

Family Engagement Subcommittee

Minutes 1.15.20

Attendance: Matt baker (OTP), Tammy Sassaman (Family Service), Shirley Terry (LFS), Allison Rusler (Juv Probation), Natalie Wiebelhaus (Asian Center), Sharon Dalrymple (NE SOC), Dawn Rockey (CASA), Becky Steiner (Human Services), Ryan Dvorak (Human Services), and Jenni Ryan (Human Services)

Family Navigator Updates:

- T-shirts – the Region donated t-shirts for Navigators to wear when on shift. They come in bright colors.
- Community partners/sign-up sheet – the sign-up sheet went out. It would be nice to see more agencies sign up for shifts.
- Location – it would be helpful to have a set location to help provide a better presence. Matt has brought his own table a few times but it's big & unwieldy. Some Navigators have been asked not to be in the lobby whereas others have not – it seems to depend on who is working. Becky will speak with Marlene. Maybe we could get a foldable sign (like a wet floor sign).
- Time – seems to be pretty quiet after 2:15. We could change the time to 12:45-2:15. Detention hearings seem to be taking place in the mornings.
- Process – we've only had 2 referral sheets actually filled out, more often it's the cards being handed out to families. Probation families don't seem to be aware of us. The committee asked about developing a brochure that could be available at probation and detention. Allison will check on whether Probation IA's are giving families the Navigator cards.
- Detention/JDAI focus – Discussed how our work is aligned with back-end kids, those coming out of detention. We need to align our work with the JDAI focus. Discussed if it would be more beneficial to have detention or probation staff ask the families if they'd like to meet with a Navigator. Becky & Matt can meet with detention staff & youth. We could also have a Navigator there during visiting hours or a brochure available. We could also ask about including the brochure as part of their discharge packet to help provide consistency. Someone asked if there was a way to provide families with information at intake.

Next Steps:

- Becky & Jenni will draft a brochure
- Becky will speak with Sheli about the ideas related to detention
- We can send a survey to those who have served as a Navigator to get additional feedback.
- Encourage other Navigators to engage with families rather than waiting for families to approach them.

Next Meeting: March 18, 2020 from 1:30-2:30pm in Room 303

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