Floor Multi-Purpose Room at the Justice Center.
 - Upcoming Meeting Dates are:
 - Friday, March 8th, 8:15 a.m.
 - Friday, June 14th, 8:15 a.m.
 - Friday, September 13th, 8:15 a.m.
 - Friday, December 13th, 8:15 a.m.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, March 8th, 2018 at 8:15 a.m.

