LARIMER COUNTY INTERAGENCY
OVERSIGHT GROUP
MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 8, 2018
Location: Larimer County Court House, Lake Loveland Room, Fort Collins, CO

Members Present: Averil Strand, Darcie Votipka, Thad Paul, Greg Ketchum, Chris Gastelle, Bob Bauman, Linda Ott, Michelle Brinegar, Michael Ruttenberg, Barbara Dean, Emily Humphrey, Michael Allen, Josi McCauley

Members Absent: Andy Boesenecker, Charlie Carter, Cyndi Dodds, Maria Campos, Marcy DiBenedetto, Marty Janssen

Non-Voting Members Present: Greg Otte, Judy Rodriguez, Steve Johnson, Sue Statz, Lori Johnson, Luisa Wren, Sarah Proctor

Guests Present: Vanessa Fox, Kimberly Rino, Meghan Jordan, Nicole Armstrong, Kristen Caporelli, Catherine Weaver, Tammy Phillips

Recorder: Deb Bowen

I. Call to order by Averil Strand at 11:30 AM
II. Welcome and Introductions
   • Introductions were made around the table.
III. Review and approval of minutes from February 8, 2018. Motion to approve minutes by Greg Ketchum and seconded by Darcie Votipka. All in favor, motion passed, minutes approved.
IV. Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) Update and Provider Presentations
   • Judy Rodriguez gave a PSSF update since the LCIOG Board has oversight of the PSSF programs. PSSF was started in 1994 by the Federal government so it could give funds to states for prevention services: Programs include services for preventing child abuse, keeping children at home, reunifying those in out of home care and promotion of adoption services. Last year state Child Welfare moved the oversight of PSSF programing to the Office of Early Childhood. Since the Feds questioned how funds would be promoted through the Office of Early Childhood we advocated for new abuse prevention programs and family preservation categories for negotiating of PSSF funds.
   • Kristen Caporelli and Nicole Armstrong of The Matthews House Community Life Center presented on Parent Cafes (A PSSF Provider). The Parent Café program supports and educates parents and caregivers, utilizing the Strengthening Families Protective Factors that give parents and caregivers the skills and resources they need to parent effectively, even under stress. Initially, there were two Parent Cafes but that has grown to 7. The cafes are
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held at different community locations and host different sessions for parents in the community. They are well attended and are quite the success story. Everyone is welcomed to attend but participation in the discussion is required. Anyone can attend this free service where a hot nutritious meal is provided along with children activities. The Matthews House is currently serving 60 families at the Cafes. The cafes are co-facilitated by Kristen Caporelli of The Matthews House and a parent facilitator.

- The Matthews House hopes to start an organic movement to empower community partners and parents to become trained as facilitators for the Parent Cafes by offering to “train the trainer” to build new cafes.
- Meghan Jordan of The Jacob Center presented on the National Youth Project Using Minibikes (NYPUM) Program we offer as a Core Service. This is a nationwide, community based, goal-oriented program, for kids aged 10 – 17 years old, using minibikes. Safety equipment is provided for each child and they are taught to safely ride and navigate minibikes over a 16-week long period. 21 lessons of setting and achieving goals with parents and school teachers are held during their training.

V. Medicaid Access

- Vanessa Fox, Deputy Division Manager of Larimer County Human Services Benefits Planning Division, presented on Medicaid access for providers and clients. With the expansion of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Larimer County has done an excellent job of getting clients opened for Medicaid but some of the struggle is with getting clients connected with medical services.
- Since clients and providers have trouble accessing the Colorado PEAK online system for eligibility and benefits Larimer DHS Benefits Planning Division is willing to help train local community partners in skills to help access the online system. The Benefits Planning Division offers a quarterly training for community partners and Larimer County Board of County Commissioners offers a community 101 Training that covers many Larimer County services that anyone in the county may apply to attend.
- The Benefits Planning Division has a phone line that providers may use to access a technician to address immediate issues with a case that does not go into the que for PEAK clients. Call the Med Line 9 at (970) 498-6300; press 1 for English; then press 9 for Med Line 9. This line can help providers talk to someone right away when working with clients.
- Averil Strand shared the Healthy Communities phone line that may be used when trying to help a Medicaid client. Call (970) 498-6755 at Larimer County’s Health and Human Services Department.

VI. SummitStone Health Partners and Platte Valley Therapist

- Michael Allen, CEO of SummitStone Health Partners (SHP), discussed the budget shortfall expected for the Platte Valley Therapist position at SHP for the next fiscal year, July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 (FY19). The therapist is 2/3 time funded for detention work and 1/3 time funded at SHP.
- The contract in place has fees covered for the first year, but the contract was extended to five years without any increase past the first year.
- The expected shortfall for FY19 is about $12,000. A motion to support funding half of the shortfall ($6,000) will be presented to the LCIOG Board at our April
meeting. Senate Bill 94 will offer to pay the additional $6,000 of the budget shortfall. It is a priority to fund this request for the next fiscal year. The budget committee (Thad Paul, Chris Gastelle, Bob Bauman and Emily Humphrey) will review the budget to determine where a reduction can be made to another program to fund this one. It was suggested to compare the number of children/youth being served in the program we are cutting to the number of children using the Platte Valley therapist.

- A possible solution would be to decrease the Day Treatment expense and fund the Platte Valley therapist.
- The Platte Valley therapist's services are necessary; providing therapy for suicidal children and other ongoing mental health issues while in detention and following up with them after they leave detention. Based on the numbers of children currently in detention the therapist has time to meet with them consistently.

VII. Budget Review
- Thad Paul reviewed the current LCIOG budget. (Attached)
- Bob Bauman and Emily Humphrey have agreed to join the LCIOG Budget Committee with Thad Paul and Chris Gastelle.

VIII. Old Business
- None

IX. New Business
- A suggestion was made to have other providers present at future meetings.
- LCIOG members are encouraged to let us know if you have agenda items. Suggestions may be forwarded to Deb Bowen at dbowen@larimer.org for consideration to the co-chairs.

Adjourn 12:50 PM
Minutes Submitted by Deb Bowen

Next LCIOG Meeting
April 12, 2018
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Larimer County Court House
200 West Oak Street
Carter Lake Room, 1st floor
Fort Collins, CO 80521
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