Voting Members in attendance: Averil Strand, Greg Ketchum, Jim Drendel, Michelle Brinegar, Michael Allen, Cyndi Dodds, Dale Lake, Josie McCauley, Charlie Carter, Chris Gastelle, Maria Campos, Darcie Votipka
Non-Voting Members in attendance: Thad Paul, Sharon Swett, Carolyn Pannell, Greg Otte, Judy Rodriguez
Guests: Catherine Weaver, Denise Raven, Susan Krcmarik
Recorder: Deb Bowen

I. Call to order by Averil Strand at 11:35 AM
II. Welcome and Introductions
III. Review and approval of minutes from August 11, 2016. Motion to approve minutes by Greg Ketchum, seconded by Chris Gastelle. All in favor, motion passed, minutes approved.
IV. 75% Member Attendance
   • Waiting on the State’s interpretation of what 75% attendance means. Proxies may be used for voting members.
   • Laura Walker is working getting our board a Domestic Violence representative.
   • Our BHO, Colorado Access – Dave Rastatter, has given proxy to Marty Janssen to represent their interests on our board.
   • A suggestion was made to have quarterly mandatory meetings to meet our attendance goal.
   • 75% attendance will move forward as an agenda item for next month.
V. Budget
   • Attached.
VI. Trauma PowerPoint Presentation
   • Jim Drendel presented the Trauma PowerPoint Presentation that he presented at the 20th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect.
VII. Federal Legislation “Families First Act” Bill 5456
   • A letter to our federal legislators recommending they vote for the “Families First Act” Bill 5456 was reviewed. This legislation is a continuation of the IV-E Waiver after it comes to an end. This letter was sent to legislators listed on September 12, 2016. Attached.
VIII. State Data Entry Concerns
- A letter to Ann Rosales, Division Director of Child Welfare, State of Colorado was reviewed and signed. This letter was sent to Ms. Rosales on September 12, 2016 voicing our concerns about additional data entry required by the State. Attached.

IX. SAMHSA Grant
- Jim Drendel reported that Larimer County and the 7 County Trauma Consortium was granted a $2,000,000 SAMHSA grant to work on the 7 County Trauma Project for the next five years. The 7 Counties represented on the project are: Arapahoe, Boulder, Denver, Douglas, Eagle, Jefferson and Larimer.
- Since the LCIOG Board agreed to be the Advisory Board for the SAMHSA Grant we must meet quarterly to review the grant requirements. This is a mandatory requirement. Jim Henry and Amy Perricone must also be in attendance. The first quarter starts October 1, 2016. This meeting will be scheduled for October or November.

X. PSSF
- Our PSSF contract was extended for 60 days from June 30th and will be held over to December 1st. A Request for Application (RFA) will be sent out this Fall for next year along with new criteria for funding and programs. Larimer County DHS will host a meeting to discuss the plan on October 12 with our PSSF Providers.

XI. Old Business - none

XII. New Business
- Dale Lake suggested we take a meeting to have Dr. Jim Henry walk us through an assessment and invite Mariah Coe or other provider to come in and present to us. December was discussed as a possible option.
- Is there a possibility to have trauma screens provided for children/youth not involved with the child welfare system? I.e., the youth in The Center’s programs? Need to brainstorm this idea and bring all partners of the grant in to discuss it.

Adjourn 1:05 PM
Notes Submitted by Deb Bowen

Next LCIOG Meeting
October 13, 2016
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Larimer County Court House
200 W. Oak Street
Lake Loveland Room, 2nd floor
Fort Collins, CO 80521
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September 8, 2016

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
U.S. Capitol Building, Room: S-230
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Harry Reid
Minority Leader
United States Senate
U.S. Capitol Building, Room: S-221
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
U.S. Capitol Building, Room: H-232
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
U.S. Capitol Building, Room: H-204
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Reid, Speaker Ryan and Minority Leader Pelosi,

This letter is sent on behalf of Larimer County, Colorado to share our complete support for the Family First Prevention Services Act (H.R. 5456) as written; it is a laudable first step to ensuring that children remain safely in their homes whenever possible.

We are pleased with the legislation for many reasons:

- It allows for federal funding of promising, supported and well-supported prevention services to keep children living safely in their own homes.
- It promotes reduction of congregate care placements for children.
- It requires states to describe their steps to secure a professional child welfare workforce to deliver trauma-informed and evidence-based services.
- It tracks publicly the children who receive services and who do not enter foster care.
- It allows for grants to reduce the time it takes for children to be provided safe placements across state lines.
- It permits applications for grants to improve well-being of families affected by substance abuse treatment.
- It allows continued work on data exchange standards for improved interoperability among child serving systems.
- It reduces the unconscionable incentive to remove children from their home in order to receive and maintain funding.

We appreciate the emphasis on placing and supporting kinship supports that is obvious throughout the legislation.

Most importantly, as written, the bill has the potential to allow our county to continue the work we are doing through the State’s Federal IV-E Demonstration Waiver in providing trauma informed services to children and their families.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of our nation’s most vulnerable children.

Sincerely,

Averil Strand, Co-Chair
Larimer County Interagency Oversight Group

CC: Senator Michael Bennett
    Senator Corey Gardner
September 8, 2016

Ann Rosales, Director
Division of Child Welfare
Department of Human Services
1575 Sherman, 2nd floor
Denver, CO 80203-1714

Dear Ms. Rosales

The Larimer County Interagency Oversight Group (LCIOG) is sending this letter to communicate disagreement with the state’s latest direction to Collaborative Management Programs (CMP) to capture data through the Evidence to Outcomes (ETO) data base for all children and youth served through the CMP umbrella that do not have Interagency Service and Support Teams (ISSTs).

This new direction conflicts with the legislative declaration of the CMP Statute to reduce duplication. Entering data from Trails into another data base is a duplication of work. The new requirement is occurring because the State does not have the resources to address issues with Trails that prevent report accuracy for the CMP.

If the LCIOG is forced to assure ETO data entry of the name, gender and date of birth for each of the estimated 1,000 children/youth currently in Trails, it will drive a workload to the county of nearly $3,000 to identify the children/youth and then data enter their information into ETO monthly. This will take $3,000 away from services for children/youth and their families.

Following are solutions the LCIOG is proposing until Trails issues can be addressed for CMP reporting:

- Allow the LCIOG via Larimer County to provide an excel spread sheet to the State quarterly or annually that could be used by the evaluators for the annual program evaluation.
- Allow the LCIOG via Larimer County to provide an excel spread sheet to the State quarterly or annually that could be uploaded into ETO. Prior to the State taking over management of the ETO database, OMNI uploaded spread sheet data to ETO annually.
- Allow the LCIOG via Larimer County the access needed to upload the data to ETO, without needing to enter each child individually.
- Provide the LCIOG with $3,000 to offset the cost of duplicate data entry.

We are available to discuss these options with you directly if needed.

Sincerely,

Averil Strand, Co-Chair
Larimer County Interagency Oversight Group

CC: Tiffany Sewell