

Youth Services Network Meeting (zoom)

January 10, 2022 9:15-10:25am

Notes

- 1) **Introductions/Welcome** – Jessica Garloff, Casey Crabtree, Lisa Hall, Kathleen Hirschey, Melissa Rookman, Michelle Martin, Erin Fazio, Stephanie Graf, Kristen Tooley, Mikey Kelly, Joe Wargo, Sabrina DeRue, Cassandra Fichthorn, Johnda Mayne, Karen Marcum, Kelli Liscum, Diane Zikowitz, Kylie Schell, Steve Karon, Trish Gay, Hiliary Avallone, Melissa Shova, Jen Bombard.
- 2) **Review November 8, 2021 minutes** – no changes were suggested to the 11/8/21 minutes/notes.
- 3) **Guest presenters** –

Diane Zikowitz, Children's Home of Jefferson County, Community School Liaison Program – Megan Liede and Morgan Coles are the two staff working in the program. The program started in September 2017 and provides comprehensive services to youth and families. The program does not define the word crisis as it relates to calling in help with a situation. It is their goal to respond to a call within thirty minutes. The program utilizes crisis intervention to regulate and assess youth and their family to triage as they link families to the Care Manager to work on short and long-term services for the family. It is important to note that this program serves families for up to 90 days as they work with a safety plan and services and referrals as needed.

In the questions afterward it was asked if the program just serves youth and families during the school day. Diane shared that this program does provide their services outside of the school day – examples are during summer camp and in afterschool settings. She also shared parents can call and request assistance as well, not just organizations.

Erin Fazio, Victim's Assistance Center, Director of Outreach – Casey Crabtree was introduced as a new staff member for the Child Advocacy Center. The Center serves Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties. There is a physical space in Jefferson (Watertown) and St. Lawrence (Canton) and the mobile unit is dispatched to Lewis County for services. This program works with a multi-disciplinary team to assist families. This team participates in case reviews to ensure maximum services are provided. They provide a forensic interview which reduces the number of interviews that a child would have to go through. Mental health services as it relates to specialized trauma focused therapy are provided. Referrals can be from outside or right within the other programs at the Victim's Assistance Center. They provide a 10-week non-offending care givers group. Medical services are specialized evaluation and treatments by medical professionals with specific training in child abuse. Advocacy services are broad and comprehensive – referrals, information, and education, obtaining orders of protection, accompanying to court and much more. They have two 33-foot RVs fully equipped to conduct forensic interviews. They also coordinate a child fatality review team that covers all three counties which meets quarterly to determine if child fatalities were preventable. Some of the community education opportunities provided are: Darkness to Light, Less is More, Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children/Sexually Exploited Youth, Child and Teen Safety Matters and First Response to an Allegation of Child Maltreatment. Examples of community events are

fundraisers, April is Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month and pinwheels are available to purchase for display, there is a FB page, Volunteers are always needed and fundraisers take place.

It was asked if Erin would share her slide presentation after the meeting. This was done and already shared with the network.

4) Program updates

Mikey Kelly shared that in-person groups are taking place in Canton for 13-25 year olds and for more information please go to acrhealth.org. It was also shared that on 2/10 and 2/11 there are legal name change clinics being held.

Sabrina DeRue shared that camp registration will be open on 2/1/22. At the same time camp scholarship applications will be available. She also shared that the week of July 24-29 is for military youth of deployed, wounded and/or killed in action parents. Only a \$25 deposit is required.

Karen Marcum shared that the Jefferson County Youth Advisory Board is always interested in youth ages 16-21 joining the board, it is a 3-year term. She also let the network know that information on the 2022 recreation scholarships for youth should be ready to share in February.

It was shared that Karen Richmond retired from the Children's Home on 12/31/21. Marianne DiMatteo will replace Karen Richmond as Executive Director. Michelle Monnat is the Interim Director.

The Sci-Tech is open for free on Saturdays from 10am-3pm; and new displays are added frequently. Steve Karon shared that there are online programming options available as well.

5) **Other** – presenter ideas for 2022 – Lisa Hall from the GlenMount Job Corps offered to present at the March meeting, as well as Johnda Mayne from Planned Parenthood.

6) **2022 Meeting date remaining** –

March 14, 2022

May 9, 2022

September 12, 2022

November 14, 2022

Respectfully submitted,
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