



Success Partnership building Success Families

Children's Mental Health Work Group

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Lanette welcomed everyone to the meeting. The agenda as presented was approved by consensus. Minutes from the December 3, 2019 meeting were approved as presented. (Leslie/Merri)

FY20 Update: \$260 in flex funds have been spent to date. The remaining balance is \$4,470.

Gathering of information on Clay County's children's mental health system of care is part of the requirement of the Local Advisory Council for Children's Mental Health. One of the biggest challenges they have is gathering information from youth and families being served by the system. The group offered the following assistance in gathering the needed information: The Village Family Service Center would be willing to ask their in-home clients to complete the survey; rule 79 case managers could ask their families; other options would be Head Start home visitors, Churches United for the Homeless, and REACH. Questions that might be good to include in the survey: What are the chances of people following through with appointments in an office setting versus going to their home? How many families are aware of case management services? Where do families get information on mental health services? The survey will be available in early February and will be available in both online and paper copy.

Agency Updates:

Churches United for the Homeless staff are working closely with the school district, United Way and other community members to come up with funds to support a case manager for students who are transitioning into permanent housing from the shelter. The case manager would address truancy issues among this population. They hope to have everything in place. An incentive program to encourage youth to go to school is being piloted this month. Students will receive an incentive up to twice a week with a larger incentive if they go to school every school day in the week. The shelter is full with one family in overflow. Thanks to wonderful donors the residents had a good holiday season with gifts for both the adults and children. A bulk amount of bus passes has been purchased to help with individuals getting to their appointments.

Mobile Crisis Response Program: Clay County stats for December: 102 phone support; 17 dispatches. Of those dispatches five were children. All children were able to remain in their home, with no hospitalization. The program now has a staff member certified to train others on suicidality. Attendees can earn CEUs for attending that training.

Lakeland will be short one case manager beginning the middle of January. Megan will be on maternity leave in February. Referrals continue to come in. The annual holiday bake sale was a success. Funds from the fundraiser go towards gas cards, therapeutic supplies and other items families need.

The Village Family Service Center has openings in DC 0-5 and their ABC therapy programs. Currently individuals needing to see a therapist are able to get in within two weeks. In home program has a waiting list but they are still taking referrals.

Social Services: A memorandum with the Friends of the Children program is in place. The agency will be meeting with staff to start the referral process. The respite grant has been approved but the agency has not received the signed contract. Until they receive the contract, they can approve requests but can not pay out. Emergency respite will be approved and paid from county funds until the signed contract is in place. Training for the Collaborative Intensive Bridging Service (CIBS) will begin next week. Lutheran Social Services will oversee the mental health portion of the service. West Central Juvenile Center will be used for any short stays outside the home that are needed.

Public Health: The Family Health unit temporarily has open nurse opening. That will be filled when a nurse in the adult unit transfers over. The nurses are doing outreach with agencies to promote their family health programs. The agency is taking referrals for both Healthy Families America and Nurse Family Partnership.

Freedom Resource will be starting their Our Living Well 102 – Self Sufficiency course on January 30th. The program will run for ten weeks on Thursdays from 1:30 – 3:30 pm.

The Substance Abuse work group of the Collaborative is hosting a workshop on vaping among youth on Tuesday, January 21st from noon to 1:00 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 5, 2020 1pm – 2:30pm