

Buena Vista Coalition Minutes

ZOOM Meeting held on August 18, 2020

Members Present: Shelly Rock, The Bridge; Jess Edwards, Seasons Center; Annette Koster, BVCS Early Childhood Iowa; Emmalee Bolin, Parent Partner; Angela Halfwassen, Webster County Health Department; Mikayla Morris, Lutheran Services in Iowa; Cindy Partlow, i-Smile; Pam Bogue, Buena Vista Public Health & Home Care; Meredith Michelson, 1st Five; Miranda Wolcaff, Social Worker at LSI; Bailey Hill, Child Care Resource & Referral; Andrea Lenz, Rosecrance Jackson Centers; Tiffany Smith & Janet Gritten, Family STEPS; Tracy Terry, Maternal Newborn Educator at BVRMC;

Buena Vista County Child Abuse Prevention Council Update:

Pam B abuse numbers are increasing. Discussion on ways to help or distribute information.

Write article related to COVID, current topic. Prevention IDPH

Decide on what information to post on Facebook or Social Media sites.

Shelly R. with COVID middle school kids asked to provide child care. Babysitting class offered by ISU Extension, partner look at. Is there an age limit in Iowa set for children being alone? Emalle B. 11 -12 you can take the babysitting class, No age limit for children at home alone, set based on maturity level child staying home alone, parent judgement. Are there Before and After School Programs being offered? Saint Mary's and Public school offer. Faith Lutheran in Spencer starting a B/A program with non-school, so they need to be licensed with DHS?

Pregnancy Prevention, Mikayla Morris: Trying to get programs into schools. Limits with COVID, virtual is an option. Schools who have worked with: Alta, Storm Lake, Sioux Central.

Tobacco, Angela Halfway, Webster County Health Department: Angela is filling in for Merle Hinton (retired). Reach out to day cares: Mustang Child Care in Newell, Hagerty, Ready Set Grow in Alta, Kids World in Sac City, Head Start/Gingerbread. All kids entering and existing per classroom.

Business in Storm Lake tobacco and nicotine free. Community Health Center & Family First.

Shared and updated Quit-Line.

<https://smokefreehomes.iowa.gov/tools-resources/quitline-iowa>

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa, Annette Koster: Project Launch is offering training (see attachment) do not need to participate in all.

Emmalee Bolin, Parent Partner: Currently serving 4 families in BV County. 6 fully trained parent partners, 4 in training. Build a better future training in Audubon August 27, 28, 31, 11 people registered. 13 ceu credits, all 3 days must be attended.

Parent partners mentor families involved with DHS. Family treatment court is looking to going back face to face in September. We are seeing clients face to face.

Social media! Share absolutely

Shelley Rock, The Bridge: Suicide Collaborative starting in Storm Lake. 7pm St. Mark's Lutheran tonight first meeting. Positive Youth Develop faith based – summer youth – garden coffee roast. Tree house program social emotional for youth <https://treehousehope.org/> support group, language development, going deeper

in faith, support. Strengthen partnership to mentoring school strong program look into, work with all kids. Connection immigrant refugee, meal – fun- safe place to share – stress in school – getting along social emotional pressures, grades stay strong, organized, energized with kids, continue to grow and be prepared.

Tracy Terry, Maternal Newborn Educator at BVRMC & BVCS ECI Board Member: BVRMC is in the process of interviewing for a new director of OB.

Bailey Hill, Child Care Resource & Referral: In person and virtual visits. Released the Business Investment Program (BIP) today, money for Early Childhood Iowa helps child care programs/providers. Assisted child care programs March – July with drop and dash – providing bleach, gloves etc. Increase price related to gloves having a hard time paying.

Trainings harder, in person classes were cancelled, locations not open to public. Virtual trainings continue.

Please have people contact Bailey if they are interested in opening a child care home.

Andrea Lenz, Rosecrance Jackson Centers; we are working on several projects, as well as getting our new work plan approved by IDPH. We have moved our community education series completely online with zoom. I can share this schedule if anyone is interested in learning about substance abuse. Week 1 is Addictions/Alcohol, Week 2 is Marijuana and Vaping, Week 3 is Opioid Abuse and Reversal and Week 4 is Problem Gambling. We are working to add Meth education to this series. Diversion class has also been moved onto Zoom.

