

The March 23, 2022 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, Carrie Slagle/ children's advocate, Erin Monighan/ Children's Early childhood Iowa rep, Linda Duffy/Provider Rep, Melissa Paulsen/Provider rep, Melissa Lammers/ Department of Human Services Rep, Mae Hingtgen ECR CEO, Tammy Wetgen-Kesterson/ Early Childhood Iowa, Vicki Ries/ Childcare Provider, Lucia Herman ECR Children's Coordinator.

Mae Hingtgen/ ECR CEO gave a region update. \$11.3 million dollar budget amendment was done by the RGB. Brain Health Prevention projects were granted of \$160,000- 75% of which is Children's projects.

Lucia Herman, ECR Children's Coordinator, let the committee know that an RFP for Children's Crisis Stabilization Residential Services was released. A DHS Campus Settings rule has made prior interested providers ineligible so a new RFP is needed. ECR added money for an agency to buy or build a house to implement the service in a community setting. CSRS is a short term safe location for up to 5 days where the child and family can get engaged in services. ECR hopes to have 4 beds. Hopefully this continuum of care will help relieve pressures on hospitals and get kids what they need.

Project Launch was presented by Rhonda Raireden-Nelson and Dee Mueller. It is a Samhsa grant through 8/3/2024. The purpose is promotion, prevention, early intervention and promote healthy social emotional learning. The target population is birth to 8 years old. Partners include Drake University, Iowa State University, and University of Iowa.

Transportation Gap Analysis Focus Group /University of Iowa Dr. Steven Spears presented. They discussed transportation related barriers.

Wrap up and the next meeting was scheduled for September 27, 2022.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30am