

Local Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2009

Members present: Allison Wolleck, Adult LAC; Dawn Tommerdahl, Clay County Collaborative; Shawna Croaker, Children's Mental Health Initiative; Karla Frisk, Church's United for the Homeless; Bryan Hanson, Rule 79 Case Manager, Lakeland Mental Health Center; Lanette Krinsky, Parent Representative; Carolyn Strnad, Parent Representative; Beth Zimmerman, Connecting Families First;

Guest: Chris Johnson, Stepping Stones Resource Center, Fraser

Minutes: from the October 14, 2009 meeting approved as written (Dawn/Shawna)

Agenda: Approved with no changes (by consensus)

Financial Report: Balance of \$1313.55 No expenditures in past 30 days

New Business:

Updates:

Report from Adult LAC: Allison reported that they will be discussing possible mental health month activities for May. It was suggested that we collaborate with them on some events. A joint meeting will be set up to plan events.

Connecting Families First: Beth reported that the crisis line is up and running but they have had no dispatches yet. There is still a need for additional staff. The merger with the adult crisis line will occur in January. The Executive committee is working on a new logo and name change.

Rule 79: Bryan reported that overall things are running smoothly. Brian Martin has taken on a therapist position at Lakeland and so after January 1st. Bryan will take over the role as Gate Keeper. Congratulations Bryan! The Rule 79 crisis line was discontinued as of October 15th because of the start up of the Connecting Families First crisis line. All families were notified of the change.

Task Forces: Dawn reported that the Collaborative Administrative Board has reviewed the Children's Mental Health Task Force report. Next steps will be identified after the Board has reviewed all of the task force reports.

Children's Mental Health Initiative: Shawna reported that the assessment project is up and running at Innovis. Four electronic tablets are available for families to use while visiting their pediatrician's office. As of today there have been no referrals to the support piece of the program. Concern areas with the process are being resolved as the project moves forward.

Churches United for the Homeless: Karla reported that all rooms are filled at this time with a waiting list. Many of the children presently at the shelter are behaviorally challenged. Dawn, Carolyn, Lanette, and Shawna will meet with Karla on November 18th to write a matching grant for therapy support at the shelter. The shelter's Christmas party is December 17th. All are welcome to attend.

Presentation: Chris Johnson, Director of Community Services for the Stepping Stones Center and Developmental Disabilities Day Services for Fraser, LTD presented information on a new drop in center called Stepping Stones. The program was developed after a community survey identified a need for an adolescent drop in facility for youth who are homeless or struggling with family issues. Development of the project began the summer of 2009. A youth advisory board met to assist in developing the center and its programs. They offer a variety of services including assisting with educational and employment goals, service projects, managing personal finances, assessments and referrals to outside agencies as appropriate. They are open every day. This is not a shelter so individuals are asked to leave at closing each night.

Ongoing Work:

Due to time work on the bylaws, website, and 5 year work plan were moved (by consensus) to next month's meeting. Please review the draft bylaws prior to attending the meeting.

Next meeting: December 9, 2009 8:30 am. Family Service Center