

## **Lincoln/Lancaster County Youth Crisis Response Coalition Minutes 5.8.23**

**Attendance:** Don Belau (Coordinator), Joe Pastuszak (Region V), Lynn Ayers (United Way), Ben Kopsa (LPD), Carmen Pulido (El Centro), Roma Amundson (County Board), Allyson Rickertsen (Cedars), Tammy Sassaman (NJJA), Ryan Zabawa (LPS), Linda Dubs-Cerny (LFS), Elton Edmond (Mentoring Plus), Sara Hoyle (Human Services), and Jenni Ryan (Human Services)

### **Introductions:**

Minutes from the March YCRC meeting were passed.

### **Agency Updates:**

- **Lynn:** Basic Needs committee is focusing on transportation issues regarding kids getting to and from school. BraveBe CAC is working on an ACES institute.
- **LFS:** serve youth in schools, referrals keep increasing – had 18 just last week. They are fully staffed except at BraveBe for their R-safe program (for families impacted by sexual abuse)
- **Mentoring Plus:** Provide mentoring to youth involved in juvenile justice system at Northeast, North Star, and Park.
- **Cedars:** 85 referrals, expanded shelter beds, filled their clinical therapist position & now have both Arabic & Spanish speaking therapists. Life Quest services have started at the Pioneers Center & Street Outreach, increasing outreach & independent living teams.
- **Region V:** wait list is the same for the Professional Partner program as it is Region-wide (at about 29 days). Mentioned zero suicide trying to work with providers on using Cynchealth for behavioral health & physical health. <https://cynchealth.org>
- **Tammy:** NJJA conference was last week. 407 registered. 26 youth attended youth day.
- **CenterPointe:** Ashley is the new Care Coordinator for YMHD. Looking at how to engage with youth and parents and help youth transition into the program. Can provide them with the things they need to move forward.
- **El Centro:** working to get covid vaccines & information to people.
- **LPD:** Shared 22-23 data powerpoint.
  - 2 youth suicides who were both involved in trap shooting teams (in past few months)
  - 3 youth suicides in 2023 out of 18 total (higher than previous years)
  - 83 suicide attempts (all ages) 551 mental investigation (youth involved)
  - 1/6 calls are youth involved.
  - Tammy asked what data there is on what youth report to be the triggering factor of their attempts? Not specified in the data, although they are looking into if there are any trigger factors.

### **Other:**

- 988 Update – See handout.
- Don is working on a newsletter.

**Next Meeting:** September 11, 2023 from 12-1pm via zoom

Respectfully Submitted:  
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