

Lincoln/Lancaster County Youth Crisis Response Coalition Steering Committee Minutes 2.14.22

Attendance: Don Belau (Coordinator), Russ Uhing (LPS), Amber Dirks (CenterPointe), Tim Dolberg (LPD), Jeanne Brandner (Juvenile Probation), Brad Negrete (LFS), Lynn Ayers (United Way), Allyson Rickertson (Cedars), Vicky Smith (Cedars), Amber Dirks (CenterPointe), Roam Amundson (County Board), Sara Hoyle (Human Services), and Jenni Ryan (Human Services)

Agency Updates:

1. LPD – have seen some increase in youth suicide calls in January as compared to last year. Other MH call rates are comparable as in previous years.
2. CenterPointe – Jan had 52 contacts (88 face-to-face, 32 follow-up). They've hired a new Peer Support person. They have trainings with Child Advocacy Center scheduled to improve processes.
3. LPS – Blue Valley calls exceeded in first semester what they usually see all year. Blue Valley is used when a student doesn't already have a private provider & is in a crisis that exceeds the abilities of the school social worker. Second semester seems to be going smoother for students as they are getting settled in.
4. LFS – no update on youth, they're trying to work on opening access to get families in easier.
5. Cedars – Jan had 54 referrals for emergency shelter.

Grant Updates:

- Crisis Training– we are working with Douglas County & hoping to meet in May to discuss the work.
- Mental Health Diversion – we have our first client.

LPD Data – Tim Dolberg:

See handout from January. Tim is working to get a little more accurate numbers far race data as it seems there is some duplication. Lynn asked if looking from a prevention standpoint, do we have an understanding of what leads to crisis or MH calls? What is needed to avoid abuse/neglect? What groups of kids are experiencing certain hardships? What data do we already have?

988:

See Mobile Crisis Training & Education Workgroup handout & SAMHSA handout.

My Companion Update:

Don asked if anyone had started seeing anything about it now that it's become available. The app has journaling capabilities & connects to resources. It's being rolled out in Lancaster County to start. Russ shared that it's the sort of thing they could add to their staff email signatures & online resources. Currently they have added the crisis hotline onto student's ID badges.

National Trends:

Expecting to see a surge of crisis calls in the wake of 988.

Do's & Don'ts – See handout

Website:

We looked at Colorado's website again. Having a central website might be helpful. It could also connect to the HopeLNK site.

Next Meeting:

- Coalition – March 14, 2022 from 12-1pm via Zoom
- Steering – April 11, 2022 from 12-1pm via Zoom

Respectfully Submitted:

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