

Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council Prevention Committee Meeting

Sojourner Family Peace Center

March 27, 2025

9:00AM–10:30AM

In Person

Minutes

Committee Members Present

Chairperson Ms. Carmen Pitre and Supervisor Patti Logsdon

Notice of Meeting

The notice of the meeting was published on the DCF and DOA websites on Monday March 17, 2025, and in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on Monday March 17, 2025. Second, the notice was faxed to the newspaper of record for the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin State Journal on Monday, March 17, 2025. The notice was emailed to the Partnership Council stakeholders including any media who had requested such notice on Monday March 17, 2025. Finally, the agenda was posted on the front door of the DMCPD building at 635 N. 26th St. on Monday March 17, 2025.

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

Call to Order, Charge, Welcome, and Introductions

Chairperson Ms. Carmen Pitre

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.

Presentation: Family Resource Center

Merrissa Johnson, Program Analyst, Prevention Board

Priscilla Wallace, Milwaukee Center for Children & Youth

Diana Billstrom, Executive Director, Bayview Community Center

Joyce Felker, Executive Director, The Parenting Network

Rebecca Murray, Executive Director, Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Board

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Questions & Answers

Chairperson Ms. Carmen Pitre

Supervisor Patti Logsdon proposed a question for The Parenting Network of where is the programs homebase? The response was in home services. The Parenting Network goes to the family wherever the prays, stay, or play the Parenting Network will meet you there, also virtually.

Chairperson Carmen Pitre proposed a question for The Parenting Network of How many calls does the program receive regularly? The response was estimated at about 1,000 unduplicated calls.

Patti Logsdon proposed a question to The Parenting Network asking does the program network with the Coggs Center? The response was pinned to answer at a later time.

Chairperson Ms. Carmen Pitre proposed a question of could the Prevention Council cohost to highlight and connect each organizations programs? Unanimous response was yes.

Isaiah Bonds proposed a question if any programs present, offer any financial literacy services? Bayview Community Center gave a yes. Milwaukee Center for Children & Youth is in progress for the addition of services.

Preview Next Meeting Agenda

Lee Johnson, Access Section Manager DMCPS

2025 Meeting Schedule

Chairperson Ms. Carmen Pitre

Friday June 6, 2025 at 1:00 pm In Person hosted by Sojourner Family Peace Center

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 2
Second the motion & all committee members agreed, and the meeting was adjourned.