

The September 27, 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, 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, Lucia Herman ECR Children's Coordinator.

Mae Hingtgen presented the group with an update on the transition from County funded system to the state funded system that began July 1, 2022.

Mae Hingtgen presented the FY22 Impact report and the FY23 ECR Budget that included children's services. The required fund balance is 40%. By the end of FY23 it will be 20%. By the end of FY24 the required fund balance will be 5%.

The Priority Initiatives established for 2022-2023 were presented. This included action steps to achieve the goals in the Strategic Plan.

Lucia Herman, ECR Children's Coordinator discussed prevention outreach projects that were completed since last meeting as well as planned partnerships ahead. i.e., Sesame Street in Communities lesson kits, social emotional learning library, Music Therapy, Yoga and Mindfulness, and Pat the Llama Campaign. Discussing a possible expansion of Expressive Arts and Multi-Systemic Therapy model for at-risk youth and families.

Lucia Herman updated the committee on Children's Crisis Stabilization Residential update that the RFP was awarded to Tanager Place. The ECR provided financial support of \$689,000 to get the facility operational.

Lucia Herman presented funding opportunities released to Schools for Licensed mental health practitioners as well as the Brain Health Retreat Rooms.

Rashell Amos, ECR Children's Navigator gave an update. She continues to do referrals and meet with schools to navigate students and families for services in the community.

Lucia Herman discussed State happenings and the roll out of the 988 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Also, that a new Managed Care Organization was announced by the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services- Molina Healthcare of Iowa.

Committee opinion regarding meetings was discussed. The Children's Advisory Committee expressed that they would like to continue quarterly Children's meetings and if something major occurs then meet occasionally with the Adult Advisory.

Lucia Herman Requested the committee to consider ideas of a new parent representative. We are also working with adding an education rep from keystone/AEA.

Committee member/partner updates or announcements were presented.

Wrap up and the next meeting was scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30am

