

**Community Advisory Board Meeting
March 10, 2014**

Minutes

In Attendance:

Tom Spell, Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services, Ferris School
Brahmin Jackson, Jewish Family Services
Aileen Fink, Division of Management Support Services
Patti Mattson, Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services, Community Services
Angie Porter, Division of Management Support Services, Education
Rod Sutton, Division of Management Support Services, Ferris School
Daphne Warner, Prevention and Behavioral Health Services
Barbara Crowell, Family Court
Lisa DiStefano, Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services, Community Services
Nancy Dietz, Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services
Chantel Vanderhost, Challenge Program
Mitchell Rock, Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services, NCCDC
Barbara Riley, Division of Management Support Services
Kathy Covelli-Reyes, Christina School District
Kim Pepper, Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services
Joanna Champney, Delaware Center for Justice
Tim Brandau, Child, Inc.
Rev. Wendell E. Hall, Solid Rock Baptist Church
Susan Edgar, Delaware Council on Gambling Problems
Meedra Surratte, Parent Information Center
Malcolm Shannon, James T. Vaughn Correctional Center

The meeting began at 9:04 a.m. with introductions.

Middle School Initiative/Community After-School Initiative

Daphne Warner, Director of Prevention, presented on Behavioral Health Services and After School & Summer Program Initiatives which are two of Governor Markell's statewide initiatives.

This presentation and handouts will be sent electronically with these minutes.

Trauma

Dr. Aileen Fink, Division of Management Support Services, presented on Childhood Adversity and Trauma Informed Care.

Tim Brandau asked if the Department would consider including the contracted program in the trauma training. Dr. Fink said she is not sure if we can do that but can definitely ensure the trainings are available to them electronically. She said there is also free training online.

The group expressed that this training needs to get into the classrooms and not just to the school staff. Data is critical and we were able to expand this service because we had data.

Dr. Fink's presentation and the ACE link will be sent electronically with these minutes. This is the link to the Delaware ACE data <http://www.childhealthdata.org/browse/survey/results?q=2257&r=1&r2=9>

District Superintendent Meeting

Director Dietz expressed her interest in having Dr. Fink do a presentation to the school Superintendents. She will work on coordinating this. These meetings are monthly.

Angie Porter said they met with the Superintendents about concerns we had with the schools in reference to YRS youth. She said they are attending the Sussex meetings as well.

Ms. Porter said that the information we discussed at our last meeting is being seen through a different lens. She said the schools feel that "The School to Prison Pipeline" should be referred to as "The Community to Prison Pipeline". She said they toured Parkway Academy and will be touring Kingswood soon. She said it's disheartening because the youth do not want to go there, but it is required that they attend an alternative school when they leave YRS facilities.

These decisions should be made at the transition meetings not be predetermined. Ms. Porter said they are doing a better job ensuring the transition meetings occur. Our Department needs to do a better job advocating. We have youth who sit out of school for 3-4 months. Some concerns are that even with an advocate at the meetings it is difficult to get the youth back into their home school. We need to start making contact with these schools immediately instead of until the youth releases. We have to do a better job doing this upfront.

Rod Sutton said they are collaborating with YRS and education has been very positive on the youth. He said their testing has gone up and engagement levels have increased. He said the challenge is wraparound and discharge. The youth even say that "out there" they have no support. He said they are trying to find ways to engage the community to get services for the youth when discharged. He asked the Advisory Board for assistance in getting these community supports. We need the schools to be our partners.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Next Meeting June 9, 2014 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Multi-Purpose Facility (Building #9)
Conference Room 114
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