

KIT Families and Children Committee Meeting Minutes

Date/ Location: January 4, 2017 Berkeley County DHHR Office

Attendees: Jeana Bowers, Kathryn Bradley, Tina Burns, Heather Chrisman, Caren Forestandi, Kristen Gingery, Joni Greenberg, Amy Kidrick, Lori Lawson, John Lyon, Shelly Nicewarner, Shanna Nickens, Courtney Reid, Gloria Shoemaker, Derek Unger, Kija Wilson, and Lou Anne Kramer.

Next Meeting: February 1, 2017 at 12:00 pm

Action Items:

Old Business:

I. Introductions

II. Updates and Review

1. DHHR Updates:

- a. Karen Bowling, the Secretary of the State Department of Health and Human Resources has submitted her resignation and will leave the agency on 1/17/2017.

2. Safe at Home:

- a. Safe at Home closed a number of cases in December and will have 10 referrals up by the end of the week.

3. JAM:

- a. JAM Stakeholders meeting will meet next Wednesday at CHS at 10:00am.

4. Summit Minutes and Calendar:

- a. Amy gave a report regarding the recent Summit meeting. There were only 7 attendees. They spoke about collaborative strategic planning and actions steps. They are looking for nominations for Co-Chair and Secretary. The next meetings will take place on: March 9th, June 8th, Sept. 14th, and December 14th at 10:00 a.m. at the Harco Building in Moorefield.

5. Public Policy Forum

- a. Deb suggested we start a sub-committee to work on the Meet & Greet Public Forum. Shelly, Kathy, Amy and Caren volunteered to be on this sub-committee. Lou-Ann offered to provide any necessary printing.

III. Preparation of White Paper for Legislative gathering on January 27, 2017

6. Fact Sheet

- a. We need to provide a 1 page document for the HHSC Legislative Breakfast.
- b. Caren suggested we provide the # of children with needs served, services needed and current services available.
- c. We can show comparison #'s from 12/31/15 compared to 12/31/16 within the panhandle.
- d. Shelly and Shanna offered to get the numbers of the Children in Care with ages and placement information by 1/11/17.
- e. Kija offered to try to get the truancy #s in Berkeley County/ additionally there was a request to attempt to get the #s for children involved in a truancy diversion program.
- f. Lori will ask Jefferson & Morgan for their truancy #'s

IV. Future Meeting Planning

- 7. Over the next two meetings the group can plan activities for April: Child Abuse Awareness Month.

V. Member Updates and Announcements

- a. For the month of December 2016, there were 270 students being served by Project Aware in Berkeley County.
- b. Kija is holding a Veterans Mental Health First Aid @ Blue Ridge Community and Technical College on January 11th, 2017. This training is free and open to the public. Please send an email to Kija to register.
- c. Children's Mental Health Wrap Around is up and running.
- d. Lori: RESA8 is holding a Violence Prevention Summit on March 9, 2017 at the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg. There are CEUs pending for Nursing and Social Work and 3hrs for non-degree Education credits.
- e. Project Aware has hired a new Community Service Facilitator
- f. Deb has an opening for a Safe at Home Facilitator

The next Meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at noon.