

KIT Families and Children Committee Meeting Minutes

Date/ Location: February 1, 2017 Berkeley County DHHR Office

Attendees: Barbara Broddus, Jeana Bowers, Kathryn Bradley, Tina Burns, Caren Forestandi, Sarah Fowler, Kristen Gingery, Joni Greenberg, Amy Kidrick, Lou Ann Kramer, Audrey Morris, Shelly Nicewarner, Shanna Nickens, Courtney Reid, Christin Rice, Jeremy Speer, Derek Unger, Kija Wilson and April Blanchfield.

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

Action Items:

Old Business:

I. Introductions

II. Updates and Review

1. DHHR Updates:

- a. Kathy reports that Bill Crouch has been selected as the new the Secretary of the State Department of Health and Human Resources. He has met with the administration and has stated he will not make changes until after the legislative session. We are currently without a Commissioner.

2. Safe at Home:

- a. Safe at Home Phase III roll out: As of April 1st the whole state will be covered. Shelly reports that DHHR is averaging 6-7 new referrals a month.
- b. The goal of Safe at Home is to increase Family Engagement and Training.
- c. Deb still has an opening for a Safe at Home Facilitator.

3. Therapeutic Foster Care:

- a. Is a three level foster care model. Burlington was awarded the grant.

4. Children's Wrap Around:

- a. This program is for non-department involvement. NYAP still is looking to hire someone to fill their Children's Wrap Position.

5. J.A.M. Assets Committee:

- a. Lori is still working on obtaining the truancy diversion numbers for Jefferson and Morgan Counties.
- b. The next JAM meeting will take place at 10am on 2/13/2017 at the CHS STEP office.

6. Fact Sheet:

- a. Deb asked the group if they had any suggestions for numbers or updates. She asked the group to send suggestions to her and she will make the updated revisions.
7. **Update from the sub-committee for the “Children and Families Services Forum”.**
 - a. Shelly, Kathy, Amy and Caren met and began planning the event that will take place in May.
 - The forum could either be held at Blue Ridge or Shepherd. Invitations will be sent to: public defenders, judges, new prosecuting attorneys, law enforcement and legislators.
 - The program will take place from 9-10:30, and a meet and greet will be held from 10:30-11.
 - Program Overview: Continuum of Care overview, Information regarding the number of children receiving services, prevention and early intervention, community based services, out of home services, and after care. Additionally, a flow chart will be provided to show the gaps in services and where “they” fit in.
 - A handout will be provided with information on the Continuum of Care on the front and definitions on the back.
 - The sub-committee will meet two more times on 2/14 and 2/28 before the next KIT meeting.
 - Audrey made a 1 page document explaining the Early Childhood Programs and Services that are offered in the area including: Birth to Three, The Early Head Start/Head Start/Pre-K Program, Morgan County Starting Points Family Resource Center , Right from the Start and Parents as Teacher. Audrey offered to provide copies of this document for the forum.
8. The next Summit will take place on March 9th in Moorefield.

III. Child Abuse Prevention Month

- a. Child Watch Bus Tour: The FRN is working on selecting dates to host the events in Berkeley and Morgan Counties. April from Safe Haven offered to help with the planning for this event.
- b. Pinwheels- There are several hundred pinwheels to distribute. Audrey attended the County Proclamation in Morgan County and handed pinwheels out. Lou Ann offered to send some of her Jobs Corp Students as volunteers to help create pinwheel gardens as needed.
- c. Around the Panhandle has asked the group to write an article by Feb. 15th for the March/April issue. Project Aware writes a blog and Kija has offered any of the articles for this purpose.

- d. PIP Breakfast: (For Berkeley and Jefferson County) tentative date is 4/25 and will take place at the Purple Iris. Audrey is hosting a PIP Breakfast for Morgan County with a tentative date of 3/29. Please look for nomination forms for all counties.
- e. Vigil – CASA Breakfast

IV. Future Meeting Planning

- 9. The group can discuss planned activities for April: Child Abuse Awareness Month.

V. Member Updates and Announcements

- a. 5/4 is Mental Health Awareness Day, the slogan for this year is “Partnering for Health and Hope”
- b. Deb has an opening for a Safe at Home Facilitator
- c. Tina asked the group to read the article “Shining a Light” that was printed in The Journal on 1/29/17. This article stated that youth suicide attempts are on the rise both in the panhandle and across the nation.
- a. Tina: The Kaiser Foundation would like to project the impact for repeal of the Affordable Care Act without a replacement. Currently, 29% of West Virginia’s population is covered by CHIP or Medicaid. For more information please use the following link: http://kff.org/interactive/medicaid-state-fact-sheets/?hsCtaTracking=848d41b1-3fc1-42cd-8845-70505b8976f1%7C803ccdbc-ea1a-4a8f-964f-b5d436daf7f0&utm_campaign=KFF-2017-January-Medicaid-State-Fact-Sheets&utm_medium=email&_hs
- d. Jeremy: WVU School of Social Work is sponsoring Adolescent SBIRT training at the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg on March 24th.
- e. Kija: Social workers will now be required to have 2 hours of veteran based training. She is hosting upcoming Veterans Mental Health First Aid Training on 2/27 and 3/16 at the Ramer Center.

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