



Rolling Hills

Community Services Region

Buena Vista * Calhoun * Carroll * Cherokee * Crawford * Humboldt * Ida *
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Children's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Agenda

Meeting will be held via Zoom

January 24, 2022

2:30 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Those in attendance: Alison Hauser, Louise Galbraith, Dawn Mentzer, Lisa Bringle, Leisa Mayer, Theresa Jochum, Julie Albright, RHCS; Joleen Schmit, Calhoun County; Deidra Brown, Wesco; Jean Heiden, Crawford County; Kim Keleher, Melissa Drey, PAMHC; Nicolle Eaton, JaMaine Wamberg, SMHC; Steve Kremer, JCS; Annette Koster, ECI; Elizabeth Stanek, Linking Families; Pat Cirks, NW YSS Courtney Cook, Prairie Lakes AEA; Kerri Hall, SHIP; Chad Jensen, New Opportunities

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

The program is for children and adults, providing stabilization in the community rather than a facility. Nicolle reports they see a lot of kids utilizing the service as well as adults who for some reason cannot leave their home. It will be 3-5 days of daily services in the persons home. They are working on policies and procedures and are hopeful to have everything in place and accreditation from the state.

Melissa Drey reports PAMHC will provide the service in the other 9 counties in the region. Traveling each day to the persons home will be a strain on staff due to travel time. They are working on staffing patterns and how it will work with the other programs they provide. They have been meeting with Eyerly Ball and learning from their program including billing. Both agencies are working together even though there will be some differences due to rural and urban areas. This is a voluntary service.

Dawn Mentzer asked about marketing to get the information to schools, families and so forth. Nicolle sees mobile crisis being a good outreach to provide information. Melissa attends school meetings and presents the information, also putting it on our websites. Dawn asked how mobile crisis is being accessed now and will that be an indicator of community-based stabilization usage? Melissa, we need to ramp up mobile crisis, and would like to meet with stakeholders again. Melissa will come to any meeting to discuss both programs, just let her know. Steve asked about services and the length of time. It is generally 3-5 days depending upon the persons goals.

Nicolle Eaton, if needed they will serve children under school age. Elizabeth Stanek asked if parents do not know and the child is not in a school, how will they know to refer? We need to get it out to early childhood care providers. They will investigate marketing in this area. Melissa asked if there is a listing of childcare providers that are approved by the State? Elizabeth said that Childhood Resource and Referral does, and they can help get the word out. Kerri Hall can get it distributed to her groups. Parents need to consent to see the kids in the schools or daycare centers.

3. Performance Based Contracts/EBP's

Dawn Mentzer reports that as of January 1, 2022 the contract between the State and Region is in place. Core services for children are in place. Lisa Bringle believes that most of the EBPs are geared to adults and not children.

4. Calhoun County Building Resiliency in Communities (BRIC) – Joleen Schmit/Leisa Mayer/Nicole McChesney

Leisa Mayer gave an overview of the program and how it began. The BRIC meeting is focused on 4 areas, initiatives needed for students: improving services for collaboration, training and media campaigns. They have begun a Facebook page, the team attended school conferences, developed an ACES program in the preschools and other activities. They are working with other schools in Pocahontas and Humboldt Counties to help develop programs. Joleen Schmit says they want to be a resource for parents and hook people up with services. Lisa Bringle also works with SET in Cherokee, which is Student Empowerment Team. There is a lot that can be done to support families when people come together.

5. Provider Updates

Lisa Bringle reminded the group to send any information to be added to the regional website to regional staff.

6. Other?

None

7. Next Meeting: February 28, 2022 2:30 p.m.