

**Kent County
Family & Children's
Coordinating Council**



KCFCCC Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2014 12:00pm – 1:30pm
MSU Extension Offices – **Room A & B**
775 Ball Avenue, NE

Members/Alternates

Present:

Lynne Ferrell, Candace Cowling, Scott Gilman, Jack Greenfield, Maureen Noe, Patti Warmington, Adam London, Diana Sieger, Ron Koehler (Alternate for Kevin Konarksa), George Meek, Gary Lemke, Lynn Heemstra, Julie Ridenour, Savator Selden-Johnson, Kristen Gietzen (Alternate for Jack Greenfield), Patricia Gardner, Jacob Maas, Nancy Marshall, Sharon Loughridge.

Members Absent:

Tom Czerwinski (Alternate: Sandra Ghosten-Jones), William Forsyth, Cynthia Gladyness, Kevin Konarska, Teresa Neal

Guests:

Wayman Britt, Ellen Carpenter, Vaneese Chandler, Teri Clark, Amber Erickson, Rebekah Fennell, Angie King, Rich Liberatore, Pam Parriott, George Tyndall, Matthew VanZetten, Mark Woltman

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Lynne Ferrell opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions were done. The agenda was reviewed and accepted.

The minutes from the April meeting were approved unanimously.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Community Family Partnership Update

Matthew VanZetten provided a brief background concerning the Community Family Partnership (CFP), and its role in expanding the Kent School Services Network (KSSN) as well as assisting in the development of the Section 515 – 100% Purchase of Service

Planning process. He noted that Teri Clark from network180 and Amber Erickson from GVSU were present to share a report of the work to date.

Teri reported that CFP is well into its fifth year of a six-year federal SAMHSA system of care grant, which is focused on integrating mental health care for youth. The goal of CFP is to build a coordinated service network that supports the behavioral health of children, youth, and families. She reviewed the system of care model and the four cornerstones of the CFP approach: 1) cross-system care; 2) integrated care and coordinated service delivery; 3) community-based mental health services; and 4) family and youth involvement, support, and development.

Amber reviewed the data collection process for CFP's evaluation, and explained how Kent County CFP data compares to national system-of-care data. Matthew added that federal requirements dictate specific benchmarks that need to be tracked in order to match the work being done on a national level.

4. **Heart of West Michigan United Way Funding Process Update**

Matthew VanZetten shared that the planned presentation follows the May presentation to the KCFCCC Executive Committee meeting, and has been informed by questions and comments made at that meeting.

Maureen noted that one challenge local funders all face is how do we do our work in concert with each other, and within the context of the KConnect Common Agenda. She thanked the Executive Committee for their feedback and comments at its meeting.

For reference, it was explained that previously the HWMUW funded agencies, then moved to program funding as community members started to ask about results. This caused a greater emphasis on outcomes. Now, HWMUW is beginning to evolve toward strategic funding in an effort to make greater impact.

Maureen shared the process that HWMUW utilized to get to this point, with its focus areas identified as education, income stability, and health. It was expressed that one goal of this work is to align with collective impact relative to the common agenda, shared measurements, mutually reinforcing activities, continuous communication, and a strong backbone organization. Maureen added that none of this happens by itself, and HWMUW is not interested in working in isolation.

Key points of the presentation included –

- \$3 million will be set aside for strategic funding.

- Some of the funds will be used to assist in the transition toward the new way of allocations.

Long-term donors are looking for change, and want to see improvements. Further, it was shared that HWMUW is communicating with donors about KConnect, and how together they will bring about change and improvement.

An observation was made that as a community we do not want the perception of two backbone organizations out in the community, and that maybe a stronger joint message should be considered. It was explained that HWMUW is in a transition phase, but hopes to share what it is doing with other funders.

It was explained that this was discussed at the KCFCC Executive Committee, and the answer at this time is we do not know the best way to explain this, and it is not easy to determine.

If other Council members have questions or comments, thoughts or suggestions to please feel free to send them to the Executive Committee.

5. **Updates**

A. **People Group Leadership Meeting Follow Up**

Matthew reported that a group of Kent County leaders met with the MDCH leadership including Director Jim Haveman a couple of weeks ago. The group shared what we are doing in Kent County and perhaps more importantly, how we are doing it collaboratively. Director Haveman asked us to provide a list of things that could be done at the State level to make our work easier - how could State agencies work better to meet our needs. Matthew invited the KCFCCC to forward ideas within the next week, so he can compile and present them to the Executive Committee for possible inclusion in the lost planned for Jim Haveman's review. This is a great opportunity for Kent County.

B. **Section 515/100% Purchase of Service Planning Update**

Matthew stated that DHS and the private agencies are working together to transition public cases to private agencies between now and September 30 to meet the requirements of Section 515.

C. **Medicaid Update**

Matthew reported that the State has realigned how mental health Medicaid dollars are being allocated. Network180 is now part of the Lakeshore Regional Entity (LRE), which serves as the Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) for our area. It is estimated that network 180 will lose \$8.4 million annually between rate resetting and the revised allocation formula. Previously, network180 has had greater flexibility in the delivery of services to the community, but some of those tools are being taken away with the realignment. One immediate consequence is the mental health services at the jail, which are at-risk unless additional State General Funds are appropriated to fill the gap.

Chair Korndyk, Dr. Delabbio, Scott Gilman and others plan to participate in a very important conference call on Thursday to address this issue or we could very well see significant cuts beginning October 1, 2014.

6. Miscellaneous

None.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.