



Clay County Local Advisory Council for Children's Mental Health

Thursday, October 3, 2019

Meeting Minutes

"To promote an accessible, comprehensive and a unified children's mental health system within Clay County"

Melissa welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minutes from the September 5, 2019 meeting were approved (Michelle/Bryan) Treasurer's Report: \$798.10

Old Business: The NAMI presentation on Understanding the Children's Mental Health System of Care will be held on October 14th. Currently 8 people are registered.

New Business:

Elections were held for Cochairs of the council: Melissa V. was nominated as parent cochair (Michelle/Steve); Megan W. was nominated as provider cochair (Michelle/Chandra). Carolyn will continue to provide meeting minutes and treasurer reports.

County budget presentation: tabled until November

Transportation: Carolyn will be attending the DHS Gaps Analyzes transportation meeting. Feedback for the meeting included: high need for transportation options; medical assistance reimbursement for transportation is a good option but you need to arrange at a minimum 24 hours before utilizing it. Transportation needs and barriers have been a discussion for many years with little change in addressing those barriers.

Agency Reports:

Freedom Resource: The agency just celebrated its 30-year anniversary. An event with 200 participants was held to mark this achievement. A Living Well class will start Friday, October 4th. Every month the agency holds a freedom in action event. This month's event will be greeting card making.

Mobile Crisis Response Program: In the month of September there were 72 phone supports; 65 stabilizations services; and 44 dispatches. In Clay County there were 16 dispatches and 25 stabilizations. Two dispatches were children. The agency is fully staffed.

Solutions Behavioral Health has been going through the process to become nationally credentialed for psychologists which is allowing them to have resident psychologists on staff. They also are going through the BCBA certification process for the behavioral analysts.

Lakeland Mental Health Center is celebrating 70 years in business. Case management referrals are increasing with the start of school.

West Central Juvenile Detention Center: The center is now occupying two of the new pod areas. Remodeling is taking place on the third floor. Ramsey County visited the center. They were impressed with the programming that is available at the Center. The Center is fully staffed to meet current needs. With the expansion, hiring will take place in February of next year.

The Village Family Service Center: Programming in the Hawley Public Schools is up and running again. In home therapy is busy. A new partnership with REACH is serving children. Funds from the Collaborative assist with insurance copays. The agency Wine and Dine fundraising event will be held in November. There are still tables available. The new site in Moorhead will be opening in late October/first part of November.

Access of the Red River Valley: Case managers have full caseloads.

Clay County Social Services: The Community Resilience Conversation event is October 8th. A committee to look at the placement needs in the county is looking at resources available and what current and future needs are. Funds are still available in the respite grant. The county will be assigning a few children's case management cases to one of their staff.

Churches United for the Homeless is working with Friends of the Children which is a national organization that has started in the Fargo Moorhead area. The organization follows a two-generation model with staff working with the child (2 hours at school, 2 hours in home/community) and another staff person providing support to parents. The program enrolls children between the ages of 4 and 6 years old and continues to work with them through high school graduation. Long term outcomes of the program are very positive. The agency soup kitchen fundraiser is sold out.

Collaborative:

Upcoming events:

Circle of Parents: Bright Sky Apartments Community Room, 2nd and 4th Tuesday 1:00pm – 3:00 pm

Resilience Community Conversation: October 8th 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Bright Sky Apartments Community Room

Understanding the Children's Mental Health System of Care: October 14th 6:00 pm – 8:00pm

Next meeting: Thursday, November 7th

WORKPLAN

- Seek input from the local children's mental health system of care providers, parents, former consumers and community members on – services needed for children with mental health needs; Coordination of care between services; quality of care provided.
 - Monthly reports from agencies in attendance at LAC meetings
 - Program/Services presentation at LAC meetings
 - Identify opportunities to get feedback from parents/consumers
- Review and evaluate the local children's mental health service system of care and make policy recommendations regarding any element of the local system of care.
 - Communicate Council position to other policy makers and organizations which may have a significant effect upon the local mental health system of care,
 - Review the mental health service mapping project, a co-project of the Collaborative and LAC.
 - Identify presentations for council meetings.
 - Communicate with Social Service Director and supervisor for any planning the council can provide input on.
 - Add areas of input needed to council agenda
 - Share input from the council with Social Service Director
- Provide input in the development of mental health planning in the county
 - Gathering information for report throughout the year.
 - Develop and approve yearly report
 - Attend County Board meeting to present yearly report
- Mental Health Awareness
 - Activities determined by the council.