

Marion County Children & Families Commission

September 21, 2017 Meeting

11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Grant Room, Broadway Commons

Commission Members Present: ~~Jaime Arredondo, Walt Beglau, Sue Bloom, Gladys Blum, Gayle Caldarazzo-Doty, Commissioner Janet Carlson, Marilyn Dedrick, Jayne Downing, Randy Franke, Ron Hays, Ormond Fredericks, Levi Herrera-Lopez, Chuck Lee, Krina Lee, Cyndi Leinassar, Pete McCallum, Chief Jerry Moore (represented), Sheriff Jason Myers (represented), Honorable Cheryl Pellegrini, Allan Pollock, Eric Richards, Jim Seymour, Sam Skillern, and Shaney Starr~~

Staff Present: Denise Clark, Tamra Goettsch and Mary Grim

Guests Present: Carla Bennet, Willamette Valley Community Health; Phip Blea, MC Health Dept.; George Burke, Salem Police Department; Lara Carranza, Youth Move Oregon; Steven Goins, NW Human Services; Tim Murphy, Bridgeway Recovery; Tricia Ratliff, Community Action Agency; Kevin Schultz, Marion County Sheriff's Office; Gwen Webber, Marion County Behavioral Health

Meeting Summary Notes by Denise Clark

A quorum was not present to approve the July 20, 2017 Meeting Summary Notes.

Membership:

- Lyndon Zaitz has resigned due to his limited availability.
- There are vacated positions to fill.
- The steering committee recommended Carla Bennett (Willamette Valley Community Health) and Sam Carroll (YMCA) for membership.
- Other recommendations by those present-
 - Patrice Altenhofen, Family Building Blocks, as she has early learning knowledge which segues to the CFC's target audience of 11-17 yr. olds; Kim Parker-Llerenas, Exec. Director of Incite; and Lisa Harnisch, Executive Director of Early Learning Hub
 - Someone from the multi-cultural institute
 - Jim Bauer- past-president of the Salem Area Chamber and VP for planning, facilities and external affairs at Willamette University.
 - A representative from the Union Gospel Mission
 - Troy Gregg, new Marion County Juvenile Department Director
 - A Keizer City Councilor, such as Roland Herrera
- Open to suggestions of new members, looking for the CEO or head of an agency; someone that can speak on behalf of the organization. Recommendations to be forwarded to Tamra or Cyndi.

Membership Tracking Process:

The steering committee, which helps develop the agenda for the full CFC meeting, looks at the membership annually. The bylaws guide attendance standards.

- The standard is 80% attendance; with six meetings a year that means a member could attend 5 out of the 6 meetings and be within the attendance requirement.
- Would like to see a higher number of people attending the meetings. (Attendance currently is averaging around 60%.)
- Tamra meets with members 1/1 to discuss their attendance, as needed. The steering committee is also reaching out to members. Will provide the outcome of these conversations at the next meeting.

New Member process:

- An application is sent out to the potential member.
- Once returned, the application is forwarded to the steering committee for consideration.
- Then the applicant information is brought to CFC for recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.
- The recommendation goes before the Marion County Board of Commissioners for approval.

CFC Connecting Opportunity-Tamra

Hold an informal meeting around 4:30 or 5:00 PM on a week day; it's purpose:

- Build community and relationships in a more casual atmosphere (i.e. - coffee talks, brown bags, after hours "sip and say").
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- A casual gathering without an ask, specific purpose, or event to plan.
- Public meeting laws would prevail; no decisions would be made, no quorum required; high level notes would be taken.
- Give new commission members an opportunity to learn more about the agencies.
- The commission agreed to hold a couple of these meetings within the year.

Presentation- Youth and Family Crisis Services Program- Phil Blea

Phil is working with Gwen Webber on the new Youth and Family Crisis Program. They have worked with Department of Human Services (DHS), Behavioral Care Network, and lots of other partners who devised a plan to get services to families quicker without having to go to the hospital emergency department or the Psychiatric Crisis Center.

The service went "live" in August and brochures were sent out electronically.

- The program encourages clients to stay put, pick up the phone and call for assistance; 80% of crisis situations can be resolved over the phone.
- All services are mobile and can be deployed as needed; six therapists go out in teams of two. Team members are bilingual and culturally responsive and there is a male and female on each team.
- Serves all of Marion County, including the rural communities.

- Provides trauma informed care.
- Follow-up is part of the service; provides a “warm handoff” to community providers
- The team has six partners including Options Counseling that will provide at-home counseling for three months.
- The target age group is youth 0-17; however, they can serve 19 and 20 year olds who are connected to a family. For the independent 18 yr. olds, they will identify other programs available to them.
- The Marion County mobile crisis team (police) or DHS can be called if there is no parent available for the person under the age of 14.

DHS’ role is to fund respite placement; looking at foster home placement rather than institutional care. Respite for crisis is one to three days, including intensive case management. Questions:

Is the Family Checkup model involved? Answer- No, the purpose is to address a personal crisis. However, would like to hand them off to a provider that is trained in the model.

