

KIT Families and Children Committee Meeting Minutes

Date/ Location: May 3, 2017 Berkeley County DHHR Office

Attendees: Pat Andrews, Deb Barthlow, Jeana Bowers, Kathryn Bradley, Caren Forestandi, Kristen Gingery, Joni Greenberg, Amy Kidrick, Mary Ellen Lloyd, Audrey Morris, Christin Rice, Jeremy Speer, Derek Unger, Kija Wilson, and Bethany Slick

Next Meeting: June 7, 2017 at 12:00 pm

Action Items:

Old Business:

I. Introductions

II. Updates and Review:

- 1. DHHR Updates-leadership:** The interim acting Commissioner is Linda Watts. Jeremiah Samples is the Department Secretary of DHHR. Cynthia Beane has been moved to the acting Commissioner of Medical Services.
- 2. JAM Assets Committee:** The JAM Committee showed a brief section of *Paper Tigers* at their last meeting. The committee is planning a public, community showing of the documentary in the fall.
- 3. Meet and Greet Forum Update:** Kathy reported that the subcommittee met yesterday. The group sent out a *Save the Date* in March. The date has been confirmed with Blue Ridge and the forum will take place from 9-11:30am. The group will meet two more times prior to the forum. Final invitations were mailed out. Jeremy will speak about the System of Care and Continuums of Care models. Shelly will present information on mandates, codes and the MDT process.
- 4. The Board of Child Care Program:** The program has enrolled their first student. There are two more in the referral process. The specialty group is running smoothly. They expect to receive referrals from the school system beginning next fall. Students on Homebound can get permission from school based counselors to be referred to the program. They are accepting middle and high school aged students whose mental health issues impede their education.

III. Child Abuse Prevention Month review:

1. The Child Watch Bus tours were successful in both Morgan and Berkeley Counties.
2. The PIP breakfasts were well attended.
3. The Pinwheel gardens were present in the community.
4. Audrey reported that the Morgan County Baby Shower was well attended with 36 participants including 14 fathers. The participants were given CPR training and car seat safety checks. Derek Unger and Michael Powell provided parenting classes for fathers at the event.

IV. Announcements:

- a. The HHSC Quarterly meeting will take place on May 5th from 9-11 at Berkeley County DHHR.
- b. Kija spoke to someone at Martins Landing Apartments. They are in need of after school tutors and children's programs such as: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and 4-H Clubs. This could also be a location to offer the community cooking classes. (Kija will reach out to Kathie Campbell)
- c. Starting Points in Morgan County has created "Project Build a Resilient Community".
- d. Audrey is looking to fill numerous Summer Vista Program positions at Camp MoCo in Morgan County. Applicants need to be 18 years old by June 4, 2017. These positions will be paid \$978 monthly with a \$1250 Education Award that can be applied to their college or technical school of choice upon completing the entire camp program. Please contact Audrey for more information.
- e. Joni: There is an opportunity to receive free Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) training on Thursday and Friday of next week. Please contact Joni for more information.
- f. NYAP is also offering TF-CBT training on 5/18.
- g. Project Aware currently has 309 students receiving free therapeutic services from master's level clinicians in Berkeley County.
- h. NASW conference update: Gary McDaniel, Tiffany Hendershot, Wendy Baraka, and Hannah Stewart all spoke on behalf of the Eastern Panhandle at the conference.
- i. Chief Richards spoke on Fox briefly regarding the efforts of the Martinsburg Initiative.
- j. May is Foster Care Awareness Month. Tomorrow is Children's Mental Health Day. You can wear green to show your support.
- k. Mother's Day Dance in Martinsburg on 5/13 at the Holiday Inn. All of the proceeds will benefit the Women's and Children's Shelter in Martinsburg

- l.** NYAP is accepting referrals for Functional Family Therapy and are offering juvenile sex offender training.
- m.** CHS is also accepting referral for FFT.
- n.** June 17th Suicide Prevention Walk in Washington DC. For more information go to: www.overnight.org
- o.** Dr. Kann, from Eastern Panhandle Psychiatry offers Intensive Outpatient Adolescent therapy after school on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursday. They offer Individual, Family and Group therapy options. Please call Mary Worton at 304-264-1442 for more information. (Caren will follow up to see if they accept CHIP)
- p.** The local shelters are at full capacity. There is a need for more foster families in our area. Please refer interested families to CHS or NYAP.

The next Meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at noon.