I have a background with Child Abuse Prevention, so granted IDPH approves this, I will be getting trained in HALO (Healthy Alternatives for Little Ones) which teaches protective factors to kids age 3-6 in the classroom. I have been in contact with Clay-Central-Everly to see if they would be interest. I'm trying to reach out to consolidated schools first, as these children will need to open-enroll to another district once they're older and transitions are hard on kids/ raise their risk factors.

I'm aiming to teach the first session in the spring and can also potentially do this through zoom if this is workable. I plan to be expanding this project to all of the counties I work in, including BV. We are also still working on our Community Readiness project. We are scoring them now. They are due as of 9/1 to IDPH, and we are strongly basing our work plan on this. My team and I will be developing a PowerPoint to share the results and discuss moving forward with the coalition.

Jess Edwards, Seasons Center jedwards@seasonscenter.org or my cell at 712-363-8077; I am a trauma therapist through the HEAL program. I didn't mention that we are a grant funded program through VOCA. I see crime victims in any setting the client prefers. Also, important to note, the HEAL program is FREE. Our program is designed to meet the needs of those clients unable to get to therapy or unable to pay for therapy. :) I am taking referrals for BV, Clay, Emmet, Palo Alto, and Dickinson counties. I also am able to do some advocacy with clients, attend court, and etc.

Cindy Partlow, I-Smile Coordinator with Webster County Health Department; I-Smile Program is gearing up for the upcoming school year. We has some concerns weather schools would be willing to allow but we have all but one of our Head Start Programs scheduled for dental screenings in September. Alta- Aurelia Schools have reached out for dental sealants and our staff participated in the open house/ conferences at Storm Lake schools. Parents were willing to sign up for our services which is very encouraging. Referrals to dental providers remains very challenging. Contact information: cindy.partlow@webstercountytia.org or my office number 515.573.4107 ext. 4024

Meredith Mickelson - 1st Five Healthy Mental Development -Meredith.mickelson@webstercountya.org (515.573.4107); offers free support & assistance- 1st Five is available through a medical provider referral. 1st Five encourages the use of developmental screening in clinics to help identify possible delays in young children (birth-five). 1st Five would help do the legwork to connect families to resources & agencies. 1st Five does not provide the actual 'service' to the family - we would support & help with being connected/referred into your programs. These meetings are very helpful to get the current programs/agencies. As I get training notifications which I think may be beneficial -- I will try to forward to Annette to share with everyone on her email lists.

Miranda Wolcott Social Worker at LSI for BHIS program filling in for Maria Garcia; Have immediate openings for BHIS at LSI in BV county, can contact Maria Garcia at 712-291-9346 and will assist in setting up initial paperwork. Workers continue to provide services through telehealth or face to face with precautions of wearing a mask and prescreening before sessions. Migrant program has continued in Storm Lake District and Wendy will continue to meet with children between ages 3-5 to provide in home visit and prepare them to enter a school based program. Strengthening Families will continue in BV County, this year it will be virtual. Contact information Maria.Garcia@lsiowa.org and Miranda.Wolcott@lsiowa.org

Danette Morgan, LSI - Foster Care; Recruitment trainings, flyer sent before meeting. Ask for help to get the word out. Storm Lake area is in need of Foster Parents. Phone number on flyer.

Janet Gritten & Tiffany Smith, Family STEPS; currently working from home and offering virtual visits to families. Currently have openings as many have completed the program and will be transitioning to school. Referrals welcome for families with children prenatal – preschool, offer families support. Challenge interpreters.

Pam Bouge, Buena Vista Public Health & Home Care; Numbers down the last 4 to 6 weeks. Working with schools to set up programs and case investigations. Each school district different with mitigation. Storm Lake class size 15, using community for a pod oriented structure. Other items increased hygiene. School Immunization audits in fall may look different.

Staffing changes for office manager and fiscal manger, both positions have been filled. Pam retiring the first of the year.

Flu shots – have received scheduling flu clinics in every town, want everyone to be able to participate – really important this year. COVID Immunization process of planning, will share when get information out.



Minutes respectfully submitted by Annette Koster

Next meeting October 15th, 2020.