

**Door County Partnership for Children and Families (DCPCF)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, June 12, 2020**  
**Online ZOOM Meeting**

*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 Smejkel (Partnership Co-Chair), Mary Ellen Smith (Partnership Co-Chair), Rebecca Nicholson (Door County Partnership for Children and Families), Quinn Hansen (Door County Health and Human Services), Callie Kraul (DCMC), Nikki Voight (Door-Tran), Karlee Bertrand (Door County Health and Human Services), Danielle Nyman (Door County Health and Human Services), Chad Welch (Door County Partnership for Children and Families), Candis Dart (Community Member and Parent), Kris Miller (Cradle to Career), Teresa Mertens (WIC), Barb Johnson-Giese (DCMC)

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Rebecca introduced Quinn Hansen as the Parents Supporting Parents Coordinator for Door County. Along with that responsibility, Quinn is also the Foster Care Coordinator and a supervisor for some of the CPS and Youth Justice Social Workers.
- b. Also introduced was Carrie Finkbeiner, who works with the Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System (WCWPDS). She is joining this meeting to present the information regarding the Parenting Supporting Parents Initiative.

2. Parents Supporting Parents Presentation

a. Presentation

- Carrie Finkbeiner presented about Parents Supporting Parents, a Wisconsin Parent Partner Model, that is an evidence-based model aimed at empowering parents with lived Child Protective Services (CPS) experience as mentors to parents currently involved in the system, while integrating the voice of lived experience into the Wisconsin child welfare system

b. Discussion/Q&A

- Discussion about confidentiality, specific to how to ensure that the Parent Well Being Specialists will maintain it: Carrie, Rebecca, and Quinn identified that training and education would be offered to Family Well-Being Specialists as part of orientation, and that regular supervision and oversight would be a part of the initiative. Additionally, it was identified that the Department of Children and Families would likely offer guidance as the creation of the Innovation Zones continues.

- Discussion about confidentiality, specific to limitations and struggles between partnering agencies: Conversation included the identification that it can be challenging working with partner agencies and individuals at times when confidentiality and privacy need to be maintained. The conversation included ideas and strategies around engagement, trust, accountability, and respect when working with our families, and about how that helps the parents/families feel more confident and comfortable with information sharing and its purpose.
- Discussion regarding the value of having United Way as a partner in implementing this initiative: Consensus among the group members that having United Way as a partner brings the benefit of having a ‘half-step’ away from ‘the County’, while being directly involved with the creation and implementation of our local program.
- Question regarding using PSP as a prevention program: At this time, we are going to stick to the model as it is. However, there is room to discuss how this might look in the future.

### 3. Partnership updates

- a. Chad – Community Impact Coordinator Education: Chad has been busy hosting a virtual parent café with Sevastopol, though it was open county-wide. Plans for two more summer virtual cafes are in the making. I have written and with Rebecca’s help, posted 16 articles for our social media. I completed volunteering with the MESH project in the county and am working with JAK’s Place developing youth program ideas as well as advertising current opportunities. Chad is also working with Sevastopol Schools to create some café ideas around the current pandemic, home schooling and parent stressors. Finally, Chad is busy managing DPIL, helping with the child care study in the county and taking classes to help him to be the best he can be in his position.
- b. Rebecca – Community Connector: Rebecca continued to assist families during the COVID “Safer at Home” order and with the help of a small grant and Christ Child Society, she was able to do porch drop-offs of infant and toddler basic needs items such as diapers, wipes and formula. She also was able to provide a couple car seats to families and a crib to another family. In addition to her Community Connector responsibilities she has been working on the local team for the Parents Supporting Parents program as well as continuing to participate in other committees (Trauma Informed Community Team, County Community on Transition Committee, etc)

**Next Meeting Date: Friday, September 11, 2020 at 8:15 a.m. location-TBD**

