

Marion County Children & Families Commission
October 17, 2019 Meeting
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Grant Room, Broadway Commons

Commission Members Present: Patrice Altenhofen, Phil Blea, Sue Bloom, George Burke, Paige Clarkson, Jayne Downing, Troy Gregg, Lisa Harnisch, Sheriff Joe Kast, Levi Herrera-Lopez, Stacy Lake, Kimberly Lemman, Pete McCallum, Honorable Judge Pellegrini, Allan Pollock, Eric Richards, Jim Seymour, Sam Skillern, Shaney Starr, Commissioner Colm Willis

Honorary Members: Carla Munns, C-Suite; Ormond Fredericks, DHS

Guests: Chris Pineda, Mountain West; Shemain Miller, Mountain West; Josh Graves, Catholic Community Services; Tricia Ratliff, Community Action Agency

Staff: Tamra Goettsch, Heather Johnson

Meeting Summary Notes by Heather Johnson

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 am. Welcome and introductions were made. Shaney reminded everyone to sign each meeting in to ensure accurate recording of attendance.

Approval of September 26th Meeting Summary Notes

Jayne motioned to approve meeting summary notes. Eric seconded the motion. All were in favor to accept the meeting summary notes. **Motion:** Approved

HOPE ALIVE

Outward Mindset Exercise

Tamra shared a background of the East Salem project for those who were unable to attend the September meeting. As data continues to be compiled from each organization about what they know and what resources they can provide to this area, the building of a strategic plan for the project can begin. To help spark ideas in this direction, Chris facilitated the Outward Mindset SAM exercise.

The group was divided into 5 groups and asked to brainstorm what they believe the hopes, fears, and needs are for different segments of the project area: Families, Schools, Businesses, Faith Communities, and other Partners. Members were then asked to mark the flipcharts with resources that their organization can provide.

The flipchart data has been transcribed and can be found at the end of the summary notes.

East Salem Project Development - Discussion

Shaney directed members to the handouts that were distributed, showing the number of foster care placements in the project area as well as the number of children who have been removed from that

area in the past three years. Shaney explained that this data is organized by zip code and may not precisely align with the project area Sue had sent out previously. She also pointed out that the meeting packet includes new data that has been compiled since the September meeting.

Patrice offered that Family Building Blocks (FBB) can provide a lot of data for the 97305 zip code from a recent grant application they wrote. Patrice also shared that Chemeketa Community College (CCC) has been awarded a 4-year grant to provide childcare for students, but they have been unsuccessful in finding a suitable location and have been considering using racquetball courts. Patrice and Robin Taylor of CCC recently met with the Epping family about designing a space to provide childcare for students as part of the anticipated Boys & Girls Club facility.

Troy said that the Juvenile Department is still compiling GIS data that will identify where youth were living when they committed crimes. The initial findings show that there are high density areas just north of Chemeketa Community College. Shaney suggested expanding the data from the Juvenile Department to include type of crimes committed.

Josh Graves shared that an individual he has been working with explained to him that opioids have recently become much easier to obtain, and that the majority of his suppliers are in this East Salem Project area. Josh reminded the committee that the opioid crisis is still a serious and growing problem and needs to be included as this project as being planned. Tamra agreed, adding that the bigger picture must address the underlying needs for mental health services, prenatal services, addiction services, and so on, at the heart of this crisis. Phil also added that the effects of multigenerational ACEs require new approaches to these problems, because the “old ways” just may not be effective.

Lisa asked if the CFC had received any equity-related data about languages spoken in the home, race/ethnicity, etc. Tamra said that was not something that had been received yet, but probably should be at some point, and Shaney agreed that it is an important layer that will need to be included.

In light of the Threat Assessment data that Eric supplied, Shaney suggested that it might be helpful to ask some principals to come to a CFC meeting and talk about their experiences.

Next Steps

- Provide data from Juvenile Department related to types of crime as well as GIS data.
- Obtain demographic data around primary race and language from COG.
- Provide data related to the 97305 zip code from the previously written FBB Grant.
- Invite principals of the focus schools in the project area to attend an upcoming CFC meeting, not only to share their experiences with school attendance, parent involvement, afterschool activities, etc, but also to find out what their needs are.

Adjourned at 1:01pm