

CT Family First: Community Partnerships and Youth and Family Engagement Meeting Notes

3/10/2020

Agenda

- Welcome
- Workgroup updates - since March 3
- Open discussion

Workgroup Updates

- Candidacy
 1. There are no updates from Candidacy as they have not met since the last meeting.
 2. The workgroup was scheduled to meet next on March 19. *Note: This meeting has since been cancelled due to COVID-19. It will be rescheduled.*
 3. We anticipate presenting their infrastructure recommendations at the next Governance Committee meeting.
- Programs and Service Array
 1. Their group met last on March 5.
 2. The workgroup has reviewed the integrated program/service alignment by candidacy group and discussed where there is research to support models for workgroup recommendations.
 3. Service gaps were identified as well as areas where additional research or new models may be needed.
 4. The group also reviewed what was moved to the broader prevention plan.
 5. Any emerging themes for the Candidacy grouping were highlighted.
 6. The March 19 meeting was cancelled. *Note: The March 26 meeting has subsequently been cancelled as well. The workgroup will meet again on April 2.*
 7. The workgroup is mainly focusing on compiling, honing in, and refining the services they will recommend.
- Kinship and Foster Care
 1. This workgroup has not met since our last meeting, and there are no updates to share.
 2. In their next meeting, they anticipate addressing barriers to practice and training. They also want to focus on turning in the information they have generated into recommendations.
 3. They will meet again on March 13. *Note: Both the March 13 and the March 27 meetings have been cancelled. The workgroup will reconvene on April 13.*
- Fiscal and Revenue Enhancement
 1. This workgroup has not met since our last meeting, and there are no updates.
 2. Their next meeting will be on March 20. *Note: The March 20 meeting has been cancelled. Fiscal will meet again on March 31.*

- Q RTP
 1. The Q RTP workgroup has not met since our last meeting, and there are no updates.
 2. Their next meeting will be on March 17. *Note: The March 17 meeting has been cancelled. They will meet again on March 31.*
- Community Partnerships
 1. As a reminder, the [Family First feedback portal](#) is now open! Remember that families, children/youth, and providers can all submit feedback here.
 2. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 17. It will likely be brief as there are not many meetings between now and then. *Note: This meeting, as well as all meetings in-between, has been cancelled. The meeting scheduled for March 24 has also been cancelled. The next meeting for our workgroup will be on March 31, and it will be a Microsoft Teams meeting.*

Questions and Discussion

- The first discussion point was about COVID-19. As Beacon has closed to outside meetings, the Department has changed the remaining Community Partnerships meetings to be online Microsoft Teams meetings. It is important to keep in mind that the situation regarding COVID-19 is changing by the hour, so we recommend keeping an eye on the State Government website ct.gov/coronavirus.
- One workgroup member pointed out that the outbreak has also affected partners from creating the feedback loop we had hoped for. They planned on using the questionnaire at a meeting, but they are now unable to because meetings have been cancelled or limited.
- Again, we do have the portal up online, so please feel free to direct children and families here if they would like to submit individual feedback.