

Marion County Children & Families Commission

May 16, 2019 Meeting

11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Grant Room, Broadway Commons

Commission Members Present: ~~Patrice Altenhofen~~, Sue Bloom, George Burke, Paige Clarkson, ~~Troy Clausen~~, Jayne Downing, Troy Gregg, ~~Lisa Harnisch~~, Levi Herrera-Lopez, Stacy Lake, Krina Lee, Kim Lemman, Pete McCallum, ~~Cary Moller~~, ~~Carla Munns~~, Honorable Cheryl Pellegrini, Allan Pollock, Eric Richards, Jim Seymour, Sam Skillern, and Shaney Starr, Commissioner Colm Willis

Guests- Lt. Nick Hunter, Marion County Sheriff's Office; Eileen Casey White, Connections Consulting

Staff Present: Tamra Goettsch, Melinda Hautala, Heather Johnson
Meeting Summary Notes by Heather Johnson

Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 11:38 am. Introductions were made.

Membership

Marion County Community Services staff has been actively evaluating commission membership and will continue to do so. Due to time constraints, Chuck Lee has decided to resign as a member of the commission but would like to continue as an Honorary Member. Krina Lee would like to continue working with the commission but will be evaluating her commitments and will make a decision soon as to whether or not she will be able to fulfill the time commitment needed for the CFC. Tamra recently spoke with Pete McCallum, who expressed his interest in continuing his membership and making a difference within the Commission. Gayle Caldarazzo-Doty has resigned and will move into an Honorary Membership role. Transitions are taking place within the Sheriff's Office which includes Undersheriff Clausen retiring in the near future; these transitions have made it difficult for him to attend recent CFC meetings, so other representatives of the Sherriff's Office have attended in his place, without voting privileges. The Steering Committee is discussing a replacement from the Sheriff's Office. By request of the Steering Committee, Tamra will be reaching out to Sam Carol from the YMCA.

FPAT/YRAT UPDATES

YRAT has been postponed until further notice. FPAT will continue to meet, with the next meeting taking place in July. Recently, both of these action teams have been creating their own work plans but the CFC members agree that they should receive more guiding input from the commission as to what activities they should be focusing on and investing their time and talents on. FPAT has been focusing on foster parents in the last year; this focus will be expanding over the next year to include intervention and prevention so that we will have fewer foster parent needs in the future.

SUPPORT FROM BOC

Tamra spoke with each Commissioner individually, to discuss the Hope Alive Initiative and the current status of the CFC's work. She asked whether the Commissioners were still supportive of the CFC's efforts or if they would prefer a different approach. There was unanimous show of support and encouragement. Tamra shared that it is important to keep clear consistent communication with the Board of Commissioners, especially as the CFC continues to develop its goals.

Commissioner Willis shared that the Board of Commissioners recognizes the value of the CFC and shares its vision of the opportunities and challenges within the community. He believes that it is very valuable to have law enforcement and DHS all in one room.

Approval of April 18th Meeting Summary Notes: Jayne Downing motioned to approve. Eric Richards seconded the motion. All were in favor to accept minutes. **Motion:** Minutes Approved.

HOPE ALIVE: Outward Mindset Training

Training has been set for June 14th. Training materials were handed out to those that needed them. More training materials are available through the Marion County Community Services department to allow each commission member to bring another individual from their organization. Tamra shared that she has followed up with those that have either not responded to the Doodle poll or have responded with a maybe and was excited to announce that she has had great response and there should be good representation from the commission in attendance. Tamra also shared that there are trainings in July and August for those who are not able to attend the tailored training on June 14th. Melinda confirmed that since our department has already purchased materials and seats for a training session, those who cannot attend on June 14th can attend one of the regularly-scheduled Outward Mindset 2-day trainings. There are trainings scheduled for July and August. **Recap:** Chris Pineda will be the facilitator for a one-day training session on June 14th which will be tailored to the Children and Families Commission. The CFC will then infuse elements from that day into future agendas for ongoing commission meetings.

Prep for June 14th

Shaney encouraged all members to read *Leadership and Self-Deception* before the June 14th training session. This training is designed to change mindset from a self-focused, inward type of mindset to an outward-focused mindset. It is necessary to change mindset within oneself and not just behavior. Mindset influences behavior and behavior influences the desired outcome.

Questions were proposed for members to ponder while reading the material prior to the training session:

Knowing that we are all leaders in the community and that we have an impact on others, think about:

- How can we enhance our ability to leverage this impact in a positive way?
- What impact do you personally have on others?
- What would you like to accomplish?
- What difference do you want to make with this work?

Between now and June 14th, the Steering Committee members will be working with Chris Pineda to design the training. Tamra asked for input from the commission members on what they want to see at the training.

- Commissioner Willis shared that through his own experiences he has learned just how much other organizations can be helpful. He would like to know how there can be a unified comprehensive look at all of the services that are provided by those around the table.
- Honorable Judge Pellegrini shared that there may be hurdles to overcome with staff that will be attending who may not be familiar with the common language that we are trying to develop and why we are using it. She would like to see some focus on WHY this specific type of common language is being used/developed.

