NOTES

Buena Vista County Coalition

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# Annette Koster, Retta Mitchell, Rebecca Hungate, Tammy Koth, Emily Bodholdt, Lisa Matheson, Jenny Ahlers, Dawn Sickelka, Mikayla Kobs, Juaniuta Mondragon, Marcia Garcia, Shannon Williams, Alecia Dougherty, Di Daniels

The minutes were emailed out to participants from the 10-19-17 meeting.

# Child Abuse Planning Grant

Bidder name for the grant is Buena Vista Public Health – Doing Business As – Buena Vista Child Abuse Prevention Council.

Possible dollar amounts for the Bidder is $77,207.00. The Council submitted a Letter of Intent for Sexual Abuse Prevention, Group Based Parent Education and In-home Parent Education.

CAASA has requested the Council the amount of $9,818.00 for Second Step sexual abuse prevention (research based) leaving $67,389.00 for the parent education programs.

Family STEPS – Parent Education has requested to apply for the funds, dollar amount not provided.

Discussion was held in a program that would address the lack of family support in mental health crisis, to build resilience and coping skills with youth to be able to handle the stresses. Not sure if a specific curriculum is developed. Primary focus of the PCA Iowa grant looks at parents and child abuse prevention, not sure working with the students would meet this criteria. The group felt this was a much needed topic across all of Buena Vista County, more research is needed. Is there an evidence/research based program that would address community involvement related to prevention, care, and post care? Program in Miami with similar demographics (language barrier) Buena Vista would be done on a smaller scale.

Lutheran Services in Iowa and/or Plains Area Mental Health might be interested in a group parent education program. The group discussed parental involvement. LSI and Plains Area will get back to Dawn S.

Annette K presented the draft for the Council portion of the grant. Please send feedback to Annette.

Each program applying must submit a letter of reference for their program.

Please have the program portion of the grant, budget and all necessary documents (signatures) to Annette K by March 12th to be able to compile the grant for submission.

# Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities

Buena Vista County Proclamation –County Supervisors

Pinwheel count – Public Health or Compass Pointe

Family Fun Night – Dates?

Dance Team/Cheerleader routine, does anyone have contact or know of an appropriate song?

Message for promotional items for CPPC. Past talk on technology and recent education on it causing attachment issues, new message: Disconnect to reconnect - possible pop socket on cell phone. Continue with Give Me Five, Talk and Play Each Day. Contact Dawn S, message related to child abuse.

# Coalition Attendee: Community Updates

Rebecca Hungate, Child Care Resource & Referral: Last year CCR&R priority over losing childcare. Funded a part-time position for recruitment and retention of child care providers. July 1st the position will become full-time and serve 23 counties (Region 1 CCR&R). Centers and communities on the business side of things. In the past the focus was on environments. Will continue that work with local Child Care Consultants. The business focus will work with programs struggling or starting a business. Rebecca provided the group with the 5-year trend data. Buena Vista County over the past 5 years had a 55% decline in the number of child care programs listed with CCR&R. 30% loss in child care spaces, and 67% decrease of programs reporting they accept DHS child care assistance. Even with the new center in Buena Vista County, still down. Recruitment and retention expansion hope is that setting up programs to be successful.

Tammy Koth & Emily Bodholdt Ready Set Grow: Ready-Set-Grow is expanding in Alta, possibly in June. The Child Care Consultant will visit to set the capacity. The expansion will be within the current building to the Head Start/preschool rooms, as they will be vacating there current classrooms. Two home providers are closing. Currently have 20 on waiting list. Methodist Manor expansion, will start the capital campaign. Remodeling at the Methodist Manor to have four classrooms estimated capacity around 40, need did for the renovations. Ready-Set-Grow will lease the space from Methodist Manor in the future. Already have families interested in the Storm Lake site. Please pass along any agencies/business to promote sponsorship for the investment. Emily B has information ready to present, please contact her.

Annette Koster, BVCS Early Childhood Iowa: Shared information about the revised BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Community Plan. She shared ways to use the Strategic Plan that was put together following the Community Coalition meetings and input from parents. If you are writing for a grant you can see what was identified as a need/issues, you can see what was determined by the groups as priorities along with the rationale for the identification. If you are in of the data used to come to the outcomes contact Annette K at 712-662-3880 or email akosterbvcs@frontierne.net.

Amber Ulton, Lutheran Services Iowa - Adoptive Care: March class to become Foster Parents, 9 week class, home study. Storm Lake, Spencer telecom. Service Area no beds in shelters, 14 kids removed. Like to keep close to school community.

Maria Garcia, Lutheran Services Iowa: BHIS referrals are up. Meeting with people in Des Moines migrant services.

Jenny Ahlers, CASSA: Busy in schools with sexual abuse trainings. Fundraiser campaign *Night Of Hope* March 15, 2018 Western Iowa Tech Community College in Cherokee. Please help advertise by flyers about the event. Reservation forms $25.00 per person. Business and vender forms available for Sponsorship.

Jackie Navral, CCR&R, Quality Rating System (QRS):

Di Daniels, SALUD: Leading Communities ISU Extension & Outreach– sustainable community development, slots are full. Food Security Summit April 10th. February 22nd Little Libraries approved. School will make for $60.00. If you sponsor a Little Library you are responsible for the maintenance. Can have food basket for produce and/or seed exchange. Zoning Storm Lake City Council.

# Next Meeting

Next meeting April 19th

Notes respectfully submitted by Annette Koster