

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING WORKGROUP

October 6, 2016

Iowa Capitol Building, Ronald Reagan Room

1007 E. Grand Ave, Des Moines, Iowa

MEETING NOTES

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING WORKGROUP MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gail Barber
Lynn Bopes
Susan Christensen
Erin Drinnin
Jerry Foxhoven
Anne Gruenewald
Phyllis Hansell
Representative David Heaton
Scott Hobart
Marcus Johnson-Miller

Vickie Miene
Tammy Nyden
Charles Palmer
Wendy Rickman
Kim Scorza
Steve Seid
Amy Shriver
Rick Shults
Renee Speh
Michele Tilotta

WORKGROUP MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sarah Brown
Wayne Clinton
Bob Lincoln
Senator Liz Mathis
Krista Moellers

Kristina Richey
Representative Art Staed
David Tilly
Shanell Wagler

Jerry Foxhoven thanked the members of the workgroup for returning, welcomed the workgroup members and members of the public to the meeting, and led introductions.

Wendy Rickman said the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Children's Learning Labs had closed and all proposals would be considered. She said the intent to award will be announced on or around October 14th.

Wendy Rickman spoke about procurement in Child Welfare out-of-home services. The Division of Adult, Child, and Family Services (ACFS) had awarded five contracts in the past on these services, but was realigning them so the services would be awarded in two contract. This is part of an ongoing effort to shift from protecting children from their families, to children being protected by their families. Wendy said the RFP would be released by the end of October, and contracts should be active starting July 1, 2017.

The Workgroup discussed the realignment of our-of-home services.

Jean McAleer from YSS spoke about their proposal for children's mental health crisis services in the Mason City area and surrounding counties. She spoke about YSS's program that has been serving kids who would have likely been placed in Psychiatric Medical Institutions for Children (PMIC). Of the thirty-two children they have served in this program, only five of them ended up being placed in PMIC. Jean said the program has intensive therapy with children and

their families, and after discharge, YSS follows up with the family for five to eight months to ensure the child has made a successful transition.

There was discussion on school involvement, decreasing use of hospital emergency rooms, providing parents and stakeholders information about resources, and encouraging parents to ask for them.

Kim Scorza from Seasons Center spoke about their children's mental health crisis plan including partners, the population they will be serving in northwest Iowa, and how they will report back to the Department.

There was discussion on collecting population demographic information.

Director Palmer spoke about the role medical health care professionals have in the mental health system. Director Palmer spoke about the ongoing shift away from a fee-for-service system of financing health care to a value-based purchasing system that will pay for population level outcomes.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The Workgroup took a break for lunch at 11:15 am.

The Workgroup returned from lunch at 12:15 pm.

Director Palmer spoke about identifying a governance structure for a children's mental health system and integrating a wide array of partners into the system. There are challenges associated with a statewide system as well as a local or regional system. The geographic area would need to be big enough to take advantage of economies of scale, and yet small enough for the partners to work closely with each other.

There was discussion on braided funding, maintaining the autonomy of the different partners within a children's well-being collaborative, and modeling a children's system after others that currently exist.

The Workgroup discussed next steps for the coming year. The Workgroup reached a consensus that rather than a second round of grants for children's mental health crisis services, the Department should broaden the scope of the RFP and have a focus on prevention and early intervention.

Rick Shults presented preliminary maps of children's mental health service providers in Iowa.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm due to a fire alarm.