

## Region 3 Regional Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2017

### In Attendance:

Banton, Kym	Halpin, Myke	Russo, Robin
Brenker, April	Jacaruso, Jon	Seagraves, Kelly
Calvert, Rick	Kalisher, Allon	Silva, Dave
DiMauro, Nancy	Kyle, Lindsay	Stebbins, Christine
DiPietro, Terri	Lacey, Chris	Stevens, Kristina
Gardner, Chris	Parkinson, Kyle	Taylor, Jill
Garofalo, Skye	Rein, Wendy	
Grivois, Lorna	Rose, Sean	

### Welcome and Introductions

#### Review of September 7, 2017 Minutes

Motion made and seconded to accept the September 7, 2017 minutes.

#### CT Data Collaborative

The group is working with CCSU on a racial profiling prohibition project. They are also working with the Connecticut Data Academy to bridge gaps and build literacy skills on how to use data. They hold workshops once a month that are free to the public.

They are here today to discuss their involvement in the CONNECT project. They are interested in data specific to towns. They are creating a data portal for the state and towns. They hold monthly meetings with state agencies and family members and have pushed to make data public.

They are asking our challenges in the region and how they could come up with data and analyze it to assist with these challenges.

Myke indicated that he felt that transportation for our region is a challenge. Lorna asked about children 2 and under that are born addicted and what is being done about that and how do we keep families with addictions together. Lorna also pointed out the 7 themes noted on the "Systems Table Communication to RAC/NOC".

Allon suggested mapping transportation issues for the region.

Allon shared that he was recently made aware of data collected at Day Kimball hospital that shows 60% of pregnant women test positive for substances.

Any other suggestions can be sent to Myke or Jill.

### **DCF State Advisory**

The group is working on the retreat and are waiting to hear back to confirm a speaker on November 17, 2017 at the Marquis Fox Ballroom. Myke, Regina, Lorna, Jill and Allon will be in attendance. They still need one or two youth perhaps from the YAB, a provider and a grass roots provider.

Citizen review panel dollars should support our charge and focus

### **RAC/FAB Updates**

At the October meeting they discussed youth suicide. In December they are putting together a presentation on the foster care system and overview and welcome more parents to attend. Lorna indicated that current trend in suicide is age 65 and older. The highest rate of suicide is 18 year old black males.

In December hoping to have someone come in from the Department to do a foster care presentation.

On 11/29/17 in Middlesex County they are doing a community college presentation on the highest suicide rate in the state for teens. Shoreline. Two parents that have experienced suicide will present and EMPS will come Terri will send to Robin to send out to the group

### **Community Tables Feedback Form**

Lorna and Regina met to discuss 4 forms that they currently have. They are asking for 2 or 3 of the group to form a subcommittee to move these forward. Sean, Julia and Jill volunteered.

### **211**

Kate Quigley, Lead Resource Specialist/Project Manager walked the group through their website which is a 24/7 line for health and human services. They have been in operation for 40 years. They started off as Infoline and they are the central intake point for a lot of projects including EMPS, statewide for shelters, database has 4000 agencies in their system with a team of 5 that maintains the database internally to provide referrals. Due to enhancements made there has been a significant jump in people going to the site.

They are accredited as an organization and individuals. [www.211cct.org](http://www.211cct.org)

They have 40,000 programs in their system which provides various options to communicate with providers via phone, in person or on-line. They have the ability to communicate in 30 languages.

## **Strategic Plan Performance Review**

Allon reviewed the Region 3 Operational Plan Update which was presented on 10/11/17 to the executive team. Some highlights are:

- 16% OF CASES transfer to ongoing services with a slightly upward trend across 2017
- 3% of in-home cases fir the criteria for consider closure
- 41% cases are far 20% of those referred to CPA
- 9% unsubstantiated cases transfer to cps & 1.5% far cases

On 10/01 there were:

- 850 children in placement
- Total caseload of 2,622 - CIP 41% in core, 41% in kin 12.9% in cc CIP
- 42% 1-6 yrs., 63% pre-teen and
- CIP 55% white, 23% Hispanic,10% black and 10% multi race

Other trends:

- Upward trend of entries, mostly children under 6 yrs.
- Reduction in caseload and CIP attributed to exits
- Reduction in disproportionality with CIP entries for black children and slight increase in cc
- Foster homes: 408 licensed homes 153 core and 188 kin
- 51 adoptions 88 TFC/FCT placements and, 18 on a waitlist.

Allon also shared the plan to exit from the Juan F. Consent Decree, performances expectations challenges and opportunities and racial justice efforts.

Annie Geddis and Carissa Lebrun from DCF discussed determining the role of non-residential parents in planning for children in the Connecticut child welfare system. They both participated in STEP (striving toward excellent performance) which is a program out of New Mexico used as workforce development and change initiatives to effectively make change.

Change initiative activities are development of a supervisory outline to enhance supervision and to coach and train staff on use of the outline with an identified ongoing services unit and complete qualitative case reviews to evaluate. This is currently being tested with one unit in the Willimantic office. Will do qualitative case reviews to track change. If there is positive impact they will spread this to the region.

## **Enhanced Service Coordination Project**

The Harvard Kennedy School Government Performance Lab is providing technical assistance. Allon asked the group to read the article provided. He is working with a fellow to partner, identify and track needs of families and identify unmet needs.

### **Update on Foster Care Network Enhancements**

Jon held a meeting last month on recruitment and retention. Some things that came out of that meeting is that Waterford Country School is a great ally but we need more. Pam and Nancy reached out to other contractors and gave specific names of kids that need foster homes.

Jinelle from OPP will help with youth involvement and create a video on foster care from the view of a teen.

The need for a systematic calendar to show all foster care trainings was discussed. Activities around adoption month which is this month are underway. The next meeting is on 11/17/17, Jon will send out a reminder for all who are interested to either attend or call-in.

### **Other Updates/Notices**

The next RAC meeting is scheduled for 01/04/17.