

Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council Prevention Committee Meeting

May 16, 2024

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Minutes- DRAFT

Committee Members Present

Chairperson Ms. Carmen Pitre and Supervisor Patti Logsdon

Other MCWPC members present:

ADA Elisabeth Mueller, Senator LaTonya Johnson, and Bria Grant

Notice of Meeting

The notice of the meeting was published on the DCF and DOA websites on Wednesday May 8, 2024, and in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on Tuesday May 14, 2024. Second, the notice was faxed to the newspaper of record for the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin State Journal on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. The notice was emailed to the Partnership Council stakeholders including any media who had requested such notice on Tuesday May 7, 2024. Finally, the agenda was posted on the front door of the DMCPs building at 635 N. 26th St. on Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

This satisfies the requirements for notice under Wis. Stat. 19.84(1)(b).

Call to Order, Charge, Welcome, and Introductions

Chairperson Ms. Carmen Pitre and Bridget Chybowski, Deputy Administrator, Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services

Quorum requirements were met.

Review of Committee Purpose

Chairperson Ms. Carmen Pitre

The charge for the Community Prevention and Support Committee is as follows: This committee works to identify needs of families who are involved with Child Protective Services (CPS) and identify upstream opportunities to prevent entry for their children into out-of-home care. The committee shall address issues relating to service gaps, available opportunities, and access to those services for families in Milwaukee County. The Community Prevention and Support Committee would help in tying families together.

Overview of Department Prevention Efforts

- **Expanding Use of Community Resources**
- **Community Re-education of Mandatory Reporting**

Lee Johnson, Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services Access Section Manager

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Questions & Answers

Chairperson Ms. Carmen Pitre

Senator LaTonya Johnson proposed a question of percentage totals of screened out and screened in totals including the differences between incoming referrals and DMCPS department calls.

Chairperson Ms. Carmen Pitre proposed a question about unsubstantiated cases and the permanent nature of the record.

Chairperson Ms. Carmen Pitre proposed a motion of the Issue of neglect and neglect referrals to be voted on for next agenda meeting. Patti Logsdon second the motion & all committee members present agreed.

Chairperson Ms. Carmen Pite asked to learn about best practices at next meeting.

Patti Logsdon proposed a question about the Casey Foundation if it was a Statewide Foundation. Lee Johnson answered that the Casey Foundation is a National Foundation.

Chairperson Ms. Carmen Pitre proposed Amendment to add to Charge of preventing families from coming into system at all. Tabled for next meeting.

The Link to the Casey Foundation: <https://www.aecf.org/>

2024 Meeting Schedule

Chairperson Ms. Carmen Pitre

Thursday September 19,2024
1:00pm – 3:00pm

This information will also be available on the DCF/DMCPS Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council webpage: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/mcps/partnership-council>.

Adjourn

Chairperson Ms. Carmen Pitre entered a motion to Adjourn. Supervisor Patti Logsdon Second the motion & All committee members agreed, and the meeting ended.