

**Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council**  
**Health and Education Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 11, 2014**  
**12:00 - 2:00pm**  
**635 N. 26<sup>th</sup> Street**

Arlene Happach, BMCW  
Linda Davis, Partnership Council  
Alison McMorrow, Saint-A  
Kristin Kelly, ABA  
Gene Thurman, CHWCS  
Clarissa Thruman, CHWCS  
Gabe McGaughey, CHWCS  
Josh Vollendorf, Saint-A  
Dena Radtke, MPS  
Bruce Kamradt, Milwaukee County  
Debra Walton, VNA

Chris Holmes, Penfield Children's Center  
Earnestine Willis, CHW and MCW  
Amy Herbst, CHWCS  
Tracy Oerter, CHW  
John Elliot, DCF/DSP  
Lorinda Patzner, DCF  
Kathy Elertson, BMCW  
Michelle Urban, BMCW  
Elizabeth Hudson, Office of Children's  
Mental Health  
Beth Perrigo, Children's Court

**Office of Children's Mental Health – Elizabeth Hudson, Director**

- Office of Children's Mental Health (OCMH) reports directly to Governor's office through Rich Zipperer, Deputy Chief of Staff.
- Purpose: "Study and recommend ways to coordinate initiatives, improve the integration across state agencies of mental health services provided to children, and monitor the performance of programs that provide those services."
- Collective Impact – accountability and monitoring results to build a common agenda.
- Discussion of transparency of OCMH.
- Goal to address and prevent root causes of mental health issues and to help all children optimize their social and emotional well-being.
- Public health approach built upon a base of supportive, skilled and healing community members and not just only relying on providers and treatments.
- Discussion about future involvement with business sector around workforce flexibilities to alleviate family stressors.

**Update from American Bar Association of Education for Children in Care – Kristin Kelly, Center on Children and the Law**

- Legal Center for Foster Care and Education – bring together the overlap of Child Protective Services and Education.
- Center brings concerns from state to federal level.
- Database to provide information on legislature changes to practitioners for ease of implementation. [www.fostercareandeducation.org](http://www.fostercareandeducation.org)
- Blueprint for Change (2007)
  - School stability and continuity
- Fostering Connections (2008) supporting school stability and continuity for children in Out-of-Home care.
- Federal Updates as of May 2014:

- Government Accountability Office (GAO) released report of findings regarding Congress-requested investigation of the Fostering Connections Act implementation. Report stated Federal Department of Health and Human Services low on monitoring Fostering Connections Act on the state level.
- U.S. Department of Education sent letter to Chief state school officers to be distributed to districts within state. Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act exemption for CPS to gain school records to uphold Fostering Connections Act on which CPS is funded.
  - WI state bill drafted to reflect federal changes – ready for next legislative session.

**Well-Being Approach at CHW – Amy Herbst, Vice President**

- Children’s has adopted the World Health Organization’s definition of well-being which is “not just the absence of illness”.
- Discussed the dynamics of overall health and well-being approach at Children’s
  - 10% accounted by quality healthcare while the other 90% is accounted through nurturing environments, genetics, and behavioral health and treatment.
  - Well-Being Framework
    - Physical Health and development
    - Social Connections
    - Emotional/Behavioral Functioning
    - Academic Functioning
    - Parent well-being and nurturing