

JDAI Collaborative

Minutes 1.26.22

Attendance: Alicia Waltman (HopeSpoke), Katie B Temple (Rabble Mill), Brandon McWilliams (Lighthouse), Brooke Fullerton (Youth For Christ), Melisa Stolley (Owens and Associates), Casey Karges (The Mediation Center), Jenn Worley (Asian Center), Elton Edmond (Mentoring Plus), Charlotte Goulette (Salvation Army), Claire Shinn (Boys & Girls Club), Mario Racicot (Catholic Social Services), Jeanne Brandner (Juvenile Probation), Monica Miles-Steffens (UNO-Juvenile Justice Institute), Peggy Reisher (Brain Injury Alliance of Nebraska), Laura Jolene McCulley (Malone Center), Tammy Sassaman (Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association), Luke Stege-Tompsett (YMCA of Lincoln), Shala Hartmann (CenterPointe), Dawn Rockey (CASA), Mindy Vogel (Juvenile Probation), Nichole Vesely (Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska), Shawn Ryba (Big Brothers Big Sisters Lincoln), Bill Michener (Lighthouse), Shannon Sieck (Omni), Vicky Smith (CEDARS), Kay Mathews (Friendship Home), Gina Simanek (Brain Injury Alliance of Nebraska), Dan Bauerly (The HUB), Kimberly Goins (Boys & Girls Club), Natalie Wiebelhaus (Asian Community & Cultural Center), Janelle Soderling (Willard Community Center), Matt Schulte (Youth for Christ), Cathy Johnson (Family Service), Steve Solorio (El Centro de las Americas), Teresa Ewins (LPD), Sara Hoyle (Human Services), and Jenni Ryan (Human Services)

Program Updates:

- Shala, Centerpointe – they hired a Peer Support person for Mental Health Diversion, haven't had any applicants so far for the therapist position. Crisis Response team has been busy, partnerships with LPD, Bryan, and Child Advocacy.
- Casey, Mediation Center – 29 Restore cases since July 1, truancy cases starting to come in.
- Cathy, Family Service – adjusting to the schools being closed on Fridays, recently had a training from BIA.
- Shannon, OMNI – they are always hiring for clinicians, seeing more youth on truancy
- Elton, Mentoring Plus – working on StrengthsFinder training for students
- Jeanne, Juvenile Probation – Jeanne is the interim Chief while they find someone to replace Lori Griggs.
- Peggy, BIA – been holding trainings, looking at the intersectionality of brain injury and juvenile justice involvement.
- Jenn, Asian Center – 250 immigrant/refugee youth are enrolled in programs across 5 schools
- Janelle, Willard – they have program at Roper & Lakeview, helping with homework, they are also short staffed
- Kay, Friendship Home – Amy Evans is taking an early retirement, Amila is the interim director.
- Vicky, Cedars – they are running at or near capacity in shelter, have a new program director for Emergency Shelter. Day/Evening Reporting referrals have been slow.
- Shawn, BBBSL – he is the new Director, currently they are serving 120 youth
- Katie, The Bay – she is the new education program manager
- Dawn, CASA – started training the next group of volunteers, numbers are high

- Claire, BGC – programming as normal, figuring out how to serve families during covid Fridays, have come up with “BGC in a Box”, working on virtual program
- Charlotte, Salvation Army – continue to serve youth in their programs
- Alicia, HopeSpoke – also hiring for therapists
- Steve, El Centro – working with 6 middle schools and 4 high schools, back on zoom for about 75% of their schools, Center-based program is still in person on Wed nights.
- Matt, Youth for Christ – 50 youth initially connected, seeing smaller numbers than pre-covid
- Nichole, Girl Scouts – older troops have been busy, staying connected with community planning and career planning
- Tammy, NJJA – they are starting RED trainings again, May 4-6 is their statewide conference
- Dan, The HUB – working remotely, continue to receive requests for assistance with covid relief funds
- Melissa, Owens – staffing is a big issue
- Brooke, Youth for Christ – programming is back to zoom, have a lot of active fathers this year
- Luke, YMCA – continuing with Teen Night programs, their first event of 2022 is on Saturday
- Mario, CSS – staff shortage, have locked their doors to the public through Feb, appointment-based services only.
- Natalie, Asian Center – they are onboarding some new staff to work with youth, their 30-year anniversary is this year.
- Kim, Boys & Girls Club – celebrating their 15-year anniversary, moving into some headquarters in March to expand services, really focusing on mental health support for staff and students through various partnerships and technology.
- Jolene, Malone Center – been a busy month enrolling programs, Take Pause is going well, been getting to know the new police chief & officers.
- Chief Ewins, LPD – Keep Cops Accountable is Jan 27th at the Malone Center, looking forward to meeting people.

NCJJ State Plan Priority Discussion:

They are working on a federal project to get the State back in compliance to be able to access Title II dollars. They are working on a 3-year plan and currently starting the 2nd year of planning. They reviewed all the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Comprehensive Plans as well as some other state plans and will be gathering community input next through a survey.

Community Diversion Common Referral Process:

Hopefully everyone has taken the time to review the guidelines and has started using the Common referral form to take referrals from Diversion. If you are having any problems connecting with families let the diversion caseworker know. Also be sure to keep the spreadsheet updated as programs change. Materials can all be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1asRwVCZI6SyssG0zmLwPxY6EMKs9DIGz?usp=sharing>

Funding Updates:

- Juvenile Services application should be released the second week of Feb
- JJPF should be open at the end of Feb
- ARPA Non-Profit funding – JBC is making the final decisions Jan 31st, we will notify agencies in Feb

Committee Updates:

- RED – Dr. Wiener presented system point data in Dec. The Jan meeting was cancelled. The Center for Children’s Law & Policy is coming to the Feb meeting to share on national trends.
- Crisis Response Coalition – had a great presentation on how important proper training is for crisis response workers.
- Family Engagement – working on 3 approaches: a brochure for families entering the juvenile justice system, developing a video for families to access that provides information & tips, and consistent messaging across all medias.
- Prevention – trainings are starting to come up. This Friday is Family engagement with Luke Bossard. Will also be having Restorative Justice, StrengthsFinder, and the Push Out documentary/books as topics.
- Gang Prevention – a group from LPD and the community is going to Stockton in Feb to visit Operation Peacekeeper.

Next Meeting: May 11, 2022 from 1:00-2:30pm at the County/City Building (555 S 10th St, Room 303)

Respectfully Submitted:
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