



**Door County Partnership for Children and Families (DCPCF)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, March 8, 2019**  
**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: Ann Smejkal (Sturgeon Bay Schools), Mary Ellen Smith (Public Health), Candis Dart (Door County Partnership for Children and Families), Rebecca Nicholson (Door County Partnership for Children and Families), Chad Welch (Door County Partnership for Children and Families), Holly Weber (Public Health), Dori Goddard (Human Services), Jennifer Moeller (Circuit Court), Angela Steuck (Family Services), Milly Gonzales (HELP of Door County), Helen Bacon (County Board), Chelsea Smies (DC Public Health Department), Kathy Schultz (Human Services), Nikki Voight (Door-Tran), Beth Lokken (Library), Laura Hall (Human Services), Paul Thierfelder (Sturgeon Bay Christian Counseling), Kris Miller (Cradle to Career)

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. 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.
  - Ann shared that as a School District, Sturgeon Bay is working to improve on community engagement.
  - Dori provided an update on Child Abuse and Neglect Reports for January and February. The number of reports was a historically high number.
    - January 2019 – 40 reports; January 2018 – 27 reports
    - February 2019 – 47 reports; February 2018 – 17 reports
  - Dori also shared that the new Youth Connections Center for the Door County Department of Health and Human Services is now open. This center is for youth who are a part of the juvenile justice system. Currently there are 4-6 who are participating. They work on academics, skill building, and self-regulation.
  - Jennifer shared information on the Circuit Court Improvement Program – focused on safety for children. She also invited everyone to attend the Tales of Our Lives event being held by the Women’s Fund on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Angela shared that Gina is working hard to get Door County’s Healthy Families program up to speed. This will open up possibilities for different types of funding and make Door County aligned with Brown County.
    - Angela also shared that Shawano County is starting a Partnership for Children and Families. Family Services is starting home visiting services in Shawano County.
  - Milly shared information from the Teen Summit conference that she attended with 4 local youth. Topics covered at this conference included LGBTQ+ and healthy relationships and healthy coping skills. Milly shared that it was exciting to see the complex conversations that youth were having – many of them being youth led conversations.

- HELP will be starting a Teen Leadership program that will meet weekly and help to build leadership skills.
  - Chelsea shared that Public Health is currently located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Government Center, while their space is being remodeled.
  - Kris shared that she continues to see lack of childcare and affordable housing as the biggest challenges for the families she works with.
  - Beth encouraged everyone to check the Library's calendar of events, as there are many events coming up. This year's Summer Reading program will have a space theme.
  - Paul shared that he is now running addiction/recovery groups two times per year.
  - Nikki shared that the Annual Meeting for Door-Tran will be Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 – 11:00 at Prince of Peace Church. Please RSVP to Nikki if interested in attending.
  - The AOD Coalition will be hosting a Cannabis event on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Hope Church in Sturgeon Bay. Information can be found here: [https://www.facebook.com/events/396831607554419/409035473000699/?notif\\_t=adm\\_in\\_plan\\_mall\\_activity&notif\\_id=1553534018611724](https://www.facebook.com/events/396831607554419/409035473000699/?notif_t=adm_in_plan_mall_activity&notif_id=1553534018611724).
  - The United Way Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. See their Facebook page for more details: <https://www.facebook.com/UnitedWayDC/>.
  - Several organizations have partnered to plan a Trauma Informed Care Conference. The Conference will be on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at Stone Harbor. Additional details to come.
- b. 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](mailto:doorcountypartnership4children@gmail.com).

## 2. Staff Updates

- a. Community Connections
- Rebecca provided an update on the statistics for our website. The site is continuing to see increased use.
  - Rebecca has also been sending out a parents newsletter on a monthly basis. Those interested in receiving the newsletter can sign-up on the website or by contacting Rebecca.
  - Rebecca shared the 2018 year-end report for Community Connections. In 2018, she met with 30 families (94 total individuals). Referrals were received from a variety of sources. Families were connected with many different services. If you would like additional information on the Community Connections service, please contact Rebecca.
  - Rebecca has also been working with families who are need assistance in transitioning their child to adult services.
- b. Family Engagement Leader
- Chad has been on staff since the end of October 2018.
  - Chad has been working closely with Tenley to plan and coordinate several different events and activities.
  - Chad is working with the STRIDE program and Jak's Place to coordinate a series of Mental Health Cafés for the month of May.

