

SAC COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: September 13, 2010

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Location: Sac County Health Services, 116 South State Street, Suite A

Chairperson: Jayne Wilhelm

- I. SIGN-IN AND INTRODUCTIONS: Annette Koster, BVCS ECI; Jackie Duffy, Sac Co Health; Carrie Hornor, FSW/Sac County Health; Jayne Wilhelm, Sac County Mentoring Program; Jenny Sorensen, New Opp Head Start; Amy Halder, LSI; Ashley Volkert, DHS; Cheryl Lyon, United Community Health; Retta Mitchell, Mid-Sioux; Deb Gimer, CCPH

Topic/Speaker: Amy Halder from LSI, Program Supervisor: The main office is located in Denison, Amy works out of the Storm Lake office. LSI is the largest social service agency in Iowa. Amy presented information about the Remedial Services, waiver. It is a skill building service that focuses on the child's needs. This is a voluntary service where the family has a choice in services. Referrals are accepted for children ages 3 – 21. Skill areas the caseworker builds on include: anger management, coping, making good decisions, communicating, problem solving, conflict resolution and relationships. Each caseworker has a four year degree in Social Services. They provide referral to therapist for therapy if needed. Remedial Services can only serve children who have Title 19, looking for another funding source to be able to expand services. The cost per child would be around \$84.00 an hour per child. Amy is the contact person for referrals. Amy shared a brochure; you can make copies for the people in which you provide a service. LSI is looking to hire someone in the Carroll/Sac area. Four year degree required prefer BSW.

- II. AGENDA REVIEW: approved by consensus, Annette K explained the change in the agenda, Community needs, will replace Early Childhood Iowa (formally Empowerment), to give agencies/citizens a place to share a need to the community they have or identified. Annette K will give Early Childhood Iowa updates in the Agency/Community Sharing. Agenda Approved

- IV. APPROVAL of PREVIOUS MINUTES: approved by consensus

- V. COMMUNITY NEEDS:

Jackie Duffy with Sac County Health Services - shared all Public Health agencies need to complete a needs assessment. Invite other community members to attend and work on process at this meeting. The community needs assessment identified Child Abuse as a need. Jackie requested information on the Iowa Youth Survey, Jayne W will find out whom to contact at New Opportunities. Invite Maternal Child Health to speak in October on the 11 (Columbus Day) or the 25th.

Other ideas from the group: contact the Horizon Group for the information they gathered.

Retta Mitchell with Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) -shared the need for parent education so parents understand the difference of a Registered Child Development Home versus a non-registered child care home. Understanding the law and number of children each home can care for, legally non-registered can only care for five children. How do we encourage this for homes and parents. Currently non-registered child care can receive State Subsidy payments. Legally cannot deny them because it is legal in Iowa to be non-registered. Ideas: Put an article in the newspaper. Every year send out letters to non-registered that are identified on the CCR&R database.

Retta M with CCR&R – Looking to expand on the totes currently offered to have individual items for child care environments to check out. I am assessing the idea, of a community effort to donate items if you know of someone going out of business and having a garage sale, Christmas gifts. Ideas: Apply for BV County Community Foundation Grant, stay and benefit Buena Vista County, was in Saturday paper, Amy will get Retta the contact information.

Cheryl Lyon with Community Health Center shared – Interested to find out how many people in Sac County won't seek medical or dental care due to cost. No ideas shared:

Jayne Wilhelm with New Opportunities Mentoring Program – the five year IDPH grant ends this June. Mentoring will be starting a new program at East Sac Schools, looking for gently used games and flash cards for mentors to use with children. She would like to establish a tote for each mentor. Ideas for totes include working on reading skills, exercise etc. The program is looking for mentors for the Community Program serving children all over Sac County. Jayne currently is looking to match some children in the 3rd and 4th grades.

Jenny S with New Opp Head Start – monthly parent meetings, would like to work out partnerships in the community. Her goal is to have a variety of resources for families, looking for topics, or presenters. Example: Dads Doughnuts at parenting meeting. Ideas: Becky Halbur will be presenting Love N Logic in January or February. ISU is working on getting Family Storyteller.

VI. AGENCY/COMMUNITY SHARING:

Annette K shared the Executive Summary from the FY 2010 Early Childhood Iowa Annual Report. She also shared a map showing areas that have submitted to merge.

Deb G shared she is currently working with East Sac County Schools in Sac City & Wall Lake on playground safety. This is a result of the Injury Prevention checklist she did last year. Deb was asked if anyone every checked City parks? Deb has had the National Playground Safety Training; there are no mandates or requirements to have this done. An Injury Prevention class was held it was geared to child care homes/centers.

Retta M shared she is setting up visits. The first visit involves setting goals, second DHS checklist, third literacy, and final end of the year. Her goal is to have contact with all Registered Child Development Homes in the three Counties.

Ashley Volkert shared DHS for Sac County is now covered out of Woodbury for Social Work, Income Maintenance Carroll and Buena Vista now a team (check into more). Workers Angie and Mollie are now covering Carroll County. Ashley is the only Social Worker covering Sa County. Woodbury: Sac, Ida, Crawford, Shelby & Monona Counties. Centralized intake all go to Des Moines. Ashley will lay out the changes and send out or present.

Jenny Sorenson shared there are currently 15 children in the Head Start classroom in Sac City. The agency has met the number for enrollment. Head Start will continue to take applications.

Cheryl L Community Health Center, willing to talk to programs, groups about the services offered, if interested contact Community Health Center at Dental Clinic 712-213-0179 or Medical Clinic 712-213-0109 or www.uchcsl.com.

Jayne W the Sac City Library and Sac County Mentoring is starting Sac City Explorers, a handout was provided. The group will get together each month and take a field trip to explore different businesses and programs in Sac City are which will increase literacy, activity and a sense of community. Open to children Kindergarten through eighth grade. For more information contact Sac City Library at 712-662-7276.

Jayne was presented with the Governors Program Award; she was nominated by Schaller School.

Carrie H Family STEPS currently has 21 families enrolled. Carrie is continuing round table events in Schaller. Keep in contact with Head Start and partner with parent education opportunities. Referrals from WIC have reduced.

WRAP-UP & ADJOURN: Next scheduled meetings for:

October 11 or October 25, 2010 for Community Needs Sac County Health Services

Sac Community Advisory Council Meeting November 8th, 2010 speaker Sheila Hansen

Next scheduled meeting for BVCS 3-County Board meeting "Big Board" September 29, 2010 Odebolt Community School at 9:00 am