

Community Services Region

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Children's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Agenda
Meeting will be held via Zoom
November 22, 2021
2:30 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Those in attendance: Dawn Mentzer, Lisa Bringle, Leisa Mayer, Alison Hauser, Louise Galbraith, Theresa Jochum, Rolling Hills; Laurel Zoet, NW AEA; Kara Flurey, Wesco; Kim Scorza, Crittenton Center; Annette Koster, Early Childhood Iowa; LeAn Taylor, New Hope; Nicolle Eaton, SMHC; Kathy Fritz, CASA; Dennis Bush, House Representative; Jean Heiden, Governance Board; Pat Cirks, Youth and Shelter Services of NWIA; Melissa Drey, PAMHC

2. Community Based Crisis Stabilization Update - Nicolle Eaton and Melissa Drey

school, mostly from middle and high schools.

Nicolle Eaton reported that both agencies are reaching out for accreditation for the programs. They will be working together to develop the program for the region. Siouxland Mental Health is applying for accreditation and are in process of hiring one more employee and working on policies and procedures.

Melissa Drey, Plains Area Mental Health Center is fully staffed, working on policies and procedures and will be applying for accreditation. They are looking at January/February to roll out the program.

Melissa Drey sees more children using this service than adults. She believes 40% of mobile crisis calls are for children. MCAT will do the assessment on a call and will refer to a mental health provider who must contact the person within 24 hours and set up services. Nicolle Eaton stated that since school started this year, they are seeing more calls for children, she believes 40% of MCAT calls. Most of the calls are from the schools and the hospitals if they are already there. They are not getting a lot of kids from the elementary

3. Performance Based Contracts/EBP's

Dawn Mentzer went over parts of the contract that pertain to children's services to include access standards. The contracts begin 1/1/22. Standards must be met at least 85% of the time. All the children's services are in place, however, we will need to track access data to submit to the State and develop a way to produce and be accountable for the data sent. There is a monitoring clause in which the regions can be penalized for not reaching the access standards. There eventually can be a 15% financial penalty if we do not come into compliance. This will be presented to the Governance Board at Wednesday's meeting.

4. Provider Updates

Kim Scorza of the Crittenton Center reported that they will be reopening the shelter in Sioux City. They would like to make it more a therapeutic environment for the children and they have submitted a proposal to the region to fund training and other items.

- 5. Other? None
- 6. Next Meeting: December 20, 2021 2:30 p.m.