NOTES

Buena Vista County Coalition

October 19, 2017 |10:00 am | Meeting called to order by Annette Koster

# Annette Koster, Alejandra Saldana, Mikayla Kobs, Amber Ultom, Marcia Garcia, Tiffany Smith, Tracy Terry, Lisa Matheson, Teresa Perez, Jackie Navrkal, Retta Mitchell, Alecia Dougherty, Juana Rodreiguez, Di Daniels, Dawn Sickelka

The minutes were emailed out to participants from the 8/17/17 meeting.

# UNDERSTANDING YOUR COMMUNITY

Annette Koster led the attendees in a TOPS Facilitation discussion to build awareness on the needs of/for parents/families and children. Objective to gain information from data about Buena Vista County.

The attendees were presented with various data including: DHS Child Abuse, foster care, mental health (Rolling Hills Community Services), EPSDT Dental Services Report, Fluoridation Reports, Vital Statistics, Health Indicator Reports, Immunizations in Iowa, Juvenile Court Services, DHS child care, ALICE, schools (graduation rate, free/reduced lunch, enrollment, , Iowa Youth Survey, Kids Count, Feeding America Map the Meal Gap, Food Assistance Report, Public Assistance Statistical Report, Data for Decision Makers (ISU Extension & Outreach), U.S. Census data, Iowa Unemployment.

See attached report for the consensus of the attendees.

# BV County PCA Council

Connected with Prevent Child Abuse Iowa (Abby Patterson) she explained the ICAPP & CBAPP merger. One entity per county to receive funding. Will need to have an Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) to identify by Nov 15th turned into the Prevent Child Abuse office., figure out what is best for community to identify what needs funding.

Tabled decision, want to talk with Pam Bogue at Buena Vista Public Health & Home Care. Meeting on November 9th, discuss and decide fiscal agent.

Upcoming grant, need to find out how many programs will be able to apply for.

# CPPC/Decat Updates

Statewide meeting on November 1st in Des Moines. Email was sent out the training is full.

# Coalition Attendee Updates

Retta Mitchell, Child Care Resource & Referral: Working on getting childcare in Buena Vista County. Work with child care providers on the Quality Rating System, currently there is financial incentive. Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) for family childcare at home and continue same messaging through school.

Annette Koster, BVCS Early Childhood Iowa: Contacted by Ricky an Intern with the County Attorney office about participation in an event to have different agencies set up booth. Be willing to talk about what you do, what is offered to low income families. Discussion was held. Contact number is 515-473-8067.

Mikauyla Kobs, Lutheran Services in Iowa: Bi-lingual Therapist is on staff, works in Storm Lake and Denison. Working on a grant to provide funding to work with undocumented (insurance and pay).

Juana Rodregez, Center of Hope: FCC bringing awareness to Domestic Violence. Busy at Community Health Center Clinic. Encourage when meeting with families there are options.

Teresa Perez, Family Crisis Center: Serving seven counties, increase teen/children clients. Storm Lake needs the most domestic violence services. Now working with victims of human trafficking. Working on getting a support group in county, currently in Spencer and Carroll. Want to set up a display for Buena Vista to build awareness of services. Distributed brochures and pens.

Women’s Group American Association for the Unity of Women, Oct 24th 6:30 at Our Place.

Alicia Daugherty, Plains Area Mental Health: Staff changes, Travis Bower new therapist. Shannon Williams, school based therapist in all schools, referring to all mental health agencies. More emergency crisis and suicides.

Tiffany Smith, Family STEPS: Currently serving 40 families with four to five on waiting list. Looking for a Karen interpreter, half of co-workers caseload needs this service. Have seen an influx of DHS families.

Tracy Terry, BVRMC Hospital: Hospital working on remodel. OB Department waiting on approval to provide vaginal birth after previous caesarian birth. Belief that smaller hospital should perform. BVRMC has a high delivery rate.

Amber Ulton, Lutheran Services Iowa, Adoptive Care: In need of Foster Homes in Buena Vista and Cherokee Counties. No homes to place, had four come in last night, shelters other option. 84 match list for Western service area (30 counties). Spreading word easy process to refer someone how to get information sessions, can be one on one, process TIPS Map class coming. Also searching for trainings for the Foster Parents to attend.

Maria Garcia, Lutheran Services Iowa: Love n Logic to start Feb and May. Will have English class first, Spanish class. Pregnancy Prevention, hard time getting into Storm Lake schools. Was suggested to try the TLC After School program.

Jenny Ahlers, CASSA: Reached out to all schools/preschools for sexual prevention presentation. Storm Lake and Newell Fonda scheduled. Waiting to hear from Sioux Rapids, Albert City, and Grace Lutheran.

Jenny Ahlers, Habitat for Humanity: Currently taking applications for Habitat for Humanity. Looking at building duplex with 3 bedroom and 1 ½ baths. Lakeside Church office for the area. Volunteer hours build the house, keep cost down. The family does assist, and takes on Mortgage for home. Income guidelines 30 to 60% of all income, ability to partner with sweat equity, debt ratio and substandard housing rent/own goal get into long term homes. Must live in Buena Vista County for at least 1 year. Volunteers can provide snacks and meals.

Jackie Navral, CCR&R, Quality Rating System (QRS): The QRS is for home, centers, preschools. There are different items within categories that currently determine what “star” a program will achieve. Currently the QRS is being re-written. The new system will have five (5) levels. Must complete task to each level before moving on to the next. The new program shows the growth of a program to make quality changes in the program resulting in quality care. New name, new logo. The new name will be IQ4K (Iowa Quality for Kids). The new logo will be blocks representing different items found in Iowa. Time line: new curriculum July 2018, levels are written (not released), write rules, train QRS Specialist, train consultants, Jackie serve CCR&R Region 1 (23 Counties).

Di Daniels, SALUD: The Office of Minority & Multicultural Health dissolved.

Hunger Dialogue partners will meet quarterly. Update on Little Libraries is Storm Lake are close to being approved. Process apply for a permit from city hall. The Little Libraries will be for book, seed exchange, and/or produce. Management will be the responsibility of the owner.

SALUD meeting monthly Amy Barret Nov 24th Emergency Shelter. Coordination is in place for displaced people, multiple languages.

Our Place restructured continue to keep available, talk to Nancy or Di.

Buena Vista County Auditor Office working to have bilingual staff to serve as Election Officials, required by the state, based on US Census population. If you know of someone comfortable in Spanish contact Carla Ahrendson 712-213-7404.

# Next Meeting

Next meeting Nov 9th, 2017 continue Understanding Your Community discussion.

December 21, 2017

Notes respectfully submitted by Annette Koster