

Region 3 Regional Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2016

In Attendance:

Banton, Kym
Calamari, Annie
DiMauro, Nancy
DiPietro, Terri
Duryea, Elizabeth
Forbes, Samantha
Gentes, Nancy
Grivois, Lorna

Jacaruso, Jon
Kalisher, Allon
Kyle, Lindsay
Lourie, Sarah
Moller, Regina
Parkinson, Kyle
Ranallom Tom
Rein, Wendy

Reyes, Loida
Rose, Sean
Sedlock-Reider, Lisa
Stebbins, Christine
Taylor, Jillian
Verano, Katherine

Welcome and Introductions

Review of March Minutes

Motion made and seconded to accept the May 5, 2016 minutes.

Roundtable Discussion

FAB

Lorna announced that they had about 75 people celebrating Foster Care Awareness Month. A woman who is a foster mom attended and presented. They also had an author who also presented.

SAC

The next meeting will not be a normal meeting the federal auditors are attending to obtain information from the SAC members.

ISS Update

Nancy discussed a recent collaboration with Donna Grant that included the foster family which was very effective. They were able to push through some barriers by getting together on this case.

Nancy discussed Priority Case Teaming for kids that are stuck that includes Regional Resource Group, Social Worker's and providers in each region 3 office. Every month they will use one of those meetings as an ISS meeting, conference call in is available for those that cannot physically make it.

JRI

Sean spoke about their ropes course in Thompson which is very under-utilized. Sean will provide information on the course to Robin who will share with the group.

Madonna Place

They are getting hit hard, they lost funding for the Family School Connection program that works with children with chronic absenteeism and behavioral issues. They have also sustained cuts to their fatherhood program.

They have a Summer Connections program which is an enrichment program for children ages 5-12, parents attend with the kids and siblings are welcome as well. This combines fun activities and academics.

SOC

Jill announced that next Thursday 6/9/16 at 10:30 at Cragin Library Tim Marshall and a couple others will do an overview of the work they have been doing in our region. There will also be a tutorial on the collaborative website.

Lindsey from Communities Raising Children announced that at their last network of care meeting they discussed how to connect duplicative meetings, they will meet with Loida to figure out how to combine their meeting with NEAC.

Jon indicated that providers are inquiring frequently about what cuts there will be for the Department and how this will impact providers. Jon indicated that as soon as decisions are made that will be shared.

DCF Willimantic

Loida announced that the new Program Manager for Willimantic is Brendan Burke who will oversee intake.

Loida and the DCF Willimantic Wellness Team are working on a project to have businesses in the community adopt a visitation room in the DCF office and have a ceremony along the lines of adopt a highway. The Hebron girl scouts have already adopted one room.

The Wellness Team has also dedicated a room to a Willimantic Social Worker that recently passed away.

Norwich

Kyle announce a new Program Manager starting in Norwich, Sean Punzalen who will oversee voluntary services, an adolescent unit, an in-home training unit and parole services

Christine discussed the region 3 graduation party that took place last night with friends and family from the community, there were about 22 kids present.

Allon discussed expansion to racial justice work with Joyce James to work with our racial justice staff to reduce disparities. Allon will keep the group updated as this moves forward

SAM has received one SAC communication plan from the Northeast Collaborative about frequent youth visitors to the ED. She also reported that at recent meetings of region 3 Emergency Departments that hospitals are being asked to track youth who enter the ED, what the presenting

issues are, etc. The goal of these meetings is to identify causes and strategize about how to reduce frequent readmissions.

Young Adult Services – Sara Lourie and Tom Ranallo, Office of Interagency Planning

Sara explained that her and Tom's focus for the Department is supporting the regions on young adult services and DDS. They presented to the SAC in April on data that the SAC requested. They looked at what happens with referrals and transitions to DMHAS. The data reflects referrals to DMHAS from DCF by legal status, referrals to DMHAS by race, referrals to DMHAS by eligibility determination and acceptance rate by DCF by region for fiscal year 2015.

Youth are identified at the age of 15 if in DCF care and are referred at the age of 16 but cannot begin with DMHAS until the age of 18. DCF must apply to DMHAS within a month of the youth turning 18.

Some reasons for low referrals are young adults going back to family members and opting out of DMHAS supports.

Tom and Sara answered questions on how they arrived at some of the data for example the difference between "withdrawn" and "accepted withdrawn", withdrawn would be prior to accepted.

It was asked if success rate was tracked. Tom is currently looking at outcome data from DMHAS.

Discussion around DCF's decision to bring high end kids back into the state from residential care however when they transition to DMHAS they cannot accommodate their needs in state and they are then sent out of state again.

Beacon is starting to look at data on young adults transitioning to DMHAS.

The referral process for referrals to DDS is very similar to the process for DMHAS.

It was asked if there is any data on length of wait time, Sarah indicated that there is not data for ready to transition to acceptance but they have looked at length of time from the referral time to acceptance.

Some of the most common reasons for denial to DMHAS are misdiagnosis, kids refusing to take meds and insufficient record keeping by providers.

Sam asked if Sarah and Tom could drill down on some of the data and come back to a future RAC meeting and present it, perhaps the September meeting.

DCF's Family Stability Pay for Success Project - Elizabeth Duryea, Chief of Staff

Elizabeth described this partnership between DCF, technical assistance from Harvard Kennedy School of Government SIB Lab, the Intermediary is Social Finance, LLC, the program is Family Based Recovery, Yale child Study Center with UCONN Health Center who is the evaluator for this project. The evaluator for specific outcomes

Pay for Success is an innovative public private partnership that drives resources toward effective social programs that measurably improve lives. This is to better serve families struggling with substance use by

expanding an intensive, in-home treatment program to families presently involved with the Department of Children and Families.

This project will allow Family Based Recovery to serve approximately 500 families throughout Connecticut over four and a half years. Once a family enrolls with FBR, they receive services focused on understanding and responding to the child's developmental needs and treating substance use for an average of six months.

A team will include a clinician and case manager.

The substance use service array consists of Family Based Recovery (FBR), CT Family Stability Project (FBR), MST – Building Stronger Families (BSF), Project SAFE and RSVP-RCM-RCM-e.

The project sequence is:

Phase 1: 2013/2014 Assessment

Phase 2: 2014/2015 Project Scope, Referral and Enrollment and Impact Analysis

Phase 3: 2015/2016 Evaluation Design, Finance Structure and Intermediary Contract

Phase 4: Through July 2016 Fundraising and Preparations for Launch

Next Steps are:

February 2016: DCF and Social Finance execute a contract

February – May 2016: Social Finance execute contracts with Yale and UCHC

May 2016: Social Finance secure funder commitments

July 2016: Launch of Family Stability PFS Services

For more information you can go to <http://govlab.hks.harvard.edu/> and <http://socialfinance.org/> or you can contact Elizabeth, Chief of Staff Connecticut Department of Children and Families at Elizabeth.Duryea@ct.gov.

Next RAC Meeting September 1, 2016