Announcements/Updates

Shaney, CASA of Marion County-There is a foster parent appreciation dinner May 31st at the Keizer Civic Center. If anybody would like to sponsor a table and show support for foster families, the table sponsorship is \$100. If you are able to attend, please let Shaney know. They are looking for 20 more table sponsors.

Eileen, Connections Consulting- Several organizations have shared that they want to start using the HOPE survey. Mano-a-Mano, CASA of Marion County, and Center for Hope and Safety have already shared that they want to get together in a workshop format to measure their progress and help create a hope-based language within their organizations.

Jim, Catholic Community Services-At the Medicaid Office at the national level, there is a notice of funding opportunity which they are calling Integrated Care for Kids. Oregon's Medicaid office decided to apply and included Marion and Polk counties in that application. This will provide \$6 million per year for 6 years. If selected, half of that funding will go to rural counties in Eastern Oregon and half will come to our counties. The tax credit bill, 964, will provide \$750,000 to 3 different communities in Oregon which will help make strong families and resilient neighborhoods.

Tamra pointed out that there had been a presentation about the tax credit bill at a previous CFC meeting, and the CFC recommended that the Board of Commissioners write a letter of support for it, which they did, so this is the connection to the CFC's work.

Sue, Boys & Girls Club-Sue traveled to Washington DC with a teen from their Workforce Readiness Program and her case manager to a summit on Youth Workforce Readiness. They were one of 5 Boys & Girls Clubs from across the country who were represented, and the only one from the west coast. She will be interning at one of the Clubs this summer.

George, Salem Police-One of their officers was involved in a shooting over the weekend and is currently doing well. He thanked everyone in the community who assisted the police department in their efforts.

Colm, Marion County Commissioner-Marion County had 2 applicants for the CCO contracts and negotiations will begin soon. They hope to have someone established by July. Offsite town hall sessions have been taking place and the next will be held in St Paul.

Paige, District Attorney-no announcement at this time

Troy, Juvenile Department-Alicia Cozad started in her new role as Assistant Director about a month ago, and they are very happy to have her. Their building project is moving along smoothly.

Judge Pellegrini-There is a bill in the state legislature that is currently in Ways and Means that will allow for 5 additional treatment courts, one of which will be in Marion County. This is not grant-dependent, so it will allow them to expand the program. Currently, treatment courts are 3 full days per month. The new treatment court will allow for an additional judge to focus on Juvenile cases.

Lt Hunter, MCSO-We are a community of collaboration. Don't wait to be asked to collaborate—go out and find ways to add to something or change something.

Allan, Cherriots-On June 1, they will be lowering fares for children aged 6-18 years: a 30-day pass will be \$10, a day pass will be \$1, and a single fare will be 50 cents. This is a result from a state initiative to make services more attractive to families. In September, Saturday service will begin, as well as evening services until 11 pm on some routes on weeknights, which will help people who need transportation home from jobs downtown.

Kim, St Francis Shelter-They have 6 families moving out of their facility this month, into permanent housing with jobs and income. The shelter is also hiring a new case manager.

Jayne, Center for Hope and Safety-They are currently clearing out the underground storage area at the recently-demolished Greyhound facility. This summer they will have their Safe Paws kennels open and available for those who need to bring their dogs when requesting shelter, and they have received a grant to provide veterinary care when needed.

Eric, Salem-Keizer School District-Eric shared that Boys & Girls Club was recognized by the SKSD for their role in a program that allows students to stay in school until age 21 to complete education. The Student Success Act was passed in the state legislature, which will provide 34 million dollars to the education budget for trauma-informed care, increased safety, increased partnerships with mental health associations, etc. Governor Brown will sign the Act at Washington Elementary on Monday.

Stacy, DHS-They will be hosting their Foster Parent Appreciation event and if any CFC members would like to participate in welcoming foster parents, just let her know and she will share information.

Pete-Woodburn City Hall construction is continuing.

Levi, Mano a Mano-They are still working to get their radio station up and running. They have raised over \$1 million in partnership with CCTV, and they hope it will launch in August. Additionally, Mano a Mano has been using the 12-question version of the Hope Survey but users found it difficult and confusing, so they have switched to an 8-question version of the survey and have been gathering data from this. They are still working out the best schedule for administering the survey. A lot of the time, they are interacting with families and individuals who are experiencing a high level of stress, and this is reflected in the surveys. They are working with parents who are getting 2 to 8 hours of engagement weekly and they are finding that hope levels are not decreasing when stressful situations arise.

Krina, Lee Consulting-There is a new Early Childhood Development and Resource center where there will be 6 new preschool classrooms, as well as a dental clinic, the food bank, the counseling center, and hopefully a pediatrician.

Tamra, MC Community Services-John Lattimer, the County's CAO is retiring as of June 30. She will update when she knows what next steps will be.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:03 pm.