**Discharge, Planning and Diversion Committee Notes: June 29, 2017**

Present: Scott, Lori H, Anne W, Kris A, Ed W, Lisa S, Lisa K, Sara H, Stacey C, Tammy W, Kevin B, Jennifer, Johneisha, and Jerome.

1. Notes from the 5/25 were reviewed. The following corrections were made:
* Lisa Sanders was added to the Diversion Sub-Committee
* Scott Peeples added Tammi Prochazka to the Mental Health Sub-Committee
* Sara Harris was added to the Mental Health Sub-Committee

For reference the sub-committees are listed below. An asterisk indicates sub-committee chairperson. The sub-committees will allow us to exchange ideas and discoveries with each other.

Corrections: Duana\*, Ed, Abby, Kevin, Tammy W, Connie H.

Mental Health: Scott\*, Anne W, Tammy Prochazka, Sara Harris.

Medical Healthcare: Lori H, Stacey, Kris

Youth Aging Out of Fostercare: Jerome, Johneisha,

Diversion: \*Jennifer A, Lisa K, Lisa Sanders

1. Sub-committee Updates

Mental Health-hasn’t met yet. Still organizing

Healthcare-Hasn’t met yet. Waiting for health system to respond to inquiry.

Corrections-Hasn’t met yet.

Youth Aging out of foster care-Hasn’t met yet.

Diversion-Hasn’t met yet.

Jennifer Allen inquired about the work the Diversion committee is doing and how it is similar or different than the diversion/prevention work being done by the CE committee. There appeared to be some overlap and Jennifer wanted to avoid parallel work being done. Jennifer and Lisa S were going to gather more info and follow up the CE committee and Carrie Poser to better define what the Diversion Sub-Committee should focus on.

Kevin Burch suggested that he has had some success recruiting assistance from the local CoC’s he works with and he suggested that if other members of the committee hadn’t already done this, that they think about soliciting help from their local Coc.

1. Roundtable-Individual committee member work updates
* Anne W-has been working with Rock Co. PATH worker and have developed a verbal agreement of how process should work. Trying to work with PATH administrator to begin work on reducing plan to writing, but hasn’t been able to connect with the administrator despite many attempts. Anne will attempt to contact administrator again and if she isn’t able to connect will attempt to connect with administrator next in line.
* Johneisha has found that Workforce Development has received a grant to help serve youth aging out of foster care connect to services.
* Kris A has done some work with the hospitals in the Waukesha as well as youth aging out of foster care. Kris has discovered a huge issue with youth that turn 18 during the school year are being discharged from foster care, have nowhere to live and must work to support themselves. Of course, this causes them to drop out of high school without being able to obtain their diploma. Kris has been working with the court system to see if some changes can be made that would allow them to remain in foster care until the end of the school year.
* Scott P had been talking to St. Elizabeth Hospital’s Mental Health unit about the discharge process. He’s secured their plan and it seems that it will be adaptable for our purposes. He will soon be contacting Thedacare’s Mental Health Unit to work with them also.
* Jerome explained that he hasn’t spent much time around discharging planning involving youth aging out of foster care since the May meeting. Instead, he’s been focused on researching and reviewing information related to diversion. In doing so, he’s found several assessment tools which were sent out to the rest of the committee.
1. The August BOS meeting was discussed and Jerome asked who would be ready to present something to the membership at the August meeting. Kris said she’ll be on vacation at the time of the August meeting and felt the Healthcare group would probably have something by the November meeting. Jerome mentioned that in previous email conversations with Duana he thought she and/or the corrections sub-committee would have something to talk about. Scott thought the mental health group may also have something to present.
2. Jerome informed the group that discharge plans are a HUD requirement and that the upcoming collaborative application process would probably require us to provide evidence that local Coc’s are establishing or have established discharge plans for each of the focus areas. Jerome urged everyone to make this a priority and focus on completing their individual assignments.
3. The next meeting is scheduled for July 27th which is the day after the summer point-in-time count. It seemed that several people might be unavailable for the meeting if it were to be held at that time. Jerome said he would send out a doodle poll for the next meeting.