

## **Lincoln/Lancaster County Youth Crisis Response Coalition Minutes 3.13.23**

**Attendance:** Don Belau (Coordinator), Joe Pastuszak (Region V), Lynn Ayers (United Way), Amber Dirks (CenterPointe), Bev Hoagland (Juvenile Probation), Ben Kopsa (LPD), John Danforth (Region V), Dave Miers (Bryan Health), Carmen Pulido (El Centro), Roma Amundson (County Board), Renee Dozier (Region V), Kristin Nelson (Region V), Allyson Rickertsen (Cedars), Ben Hammar (El Centro), Tammy Sassaman (NJJA), Hope Estrada (CenterPointe), Sara Hoyle (Human Services), and Jenni Ryan (Human Services)

### **Introductions:**

Minutes from the January YCRC meeting were passed.

### **Agency Updates:**

- Probation – caseloads and numbers are high, 470 active youth, increase in truancy numbers – liken those cases to having a MH caseload.
- Bryan – have been collaborating with State Suicide Prevention efforts, developed the MyCompanion app. Trying to encourage schools & agencies to promote it. Journaling app for youth with the ability to connect to resources. Recent expansion of their youth partial program located at the Bryan Counseling Center.
- Region V – increase in waitlist, expanded their Professional Partners program. Seeing more youth screened as at risk of suicide so they get increased contacts.
- Lynn – April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Their Families Thrive training is full.
- CenterPointe – slight increase in youth, more referrals from LPS due to partnership. Have seen an increase in crisis line calls.
- NJJA – Conference is May 3-5<sup>th</sup>. April 21<sup>st</sup> training in Milford on Trauma & Ripple Effects.
- El Centro – Ben is a social worker, have a new Assistant Director. They help the Spanish speaking community with all things.
- Kristin Nelson, Region V – Youth BETA is April 18<sup>th</sup> in Lincoln, still looking for a youth speaker who has experienced behavioral health crises. They will pay them.
- Joe Pastuszak, Region V – 19 people on the FYI waitlist, ave. wait is 29 days. Went over the Zero Suicide process. Working to close the gap on people getting assessed.
- Ben Kopsa, LPD – Melissa Ripley is their new Homeless Coordinator. She will be joining the Y-HURT team with LPS.
- Hope Estrada, CenterPointe – Youth Mental Health Diversion (YMHD) youth are getting younger. Trying to build their youth program back up.
- Cedars 77 referrals, record high. Seeing younger youth as well. Have a semi-supervised independent living program. Received grant to increase their clinical capacity for private youth.
- Human Services – over 200 youth in programs, we are hiring a new staff person, an additional diversion caseworker.

### **Grant Updates:**

- Family Resource Center planning is moving forward. Have developed a concept paper to outline services provided & have received DBH approval. Next step is putting together the RFP.

Renee will send out a document in the next month or so. We are also in the process of developing a political subdivision to govern the center.

**988 Update** – See handout.

**Training Opportunities** – please see agenda.

- 2023 Nebraska Community Aid & Juvenile Justice Conference is June 14-15 with a Racial Equity workshop on Jun 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting:** May 8, 2023 from 12-1pm via zoom

Respectfully Submitted:

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