

KIT Families and Children Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Attendees: Pat Andrews, Barbara Broddus, April Blanchfield, Jeana Bowers, Kathryn Bradley, Jacqueline Columbia, Caren Forestandi, Sarah Fowler, Kristen Gingery, Joni Greenberg, Denise Keefer, Amy Kidrick, Shelly Nicewarner, Shanna Nickens, Christin Rice, Jeremy Speer, Derek Unger, Kija Wilson, Barbara Byers, and Amanda James.

Next Meeting: April 5, 2017 at 12:00 pm

Action Items:

Old Business:

I. Introductions

II. Updates and Review

1. DHHR Updates:

- a. Commissioner Exline and The Department Secretary are beginning the search for the additions to the Department of Children and Families under his commission.
- b. Kathy handed out a letter from the Alliance for Children addressed to the Governor Justice. This letter was about the possible venture by KVC to purchase the WVU Tech Campus and develop it into a program for youth aging out of foster care. One of the major issues is they want to lower the eligibility age to 15. This could potentially do away with many of the Level II treatment facilities. Tina Faber from Modify is not in favor of this decision.

2. Safe at Home:

- a. Safe at Home 101 trainings are currently being offered and the whole state is now covered.

3. Therapeutic Foster Care:

- a. No report

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. Christin is moving forward with commutations regarding the Asset surveys in Jefferson County

6. Summit-March 9 : is Cancelled

7. Update from the sub-committee for the “Children and Families Services Forum”.

a. Shelly, Kathy, Amy and Caren have continued to meet and began planning the event that will take place in May.

- The forum will be held at Blue Ridge on May 24th. The group has finalized the invitation list. Invitations will be sent to a total of 100 people.
- 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.
- A handout will be provided with information on the Continuum of Care on the front and acronym definitions on the back.
- Jeremy provided a graph to display the System of Care and Continuum of Care relationship. Additionally, he provided a triangle graph to describe the levels of interventions ranging from universal and selective interventions to the high risk severity individuals that require treatment.
- The Forum will consist of 1 and ½ hours of presentation and included packets that will cover gaps in services, information on understanding levels of care, definitions and a list of who provides services in our community.

III. Child Abuse Prevention Month

- a. Child Watch Bus Tour: The FRN has confirmed the dates for both tours.
- Berkeley/Jefferson Child Watch will take place on April 19th
 - Morgan County’s Child Watch will take place on April 7th
 - If you are interested in registering for either tour please send an email to projectassistant@frnotp.org
- b. Pinwheels- There are 698 pinwheels to distribute. Lou Ann offered to send some of her Jobs Corp Students as volunteers to help create pinwheel gardens as needed. Joni requested 75 for Berkeley County Schools.
- c. The CASA vigil will take place on April 20th at 6:30 at the Airborne Church (the new Living Room church)
- d. PIP Breakfast: (For Berkeley and Jefferson County) date is 4/25 and will take place at the Purple Iris at 7:30 a.m. Judge Wilks will be approached as a keynote speaker. PIP nominations forms will be due on April 17th.

- e. Audrey is hosting a PIP Breakfast for Morgan County with a tentative date of 3/29. Please look for nomination forms for all counties.

IV. Future Meeting Planning

- 8. 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. Jeremy: WVU School of Social Work is sponsoring Adolescent SBIRT training at the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg on March 24th.
- d. Kija: is offering a Free youth mental Health First Aid training with 8 free CEUs .
- e. WV Senate Bill SB312 could require 1 social worker per county in the school system
- f. Social workers will now be required to have 2 hours of veteran related training and I hour of ethics
- g. The group suggested starting Training Sub-Committee. (Jeremy, Kija and Barbara were mentioned as suggested members)
- h. Deb offered to apply for CEUs for upcoming trainings
- i. Jackie reported there has been a slight delay in the Board of Child Care Day Program. However, it should be up and running soon. Jackie will be giving a tutorial about the referral process and referral forms will be handed out.

The next Meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at noon.