

Door County Partnership for Children and Families Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 21st, 2024, 8:30 a.m.

In Person or Hybrid Option Via Zoom

Meeting Location: Sturgeon Bay City Hall, Community Room

The mission of the Door County Partnership for Children and Families is to promote resilience, strength, and social-emotional well-being for the families in our community.

Attendees: Mary Ellen Smith (Chair), Rebecca Paulsen (DCPCF), Candis Dart (Parent/Extension), Katie DeVillers (Sawyer School Principal), Kyle Veaser (DC Sheriff's Dept), Candis Dart, (Deb Doyle (Foster Parent), Cami Peggarr (Stride), Jennifer Moeller (Door County Judge Elect, Family Court, Register in Probate), Kris Miller (Lakeshore Cap), Lorie Torbeck (Children First Development Center), Ann Smejkal, board member, Keith Nerby (Sturgeon Bay Schools), Evonne LaCrosse (Door-Tran), Karlie Martens (Sturgeon Bay School District), Karrie Anthony (UWDC), Kathy Schultz (Door County Health and Human Services)

Welcome and Introductions – Short introductions from all present and zoom.

Lorie Torbeck – She states they have an excess of extra toys and blocks at the new Children's First Center if anyone is interested (lorie@childrenfirstdc.com). Future touch points for giving extra items donated that could be distributed or given to those in need- suggestions were to connect with Community Long Term Services (CLTS), Children's Community Options Program (C-COP), contact Beth Chisholm with Health and Human Services, Deb Doyle with Path, Beth Lokken to use at the Library for individual check out items

Updates from Chad: Chad is finishing the end of year grant narrative for the state. I will also have a Zoom end of year with folks in Madison. He had 3 Triple P classes in June with 4 attendees. He also did 1 on 1 Family Transitions Triple P with a couple. Imagination Library is steady at 772.

At the quarterly Partnership meeting, Jennifer Moeller stated that people are often ordered to complete a class for divorcing parents and often times course cost is a barrier. She also indicated that there is no longer any local providers to complete an approved course in person. Chad and Rebecca will be meeting with her to discuss if the Triple P Family Transitions curriculum would meet the requirements to be an approved course. If so, it would remove the cost barrier as the course is free and there would be an in-person option.

Updates from Rebecca: Rebecca is presenting tomorrow, June 22nd at the Wisconsin Veterans Women's Regional Conference. After the presentation a car load of wish list donations will be given to DCPCF to distribute to partner organizations and the families she works with.

Continued Diaper, wipe and occasional Infant formula are being ordered and delivered as needed.

Website has been updated for agencies to loan out block items. The information on what types of blocks is available and the form to request them can be found at: <https://doorcountyparents.com/block-check-out-request>. To get to the page click on "DOOR COUNTY PARTNERS" button and then the "BLOCK REQUEST" button.



Old Business: The Sunset Park City Community Block Party was rained out this year.

Welcome Baby- Welcome Baby just reached its two-year anniversary in May. Gina Felhofer, Family Services of Northeast WI is the current Family Resource Specialist. Gina has served 129 families in the last two and a half years. She does have a 50% engagement with parents. Mary Ellen reported that Gina previously stated to her – ‘Income and Mental Health have been the highest risk factors for the majority of what she has seen.’ The hospital is also going to be marketing for Welcome Baby. Gina is going to be retiring in mid- July. Family Services of Green Bay will be hiring her replacement.

New Business:

Marketing: What would help for us to educate new employees of partner organizations? Anybody that is raising a child, special needs, anything to do with kids and enrolling in school. Rebecca is very helpful. Suggestions – County unit quarterly think tanks, add something on the homepage that helps to sign up for the Newsletter. Community connections – make stickers to hand out to people with handouts. Katie suggested that there is a colorful handout as to what you offer. Rebecca has rack cards, brochures, and has a bio in it as well. Will restock places with new ones. Add QR code- on brochures, Facebook posts for specific places to go to on the website.

Strategic Plan Update: Mailings to over 120 people of packets and personal note cards are being mailed out. Continue contact with all of the touch points that are community stakeholders.

Sub-Committee Formation: Sub-committee information was handed out. Several people signed up to be on two of the sub-committees. The members of the Parent Support Committee and Community Resources Committees met to determine when they can meet.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING ON ONE OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES LET REBECCA KNOW.
(rebecca@unitedwaydc.com)

Current sub-committee members are:

Parent Support: Kris Miller, Ann Smejkal, Lorie Torbeck, Karlie Martens, Katy Devillers

Community Resources: Kathy Schultz, Kyle Vesser, Evonne LaCrosse, Candy Dart, Keith Nerby and Deb Doyle

Sustainability and Growth: Mary Ellen, Helen Bacon, Cori McFarlene (Writing notes)

Next Quarterly Meeting: September 20th, 2024 @ 8:15am

Meeting Location: TBD