Can an organization make a call on behalf of a child? Answer- Only kids over the age of 14 can consent to treatment; younger than that need parental consent; however, a memorandum of agreement can be developed with an organization to allow for this.

The team is reaching out to the Early Learning Hub to help families with young children.

Levi indicated that Mano A Mano is getting calls from kids that are fearful about what will happen with DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) regarding deportation. They are not suicidal, should they call? Answer- If in crisis, they welcome any youth to call.

What if a child is in treatment with another organization? Answer- They will be connected back to their primary therapist, and will encourage those crisis providers to have a treatment plan in place for the individual.

Lara Carranza, Youth Move Oregon, indicated that they will have a drop-in center that will be up and running in December.

They are coordinating care with Salem-Keizer schools.

Updates

Family Preservation Action Team (FPAT) - Tamra

GAP report was completed in January. Looking at next steps; who needs to be hired to move this forward? The CFC can help in removing the barriers. The goal is to have one family for one sibling set; this is an interim step in keeping siblings together. This can help alleviate some of the early issues that come up. There is an acute lack of foster homes available to take kids with high level needs.

Ormond noted that the limited number of homes creates placement matching issues, such as identifying culturally appropriate and LGBT sensitive placements.

Enhanced Support for Foster Parents- Jim

This is a new model being implemented by Catholic Community Services. The model incorporates a foster parent home that doesn't currently have youth in their home. These foster parents job is to come along side other foster parents that are in close proximity, called an "array," provide coaching on issues, and identify community supports. The model will target older kids with significant issues.

Youth Resource Action Team (YRAT)

Sue Blum is the YRAT chair. New members are Allyssa Bower, Santiam Service Integration Team; Natasha Cronin, YMCA; Jamie Parish, Youth Move Oregon; Stephen Goins, NW Human Services; and Tricia Ratliff, Community Action Agency.

CFC Meetings Matrix:

The matrix shows the topics and speakers for upcoming meeting presentations. The goal is to move forward on the CFC's strategic objectives. The layout presumes there would be one presentation per meeting. However, if time allowed, multiple presentations might occur on one day. Members are encouraged to make suggestions on topics of interest.

There was a lot of positive feedback received on the HOPE presentation made at last February's Together Toward Tomorrow event. A follow-up might be how we are implementing what was learned; have we made a difference in our organization; what has the "hope" perspective done for organizations; or explore the connection to trauma informed care and hope-filled care?

Announcements:

The Community Action Agency and its partners are addressing youth sheltering. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has selected them for its 100 Day Challenge. They are one of five rural communities selected. The goal is to identify what can be accomplished in 100 days and then put the plan into action for 100 days. It will begin with a stakeholder meeting that will define it's the parameters of the goal. There is no HUD money given with this notice; however, it does come with a lot of technical assistance and it's believed that it sets the organization up for future federal funding opportunities. A mentor is assigned to each organization that will walk them through the process. HUD is looking for innovation.

Carla Bennet, WVCH (Willamette Valley Community Health) announced that they are planning a pain summit that will launch the development of a community-wide plan that addresses the rise of opioid use. WVCH is bringing Dr. Vincent Felitti to town in November. They are also partnering with the Early Learning Hub to provide books during its scheduled immunization events.

Sue Bloom, Boys & Girls Club, announced that this Saturday (September 23) is *Open Streets*, an event in the Grant neighborhood. There will be membership fun, games, and drones. November 4 they are partnering with Keizer Permanente to provide an eye care clinic for uninsured youth. There is a Peer Court program luncheon coming up in October.

Shaney Starr, CASA, announced that the organization now has 109 volunteers. New members will be able serve another 40 students. Elizabeth Smart (abducted as a child and then returned home) will be coming April 20 to speak to the community.

Tim Murphy, Bridgeway, announced that they have sponsored a food truck for a vocational opportunity. The “Rolling Bridgeway Café” will lead to Bridgeway participants to eventually having a “brick and mortar” vocational opportunity. They also have a 16 unit apartment complex to provide safe housing.

Sam Skillern announced that the Salem Refugees Organization convenes on the first Monday of the month from 12-1:30. They meet in Cedar Hall at Salem Alliance Church. November marks the one year anniversary.

George Burke, Salem PD, said that the new ordinance regarding getting the homeless off of city sidewalks gives police the right to make contact with the individuals in order to give them resource options. He also indicated that the opioid problem in the area is resulting in some people dying; they are buying artificial drugs made to look like OxyContin, but it’s really Fentanyl.

There is a new electrician school, Independent Electrical Contractors Training Center, across from Catholic Community Services (CCS). They have an internship program connected to Chemeketa Community College. The students can earn a living and receive a degree.

Next Steps/Wrap-up

Tamra- Work Force is on the next CFC meeting agenda; please bring your ideas.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:27 PM.