North Central Wisconsin Network to Serve Infants and Families

April 12, 2017 11:00-2:00

Committee Purpose: To create a seamless system of family-centered care from hospital to communities for infants and their families.

Committee Goals:

1. Improve linkages and communication between families, hospital and community-based and primary care providers
2. Improve education and understanding of programs among providers and families

AGENDA

11:00-11:05 Introductions

11:05-11:45 Support needs of parents in NICU – Robin Mathea, Parent to Parent of Wisconsin

11:45-12:15 Marshfield Clinic Developmental Follow Up Clinic – Laura Weber

12:30-1:00 Lunch

1:00-1:45 Agency Updates and Announcement

1:45-2:00 Planning for Next Meeting

* Calendar and agenda setting/additional topics

**Meeting Notes**

**Participants:**

Jess Merkel, Marathon Co Health Dept.

Kayla Lee, Marathon Co Health Dept.

Lisa Kujawa, Portage Co Human Services, Birth to 3

Mary Droske, Portage Co Health Dept.

Laura Holmes, Taylor Co Human Services, Birth to 3

Anne Winter, NCHC Marathon Lincoln Langlade Birth to 3

Joely Tracy, Wood Co Human Services, Birth to 3

Erica Sherman, Wood Co Health Dept.

Roya Heinz, Aspirus Clinic

Meghan White, Aspirus Pediatrics

Morgan Howe, Aspirus NICU

Cathy Ortscheid, Aspirus Pediatrics

Marion Daniel, St. Joseph Hospital

Laurie Weber, Marshfield Clinic

Julia Stavran, Northern Regional Center for CYSHCN

Robin Mathea, Parent to Parent of WI, CHW

**Parent to Parent of Wisconsin** Robin Mathea explained the program.

* the importance of peer support
* the impact and benefits to families
* how support parents are identified and trained
* how the match is made
* what the expectations are around contacting the families
* the referral process
* why families don’t refer themselves and the benefit of professionals referring
* work with special populations such as the Amish, Hispanic and Hmong families
* more info at <http://www.p2pwi.org/>

Financial assistance programs shared and discussed by participants

* Spare Key provides help to families in crisis with critically ill or seriously injured children through housing grant payment assistance. <https://www.sparekey.org/>
* Erika Kate Hope Alliance – to help ease the emotional, spiritual and financial burdens of parents of children with life-threatening heart disease <http://www.erikakate.org/>
* Marshfield Clinic Dental Centers – provides general family dentistry and dental hygiene services regardless of ability to pay. 9 centers <https://www.marshfieldclinic.org> search for clinic locations. Black River Falls, Chippewa Falls, Marshfield, Medford, Menomonie, Neillsville, Park Falls, Rhinelander, Rice Lake

**Marshfield Clinic Follow-Up Clinic** Laurie Weber gave updates on changes in staffing and follow-up with NICU infants. Infants born before or at 32 weeks gestation are seen at 6 months age-adjusted for prematurity. Infants may be seen in neurology earlier if there were concerns noted while the infant was in the NICU. These infants may be seen as often as needed as determined by their health conditions. They have also been conducting a study to improve follow up compliance for families that live further away through the use of Telehealth.

**Agency Sharing**

Jess Merkel from marathon co Health Dept shared new marketing tools and reported on the Start Right Program. Referral process, eligibility. Discussed engagement strategies being used to identify more families prenatally. Primary prevention program with universal access for pregnant women

Mary Droske from Portage Co Health shared info on Strong Start – a recently formed home visitation program, Prenatal Care Program, Babe-B-Safe and home safety assessment grants that the dept has received through the Community Foundation. They have had about 60 families in the program since it started. Average of $75/family to give safety supplies at an appointment at the Safety Center. Working with child protective services on this initiative. Also have BRA – Breastfeeding Resources Assistance through another grant

Lisa Kujawa from Portage Co shared that a new director will come in May and that Sue Chapman has retired.

Meghann White, Medical Home Care Coordinator with Aspirus Pediatrics discussed the challenges with identifying mental health resources. No providers are accepting United Health Care insurance. For genetics consults it is a 12-18 month wait for Milwaukee and 24-30 month wait for the Waisman Center in Madison

Laura Holmes shared that Taylor County is transitioning to Family Care July 1st. Will have new CMOs (Care Management Organizations) identified soon.

Anne Winter shared that the tri-county Birth to 3 program is experiencing staff turnover. Recent changes included service coordinators and therapists. Will be hiring.

Morgan Howe introduced herself. She began her job in March with the Aspirus NICU.

Marion Daniel gave updates on the sale of the St. Joseph Hospital to Marshfield Clinic Marshfield Health System. Children’s Miracle Network will stay with Marshfield Clinic. Many unknowns at this time such as if the children’s hospital designation will continue. Ministry Ascension will still own and operate Spirit air transport and it will be based out of Stevens Point.

Robin Mathea with Parent to Parent shared that she will be doing a closed training for support parents of children with HIV soon.

Laurie Weber reminded us that Wisconsin just passed CBD (or cannibidioid oil/medical marijuana) as treatment for seizure disorder BUT there is no dispensary in Wisconsin and cannot be purchased in another state and brought into Wisconsin. An example of a policy decision that doesn’t change the access to it for parents.

Joely Tracy reported that Wood County Birth to Three program has been getting many referrals

Erica Sherman reported that there have been staffing shifts at the Wood Co Health Dept. Only have 3 public health nurses doing family health – used to have 4. Programs have expanded. Still provide lactation services to hospital in Wisconsin Rapids. Dental Sealants in schools. Contracting with Adams and Juneau Counties to do Environmental Health services. Hiring 2 new Health Promotion and Communication Specialists. Wood Co moving health department and parks department offices on April 25 to River Block Building, 111 W Jackson St Wisconsin Rapids.

Group looked at make-up of participants and suggested reaching out to fill gaps to

Clark County Birth to Three and Public Health

Taylor County Public Health

Lincoln County Public Health

Langlade County Public Health

**Suggestions for next meeting** – invite speaker from CST or CCS programs. Coordinated Services Team or Comprehensive Community Services

**Change Meeting date to October 18th due to schedule conflicts for many regular participants.**