

**Nebraska DHHS Division of Behavioral Health
Prevention Advisory Council**

August 27, 2015 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Lancaster Extension Education Center – 444 Cherry Creek Road

Meeting Summary

Council Members Present:

Renee Faber, Megan Hopkins, Patti Jurjevich, Tricia Kingsley, Ann Koopman, Judy Martin, Fred Zwonechek

Meeting Participants:

Debrenee Adkisson, Mindy Anderson-Knott, Don Belau, Nicole Carritt, Madi Davis, David DeVries, Gretchen Flip, Crystal Fuller, Jennifer Green, Katie Gunia, Rose Buss-Hood, Carly Iwanski, Cynthia Kennedy, Brenda McDonald, Kelly Madcharo, Betty Medinger, Lorelle Mueting, Sandy Morrissey, Nikki Roseberry, Jennifer Rutt, Michelle Schultz, Debra Sherard, Scott Stemper, Chris Wagner.

Welcome and Introductions

Renee Faber of Behavioral Health

Renee Faber welcomed members and others present to the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and presented Opening Remarks on behalf of Sheri Dawson, Director for the Division of Behavioral Health.

- The Division has three positions currently open and posted: CEO for the Lincoln Regional Center, Chief Clinical Officer and Deputy Director for the Community Based Section.
- The Children’s System of Care proposal is under review by DHHS CEO Courtney Phillips and there will be a roundtable in October on Children’s Behavioral Health, which will include our prevention work.
- Both the Divisions of Behavioral Health and Medicaid are working together to complete a Memorandum of Understanding in order to share data, allowing for data-driven system transformation decisions.
- First Episode Psychosis pilots are underway in Regions 3 and 6, helping to ensure that we identify and serve young people earlier.
- A suggestion was made to invite Dr. Ken Zoucha, Medical Director at the Hastings Regional Center, to speak to this group to address what lessons can be learned about youth substance disorder treatment programs that translate into prevention work.

Renee Faber then introduced new PAC appointments, including Ann Koopman, Prevention System Coordinator for Region 4, replacing Faith Mills from Region 1; Sandee Kroon, Community Connections Coalition (not present) replacing Terry Krohn, Director, Two Rivers Public Health Department and Amy Hoffman, Juvenile Diversion Program Administrator (represented Cynthia Kennedy today) from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice in replacing Linda Krutz.

Prevention Partnership

Betty Medinger, Nebraska Children and Families Foundation

Betty Medinger gave a presentation explaining how the Prevention Partnership was formed with a purpose to align efforts, make improvements in service delivery across multiple systems, and take action on recommendations from broader constituencies when possible. The vision of this workgroup is that

children, youth and families in Nebraska are safe, healthy, supported in quality environments, ready for and succeed in school, and successfully transition into adulthood.

PFS Evaluation Update Mindy Anderson-Knott & Jennifer Rutt, PFS Evaluators

Evaluation report has been presented to each of the community coalitions and site visits were just completed. Data will be analyzed in next several months. The PFS grant state team requested discussions on each of the following areas to help audience members and council members brainstorm ideas.

- 1) How to bring new partners to the table
- 2) How to increase community awareness of coalitions
- 3) How to address cultural competency
- 4) How to continue work of coalitions without federal funding

Workforce Assessment Update Renee Faber, Division of Behavioral Health

The Prevention Workforce consultants from JBS International, Inc. have completed their review of Nebraska's current prevention competencies. Based on their feedback, some content areas were revised to better address the workforce skills and competencies that are necessary to support the goals of Nebraska's Strategic Plan for Prevention. Similarly, a workforce needs assessment survey has been developed to evaluate these abilities and will be sent out in the coming weeks. This information will then be analyzed by the consultants in November and used toward to make recommendations towards the development of a formal workforce development plan.

Guidance Documents Nikki Roseberry, Division of Behavioral Health

Committee was asked for feedback regarding the Development of Guidance Document on Cultural Adaptation of Prevention Services, which includes two deliverables. One is a written document that defines cultural competency and its relevance; second is developing a 2-day face-to-face workshop to deliver Guidance Document training. Expectation is to have document produced by the end of September 2015.

Group Recommendations

- 1) Ensure barriers are addressed.
- 2) Prior to training, have someone tell their lived story to provide a better understanding of the issues. End with a personal success story.
- 3) Make sure language is understandable to community.
- 4) Hold trainings early in calendar year so there is time to apply principles.
- 5) Include both prevention and treatment.

Solicited Committee feedback also regarding UNL Public Policy Center proposal for a Prevention Policy Advocacy Manual.

Group Recommendations

- 1) Develop a follow-up list serve.
- 2) Prior to training, devise a checklist in the community.
- 3) Include both a resource list or website link as well as a Do's and Don'ts list.
- 4) Make sure people know legislative process.
- 5) Do training first and then go more in-depth so it hits all levels.
- 6) Ensure training is applicable.
- 7) Develop and share a policy timeline.

Meeting Close Nikki Roseberry, Division of Behavioral Health

- Meeting ended 11:49 a.m.