



Together For Kids and Families

Mental Health Work Group Meeting Summary Friday, February 20, 2015

Welcome & Introductions

New Co-Chair Announcement

Barb welcomed Gay McTate as the new Co-Chair and thanked Jen Gerdes for her years of service.

Attendees: Mary Balluff, Katie Bohn, Lynne Brehm, Renee Faber, Jen Gerdes, Cynthia Harris, Barb Jackson, Sara Nicholson, Gay McTate, Tiffany Mullison, and, Lori Rowley

Guided Learning: Nebraska Family Helpline – Katie Bohn, Program Manager, Boys Town

- The Helpline was started in response to Safe Haven, serving parents with children ages 0-19. Katie provided statistics regarding who calls, identified issues, common referrals, and follow up for families.
- The average wait time is 9 seconds; average call length is 31 minutes; of those families referred to a Family Navigator, 60% of families accept this service.
- The Future Babies campaign to promote the hotline started in 2013. Since that time, the data has shown a shift to an increasing call volume from parents of younger children.
- Katie and Boys Town staff are available to present about the hotline and have promotional materials to distribute to families.
- The group requested a Family Navigator be invited to present at the April meeting to talk about the services they offer to families – establishing contact within 72 hours, working with a family for up to 6 months, etc.
- It was suggested members with information on referral sources email Katie with info so she can share with the Boys Town staff at Mary.Bohn@boystown.org

Review Meeting Summary from December 5, 2014

The Meeting Summary was not reviewed by members due to technical glitches. The Meeting Summary will be forwarded to members at a later date.

Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Update

- Members brainstormed possible work group specific projects, with a budget of <\$2,500 and incurring of all expenses by July 31, 2015.
 - Clergy engagement [Gay]
 - Development of an electronic scoring for the Self-Assessment in the Skills & Competencies [Jen]
 - Piloting of the SWYC screening tool [Mary, Barb]

Work Plan Progress

- ECSOC tool has been updated to include parent survey and enhanced scoring, based on participant feedback. The tool is available on the TFKF website, <http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/TFKF/Pages/Home.aspx>
- Early Childhood Integrated Skills and Competencies for Professionals – Jen
 - Dissemination Plan Ideas included: Rooted in Relationship communities [now 6], list developed by Jen as contractor, December 5, 2014 work group meeting, QRIS, pyramid/coaching, Kid’s Squad, Buffett Institute.
- Rooted in Relationships – 2 new communities participating, Lancaster and Dodge counties.
- Child Parent Psychotherapy – training coordinated by NCFE and Project Harmony, 44 registered.

2015 Meetings will be at the Nebraska Children & Families Foundation

April 10, June 5, August 21, October 9 & December 18