**NWIACC Children’s Behavioral health (CBH) Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**August 10, 2020 4:30 pm via Zoom.**

The following members were present: Lorrie Young (Prairie Ridge); Holly Boettcher (Social Worker, Osceola County & SED Parent); Barry Anderson (Clay County Supervisor, NWIACC Board Chair); Amanda Schmidt (West Bend Mallard Superintendent); Tom Jorgensen (DHS Supervisor); Michelle Huntress (UDMO); Courtney Cook (AEA); and Teresa Wilkinson (Therapist, Palo Alto Hospital).

The meeting was called to order at 4:35pm.

Sandy Pelzer, Service Coordinator presented a power point on Iowa’s regions. This provided information on the history, board members, make up of staff in the region, advisory board requirements, system of care models.

Melissa Loehr NWIACC shared updates on the region. Melissa shared that a new email domain was purchased to get all staff a similar email format as well as streamline intake and to send claims to. A new phone system was implemented. There are 3 service Coordinators. Marlee Christoffel (Osceola and Clay County) both adult and children coordinator. Sandy Pelzer is adult coordinator for Palo Alto County. Sandy is the children coordinator in the following counties: Palo Alto, Kossuth, Winnebago, and Worth counties. Anna Miller is the adult service coordinator for Kossuth, Winnebago, and Worth Counties. Therese Trojahn is the claims processor. Melissa shared about CARES funds that were designated to go to regions. Based on information received by DHS, Regions will get $9.50 per capita which should be just shy of $608,000. Ideas included: providing communication means to individuals, travel assistance, technology assistance, PPE, COVID testing if not funded by insurance, employment.

Conversation followed about the concern of children returning to schools and the anxiety and concerns with the educational system and childcare system. Teresa shared desire to investigate children who do have insurance but have high insurance deductibles as that tends to be a barrier for several families.

Melissa shared that she has continued to reach out to the following individuals to serve: Keith Fritz, Northwood Principal (no); Courtney Cook (will be submitting application); Dave Peterson (Winnebago Sheriff) no response yet, Crystal Engstrom (Iowa Child Advocacy Board, application submitted), and Judy Harms.(no response).

The following individuals agreed to serve in the following capacity:

\*Parent of a child with SED: Holly Boettcher

\*Educational Representative: Amanda Schmidt, Michelle Huntress

Early Childhood Advocate: Michelle Huntress

Children’s Mental Health Provider: Lorrie Young

Juvenile Court Representative: Crystal Engstrom

Child Welfare: Tom Jorgensen

Pediatrician/ Nurse Practitioner: TBD

Child Care Provider: TBD

Low Law Enforcement: TBD

*\* Indicates voting Governing board membership also.*

At this time, the group agreed that additional recruiting for vacant legislated slots would continue until they are filled. Additional recruitment will also take place with possible candidates from Kossuth, Winnebago, and Worth Counties.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 pm. The next NWIACC Adult Advisory Committee will be held on November 9th at 4:30 pm. Due to the uncertainness of Covid this will be set up via zoom and a determination will be made at a closer date to hold this in person as well.

*Link for November 9th:* [*https://zoom.us/j/92668795060?pwd=VkZ1RkJVZ3FIY0hhNmd1Z2daVDBEZz09*](https://zoom.us/j/92668795060?pwd=VkZ1RkJVZ3FIY0hhNmd1Z2daVDBEZz09)

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