**Marion County Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**September 13, 2023**

**Present:** Kathy Schnebly, Karin Perkins, Samantha Andress, Rebecca Hill, Mariah Boyd, Jennifer Rowan, Michelle Silbernagel, Patty Pickett-Cooper, Richard Falardeau, Ross Ryan, Daniel Atsbaha, Trisha McGowan,

**Guest:**

**Excused:** David Beem, Kimberly Taylor, Shelley Day, Beth Hill, Deborah Stoyer

Order of Business

**Introduction:** Karin Perkins introduced herself as the new interim Program Manager for Marion County IDD services. Karin has been with Marion County IDD for about 15 years, in various positions. The group introduced themselves as well.

**Agenda Review:** Addition of Co-Chair/ VP and conference.

**Review of Minutes:**  Kathy asks for a motion to approve minutes as written. Rebecca motions, Ricky seconds. All in favor, minutes approved.

**Follow up items from the last meeting:** No items not already on the agenda.

Action Items

Co-Chair/VP Nomination: Kathy explains responsibilities of Co-Chair. Ross volunteers to be Co-Chair, Ricky seconds and agrees. Kathy asks for a motion to appoint Ross as Co- Chair, all in favor.

Program and Committee Updates

**VR Employment Survey Update:** Mariah gives update on the VR employment survey that was created prior to Corissa’s departure. The survey does not appear to have been distributed yet- Karin will gather the survey information and distribute it to service coordinators. Discussion surrounding language access to this document, Samantha and Karin will work to translate this document into 7 identified languages in Marion County. The survey is available in electronic format as well as paper.

**Program updates:** Karin gives updates on recruitment for CDDP Program Manager. Corissa had previously held both the Human Services Division Director role and Program Manager role. Now that Corissa has departed, the positions have been officially split and Karin is working as Interim Program Manager and the Marion County Administrator, Ryan Matthews, is the interim Division Director. The recruitment for Program Manager has been posted competitively and will close this week, and we are hoping to have a new Program Manager identified by the next IDDAC meeting.

The start of the new Biennium in July 2023 has brought a new Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and new contracts. This resulted in a slight increase in funding for Marion County’s CDDP program and has been taken and approved by the Board of Commissioners. With the increase in budget, the program has added 3 full time service coordinator positions, ONA Assessment Temps and Adult Abuse Investigator Temp positions. Karin shares update that the Provider Relations Specialist position has been filled with a tentative start date of September 18th. Karin introduces Nai Saechao as the new Clinical Supervisor for the DDMA, DD Processing and QA teams.

Ross provides feedback that the ONA Assessments can seem to ask very personal questions. Karin and Kathy thank Ross for his feedback and feels it is beneficial for our ONA assessment team and ODDS to hear and encourages him to share his feedback.

Rebecca asks about the increase in enrollments and approval for services, Karin shares data from 2022 and 2023 so far showing a large increase. In 2022, the Children’s Team increased by 2.46%, the Transition Team decreased slightly, and Adults Team increased by 5.35%. So far in 2023, the Children’s Team has increased almost 10%, Transition Team has increased by 6.2% and Adult Team is just under a 5% increase. Karin shares the increase in services isn’t specific to Marion County and is seen statewide.

Karin shares about Service Equity Action Plan that Joaquin was working on before his departure. The Plan has been received by ODDS and we are awaiting feedback.

Rebecca discusses services that Employer Resource Connection provides that can help assist case managers to reduce some of their duties. She shares the program is underutilized and that if there is a desire and demand they can continue to grow the program. She explains that this work is billable through Employer Resource Connections and that case managers cannot bill for these services, and it is filling up their workload as an unbillable service.

Daniel adds that residential providers could use more training in ISP and monitoring to assist service coordinators to help reduce workload and prevent burnout and turnover. Karin shares this used to be offered at quarterly meetings and agrees it could be added moving forward.

**Conference:** Karin shares that with the vacancies in our leadership both our Administrator has suggested pausing the 2024 IDD Conference until we have more stable leadership. Karin has also heard that there is a desire to host the Supports and Services Fair that was held prior to COVID. Karin wonders if we should gather a committee to plan the Fair in March of 2024 for IDD Awareness month. Ricky shares feedback about how previous conferences and fairs were collaborative with other agencies and providers, but that the 2023 conference fell primarily on Marion County IDD.

Ricky discusses different outreach in the community and wonders about identifying a IDDAC member who might be the unofficial outreach person to increase representation of the committee. They might attend things like other committees, response meetings, or the community in general. The group discusses what this might look like and agrees to continue to think about this.

Other Business:

**Membership updates:** Kimberly Taylor has resigned from her Self-Advocate role to attend college. She may join in the future when she is less busy. Ricky and Michelle were both reappointed in June by the Board of Commissioners. Deborah Stoyer and Ross Ryan have been appointed as of June as well.

**Legislative Updates:**

Senate Bill 91; Parents as Paid Caregivers. Karin shares there are changes happening at ODDS and they are looking to add a waiver that would allow parents to provide the care for their minor children. She shares there is lots of ongoing work and advocacy being done around that.

Civil Commitment conversation, the 427 will not be continuing. Discussion around uncertainty of how this will impact our community.

**DD Biennial Survey**: Ran out of time to discuss, will add to the next meeting.

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Pacific Source CCO to attend October meeting.

Next meeting:

* VR Employment survey
* Supports and Services Fair
* Adding DD Biennial Survey to October
* November Meeting- Cherriots Transportation Committee need contact information

Kathy asks for a motion to adjourn. Rebecca motions. Ricky seconds. Meeting adjourned 12:02pm.

REMINDER- NEXT MEETING October 11th, 2023 from 10:00-12:00pm via Teams