

The December 15, 2021, Mental Health/Disability Services of the East Central Region Children's Advisory Committee meeting was brought to order at 9:30am. The meeting was located by zoom.

Board Members present: Amy Grask /Children's provider rep, Ann McDonough/RGB Liaison, Carrie Slagle/ children's advocate, Erin Monighan/ Children's Early childhood Iowa rep, Jim Hessenius/Children's Juvenile Court/ Law Enforcement Rep, Linda Duffy/Provider Rep, Mae Hingtgen ECR CEO, Tammy Wetgen-Kesterson/ Early Childhood Iowa, Vicki Ries/ Childcare Provider, Robin Hoffman/Tanager provider rep, Lucia Herman ECR Children's Coordinator.

Lucia Herman, ECR children's Coordinator introduced Rashell Amos. This is a new position as Children's Navigator. She will connect children to services with specific focus of going to schools. She is currently in training and doing onboarding.

Lucia gave an ECR Update regarding Crisis Stabilization Residential Services. ECR is required to develop this by 7/1/2021. Several providers have expressed interest in providing this service. Crisis Community based services was explained. ECR current provider is Foundation 2 as a pilot. We hope to have this started for all counties in the ECR region by 1/1/22 This is a service for children and adults. It will compliment Mobile Crisis Outreach if needs are intense and need ongoing then this can be referred.

Presented on Brain Health Prevention grants being offered. The opportunities can fund projects that assist children and adults to engage in and become contributing member to their community. Targeting children's brain health, social emotion sill development and community connection.

Lucia presented the ECR Public Relations Campaign- Pat the Llama distribution and activity book distribution to doctor's offices that serve children in our region. Marketing has begun in gas stations etc. In the spring the ECR will focus on more rural and agricultural areas.

Committee vacancies still in need of a licensed physician. Also a parent of Child with Behavioral health. Encouraged members to think of ideas for both. Member updates were offered.

Wrap up and the next meeting was scheduled for March 23, 2022.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30am