

September 11, 2023, 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, Tammy Wetgen-Kesterson/ Early Childhood Iowa, Vicki Ries/ Childcare Provider, Linda Duffy/Provider Rep, Melissa Paulsen/Children's Provider Rep, Robin Hoffman Provider Rep/ Erin Monighan ECI/ Carrie Slager Advocate rep/ Melissa Lammer HHS Rep/ Lucia Herman/ ECR Children's Coordinator and Mae Hingtgen ECR CEO.

Welcome/Introductions

Lucia Herman, ECR Children's Coordinator presented **ECR Updates:**

-Regional Governing Board composition changes according to Iowa Code- changed our board of 9 county board of supervisors to a new composition.

-Marketing Plan:

The ECR RGB requested we have a targeted priority initiative for a children's outreach campaign to share all the resources that the region provides for children's services. The Marketing Plan will highlight services: Building Family strengths, Functional Family Therapy, Multi Systemic therapy, Mobile crisis response.

-Schools:

Funded a Licensed Counselor for the Williamsburg School District.

ECR funded \$50,000 for start-up/ services for Brain Health Retreat Rooms for 3 years with West Delaware Community Schools.

-continue to meet with AEA/Keystone quarterly.

-Children's Crisis Stabilization Updates:

Youth crisis stabilization is now a Core Service in the state of Iowa, meaning every Region must offer the service. ECR has partnered with two agencies. CCSRS- Tanager Place will have this location up and running in Cedar Rapids. Community plans to offer the service and purchased a property outside of Iowa City.

-Other news:

There is now online access to submit applications for ECR services. We encourage you all to visit our website. Ecriowa.org

The 2nd annual MHDS Coordinator's conference was held in Des Moines. Great education opportunities as well as the opportunity to connect with other children's coordinators across the state of Iowa.

Mobile Crisis Response Data collected from January 1 to June 30, 2023 was presented including children's usage.

-Children's Navigator Update:

Nielie Schaeffer and Rashell Amos provided the Children's Navigator Update. Rashell Amos has diligently been bringing Nielie to speed with the new school year starting.

-CEO Update:

Mae Hingtgen, MHDS ECR CEO provided the CEO update including the 3rd and 4th quarter comparison of priority initiatives and the FY24 financial Plan moving forward.

The next Children's Advisory Committee Meeting will be in December. A doodle poll will be sent due to conflicting meetings. Meeting adjourned at 10:30am