

ECTF Minutes

10-25-17

Ft Madison

This meeting of the ECTF was called to order at 9:40am by chair, Cyndi Mason with the following present: Cyndi Mason, Ginger Knisley, Carolyn Baker, Missy Park, La Phanthouvong, Kathy Osipowicz, Sarah Tweedy, Janet Phelps, Melissa Daugherty, Rachael Patterson-Rahn and Julie Meir.

Introductions took place around the table

The agenda was approved with the changes of moving Goals discussion to the end and moving Family Support closer to the top since Janet and Melissa have to leave early.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted as written

Administrative Update – Ginger shared a written Administrative update including budget, Summit and Community Planning updates. On the topic of things for the board to consider at their fall retreat, Janet Phelps brought up that there is still difficulty in establishing funding for the well baby nurse visits in Van Buren County. She says the VBCH does not want to operate the program only under Medicaid billing and would prefer to offer a universal program. Ginger explained that often times there is an ability to braid funds in order to make a program viable and that VBCH may have better luck finding funding for non-Medicaid families if they went ahead with doing the visits and billing for Medicaid and then an alternate source could be used to supplement the program. Janet also shared that there is no direct funding source for breast pumps and Medicaid will not reimburse for them.

Provider Forum report – Cyndi shared that the first forum of the fiscal year was held earlier this month with about 17 providers attending from 5 sites. Rachael presented on oral health and Sarah expressed that she learned a lot. The next forum will be in February and include a training on expanded mandatory reporting. The spring forum will be a provider appreciation event and focus on toys and activities that can be made with everyday household items.

Marketing/PA – Rachael shared that she is going to be on live radio tomorrow and will be sharing about the dental program along with pedestrian safety and other oral health issues.

Mental Health – Cyndi read a report from Jamie Beskow regarding mental health work being done. One thing mentioned is upcoming webinars that are available and Ginger agreed to link Sarah and Jamie via email so Sarah could have her staff nurse sign up for some of the webinars.

Family Support – Janet shared that there have been changes to DAISEY that have made finding missing data more difficult but it is still an improved system from redcap. Missy agreed that the changes to the reports have been difficult and they were made the day of the state deadline which was unfortunate timing. Missy reported her program is seeing more families working which has made more evening visits necessary and she has families working multiple jobs and/or split shifts. HOPES is no longer doing

monthly group meetings. Instead they will offer quarterly group meetings in Keokuk and Ft Madison and will move to evening hours for those meetings. This year HOPES is giving books to children rather than toys for Christmas and these are being provided by LCHD employees. VBPA reports very good attendance at their group meetings and explained they provide child care, a meal, incentives and gas cards for out of town events.

Oral Health – Rachael reported a dental assistant has been secured for the dental sealant program. There is a new building going up in Keosauqua for a new dentist coming to that community and they have broke ground on a new building in Keokuk for the CHC dental clinic there which will have space for three dentists. There are reports of a negative impact from the changes to the dental wellness program for adults and especially pregnant women as the reimbursement rate is lower and providers are not willing to take it.

Child Care and Preschool – Cyndi reports that Rosie Posie in Keokuk has been cleared by the city to open a second site, that will double the capacity there. Cyndi has a few signed up for her medication administration course. She also shared her new system of operating the CPR/First Aid trainings is going well and requiring less of her time but there is a real gap in the number of providers she is able to train and the number of providers who need to be trained. It appears there is as much as 65 more in need of the training yearly than what she can provide with the allowable funds and expectations. The state CCNC guidance is that she should not be doing more than she currently is on this. Indian Hills offers a good quality class but it costs each person \$80 and Cyndi can offer it for \$25 due to Children First paying for her time. There is concern that some area trainings are not of high quality as they are very short and do not involve much practice or hands on training. It was determined that it is a community need to recruit community based instructors linked to Early Childhood (perhaps center directors) who could borrow Cyndi's equipment and be mentored by her to provide the trainings. Julie will provide Ginger with the exact rule on the type of training required. Sarah reports doing more parenting of parents lately and even has a family of five children she picks up at home each morning. Sarah is waiting for a decision from the city of Donnellson of what they intend to do with their old library building and she is still considering it for a third site but worries about losing the personal touch she has with families if she expands too much. Sarah also announced she has purchased a 27 passenger bus and is excited to move to it from her van. She has done a pop can drive to help fund harnesses for the bus.

Other programs – Julie reported that CCR&R has reorganized and is now providing consultation in a team approach so there are three consultants in the rotation for our 10 county area. If one consultant is busy or on vacation, one of the others can step in. Ginger shared that Sarah had a very successful family night with great attendance and participation. Ginger also shared that Decat and CPPC and other partners in the area are working on the issue of engagement (families, clients, etc) and is looking at bringing trainings in on the topic.

ECTF members are asked to review goals and bring input to the next meeting.

The next meeting of the ECTF will be held on November 15th at 9:30am at Ogo's.

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