### 3. Committee Reports:

#### a. Family Enrichment Committee

- Raising a Thinking Child
  - The current *Raising a Thinking Child* class started at the beginning of February and will go through March 20<sup>th</sup>. The class seems to be going well and parents are interested.
  - We are still in need of people to help with childcare for this class and for future events. If you are interested, please let Candis know.
- Block Parties:
  - The next Block Party will be held on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at the ADRC. This event is free and open to the public. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to bring their children to play with various types of blocks.
  - Volunteers are needed to serve as play assistants for Block Parties. Please contact Chad or Tenley if you are interested in volunteering.
  - There will also be a Block Party during the June 15<sup>th</sup> Kick Off to Summer event. Play Assistants will also be needed for this event.
- Parent Cafés
  - Parent Cafés are an opportunity for parents to come together to listen, talk, build friendships, and support each other around the topic of parenting.
  - Parent Cafés are free events with a family meal and childcare provided.
  - The first Parent Café was held on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. There were 24 parents in attendance. There were several positive comments about the Parent Café from those in attendance.
  - The next Parent Café will be Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at Hope Church. Please share the information with anyone who might be interested.
  - We need volunteers to help with childcare for Parent Cafés.
    - a. It was suggested that we talk to Hope Church to see if they have any volunteers who would be willing to help with childcare.
- Family Well-Being Survey
  - The Family Enrichment Committee is working to update the Family Well-Being Survey that was conducted in 2016. The survey will be sent out to families throughout Door County as a way to gather information about the wants and needs of Door County families.

#### b. Collaboration Committee

- We did a showing of *Paper Tigers* and a panel discussion at Southern Door Community Auditorium on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. There were 20 people in attendance. The conversation went very well and people were interested in the topic.
  - It was suggested that it would have been interesting to have round table discussions led by panel members for *Paper Tigers* (maybe not on the same day, but close to the event)
    - a. This would help to share the responsibility with community members – it puts others in leadership roles.
- We will be showing *Resilience* at Southern Door Community Auditorium on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. This event is free and open to the public. The event is sponsored by the

Door County Partnership for Children and Families, Door County Medical Center, Door County Mental Health Focus Group and the Door County Department of Human Services.

- The Collaboration Committee is also looking to host a training on Implicit Bias and Intersectionality in 2019. There is a sub-committee that will be working to plan this event. Watch for more details in the future.

c. Community Resources Committee

- [http://doorcountylibrary.org/community\\_resources](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](mailto:blokken@co.door.wi.gov)).
- The next meeting of the Community Resources Committee will be Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Door County Library in Sturgeon Bay.

d. Marketing Committee

- The Marketing Committee will meet next on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. at the United Way of Door County office.
- We are continuing to work on a poster that will be widely distributed throughout the community.
- 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. Welcome Baby Committee (formerly Screening Workgroup)

- The name for this group is now the Welcome Baby Committee. We feel that this name better represents the goals of this program and what we hope to accomplish.
- The committee continues to meet and is working on a presentation that can be used to share information on the program.

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. Much of the Strategic Plan is based on the work we have been doing over the past few years. There will also be added plans regarding Trauma Informed Care and increasing our work outside of Sturgeon Bay.

4. Other Business

a. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library: Registration went live for the program in December 2018. Since then, we have had more than 200 children register for the program.

- The first group of kids began receiving books in February.
- This is a FREE book gifting program for Door County children, from birth until their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. All Door County children (ages 0 up until their 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 and book ownership, which will have an impact on future school success.

5. Discussion: Continuing Our Community Conversations – What are our next steps?

- a. We did not have a lot of time to spend talking about the Community Conversations we've had so far (*Raising of America, Paper Tigers, Resilience*). This is something that we will continue to discuss.
- b. We did have conversations about other things that we would like to see covered.
  - Bullying
  - Screen Time/Internet Use/Technology
    - How do we limit screen time?
    - How do parents lead by example? (decrease use of phones, etc.)
    - It was suggested that we want to make sure we are not frightening people, but rather teaching healthy behaviors and how to use technology responsibly (talk about best practices).
    - Is this something we could do collaboratively with the Sheriff's Department?
    - It would be important to incorporate trust and healthy family relationships.

6. Future 2019 Quarterly Partnership Meetings

- a. Discussion was had on the best way to make the Quarterly Partnership Meetings useful to everyone and time well spent. It was suggested that a survey be created and sent out to gather input and interest from people. Please use this survey to share your thoughts: <https://forms.gle/UfumBDXnXDgeZcDd7>. This survey will also be used to determine whether the current date and time work for most people.
- b. In 2019, the Door County Partnership for Children and Families will continue to host Quarterly Partnership Meetings. Meetings will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every 3<sup>rd</sup> month at 8:15 a.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Multi-Purpose Room at the Justice Center.
  - Upcoming Meeting Dates are:
    - Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.
    - Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.
    - Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.
    - Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

**Next Meeting Date: Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 8:15 a.m.**

