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Florence County Human Services Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 21st, 2024 @ 5:00PM
Upstairs Conference Room

Present: Ed Kelley, Jason Neuens, Susan Theer, Vicki Antonini, Tom Jonet, Gary Steber, Sherry Johnson, Charles Kellstrom

Others: Ann Price, Laura Knoll, Janet Nanninga

Excused: Cindy Donahue

Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Board Member S. Johnson @5:00p.m. Roll call noted members present with those noted either excused or absent.

Agenda: Motion by S. Johnson, supported by V. Antonini, to approve the agenda as posted. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Minutes: Motion by T. Jonet, supported by J. Neuens, to approve minutes from December 2023. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Reports:

Financial Reports: Motion by J. Neuens, seconded by T. Jonet, to accept Year End & December expenditures. Unanimously approved.

Unit Reports:

Child & Family Unit- Discussion:

Access Reports: 4

In process- 4

Processed & Closed- 4

Current Case load

Initial Assessments: 3 out of the 4. *One was already an open case so it was added as a report to the case.*

Out of Home Cases: 2 *two kids total out of home*

Youth Justice Cases: 4 *3 in progress and 1 turned in to petition.*

Youth justice DPA: 2 *Voluntary involvement as a diversion from court*

Voluntary Child Welfare: 1 *Families seeking/help services*

Kinship Care Homes: 3 *Caring for the children (Bill passed for Like-Kin which will fall under a type of Kinship)*

Foster Homes: 1 *Active for eight years*

On Call Crisis: 0

Respectfully submitted by: Laura Knoll

Note: Elizabeth is finishing up her trainings and is currently assisting in CPS calls and doing in home assessments.

WCHSA: Reviewing the number of children that can be placed in a home. They are also looking at the 48 hours to see if it needs to be set at that time frame. Access reports showing the number of times minors are charged as adults. DA's office states it is mostly drug related.

Community Services Unit-Discussion 2023 Year-end report:

Total referral: 21 / On-Call: Calls: 8.75 hrs: all after hours

PASSR Screen:6

Open Cases:

Children's Community Options Program (CCOP): 6

Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS): 6

Protective Placement/Guardianships (PP): 9

Mental Health (MH): 4

Drivers Safety Plan (IDP): 9

Birth to Three (0-3): 2

Total Open Cases: 36

Open Cases + Referrals= 57 cases

Community Support Services Team (CST):

Referral: 4

Open Cases: 1

Abigail Bousley the CST Coordinator is working on outreach and marketing.

Children & Family Case Worker: New hire starts March 25th

Rainbow House/ Caring House: Rainbow House attended AODA/MH meeting on March 21st, took a tour of HSD and met with the Sheriffs Office. They will be in the office provided by HSD two Tuesdays of the month, and meeting clients where they need if they do not feel comfortable meeting here at the office. On Wed. we have office space available for the Caring House. At this time they are looking at other options.

HSD and ADRC Cross-Training: Mason is meeting with staff and getting an overview of each role. Tue. and Thur. he is meeting with Ann if he has questions.

Recovery Coach Updates: Kathy Noha has 5 clients. Has started inmate support group. Peer community Support Group held at a church in town. Monthly Bingo event: 18 attendees in Feb. March 22nd. Kathy is working with the Peer Coach at Marshfield Dickinson Hospital. Kathy is attending weekly meetings with all peer recovery coaches. Kathy is currently working on meeting with the DA's office.

Create a recovery coach fakebook page- E. Kelly motioned and J. Neuens seconded getting a hold of IT about the steps that need to be taken in regards to Facebook accounts.

Directors Reports:

Recovery Corps: Our Economic Savings- \$249 billion for Alcohol misuse and \$193 billion for illicit drug use. (*Economic impact of sub. Misuse is estimated*). April 22nd we will be notified if we will be a host site going for another year. \$6000 was the match last year that has gone up to \$8500 match.

Short Staffed: MOU with Iron County until June. Our Children and Family staff have been meeting with her once a week for assistance. Ann is asking for approval to extend out to the end of 2024: Board has asked for this to be put on the 5/23/2024 agenda.

Respectfully submitted by: Laura Knoll

Restructuring of Dept.: Make a clear outline of jobs and make sure we are not putting all resources in one place in case of unforeseen circumstances.

FirstNet: Two tablets have been added to assist with on call. All on-call phones have been updated.

VPN: We have one IM employee that apart of her hire packet was that she is allowed to work from home two days out of the week. With the new rules regarding VPN usage S. Johnson is to sign off.

Board Member Comments for Future Agenda Items: None voiced.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 23st, 2024 at 5:00pm in Upstairs Conference Room

Adjourn