

MEETING MINUTES

Children's Mental Health (CMH) Committee
Friday, June 17, 2022
9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Zoom Meeting



ATTENDEES: Amanda Ely, Crista Henderson, Brad Lambson, Maria Nate, Teriann Ness-Parker, Cheryl O'Connell, Dave Peters, Megan Slusher, Ashley Stallings, Mimi Taylor, Laura Wallis, Brenda Valle, and Ruth York

1. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS | Teriann Ness-Parker

Teriann called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

2. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS | Teriann Ness-Parker

No additional agenda items.

3. REVIEW OF May 20, 2022 MEETING MINUTES | Teriann Ness-Parker

The minutes from the May 20, 2022 meeting were approved as written.

4. ORGANIZATION UPDATES

a. IDAHO FEDERATION OF FAMILIES (IFF) | fyi.idaho.org | Ruth York

- IFF is rebranding themselves as Families and Youth in Idaho (FYI) with a new website; www.FYI.idaho.org. This is to distinguish themselves from the Idaho Freedom Foundation.
- IDHW brought in Dr. April Fernando to talk with parents and zero people showed up. They are working on their messaging and are hoping to schedule again in August or September.
- FYI has an opening for a Family Support Partner to start in October. Please contact Ruth for additional information.
- Youth Moves is currently running a summer camp for junior and senior high school kids. There are five to six community or high school groups using their facility for meetings.

b. IDAHO PARENT NETWORK (IPN) | www.idahoparentnetwork.org | Amy Minzghor & Laura Wallis

- Laura provided information regarding the confusion of 16-2426A. Education and training is needed for law enforcement, and hospital and healthcare providers regarding initiating a QRT. Region 7 seems to have a better understanding than others across the state.
- A plan needs to be developed on how to communicate patient rights information to law enforcement and hospital personnel.
- A couple of the Parent Network videos have been completed but not yet published. Discussion and information on QRT with Children's Mental Health and law enforcement could be a topic.
- The contact for QRT at Region 7 Children's Mental Health is Dave Peters.

c. COMMUNITY YOUTH IN ACTION (CYA) | <https://cyaidaho.org/>

CYA received the Department of Juvenile Corrections grant funding for the new Assessment Center.

d. BONNEVILLE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (BYDC) | www.BYDC.org

Teriann reported that BYDC is holding free youth day camps, for youth 6th to 8th grade, on June 23 and July 7 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Go to their website for additional information.

e. UPPER VALLEY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER (UVCAC) | <https://uppervalleycac.org> | Ashley Stallings

- Kimber Tower has taken a new position at another agency and Ashley will be the new Executive Director of the Upper Valley Child Advocacy Center. They will not be replacing Ashley's Program Director position at this time.

- Ashley spoke to school resource officers this past week in Wisconsin regarding child advocacy centers and victim advocacy agencies.
- The Mobile Child Advocacy Center (RV) is currently being set up and should be up and rolling by late summer or early fall.
- Ashley was in Boise two weeks ago presenting on the Juvenile Justice System Pilot Project regarding advocacy for those who are in the system.

f. EAST IDAHO YOUTH HOMES | <http://www.eastidahoyouthhomes.org> | Amanda Ely

- Amanda announced that they have received a 3-year certification from CARF.
- They had 25 youth in their care during May and June and currently have 19 beds available.

g. DISCUSSION OF 16-2426A (Impact and Updates)

Communicating information on QRT. Dave Peters reports our region has not had a QRT yet.

5. MEETING MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY | Kristie Garcia | IDAHO FALLS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Not available.

6. IDENTIFYING & DISCUSSING RESOLUTIONS FOR YOUTH GAPS & NEEDS | Laura Wallis

- Youth Moves on this side of the state.
- Ashley reported on an organization, Friends of the Children, www.friendsofthechildren.org. They provide mentors for at risk children and may be bringing their program to our area. Contact Angela at 503-820-0903 for additional information.
- The Idaho Behavioral Health Council has a strategic plan. One item on the plan was to identify opportunities to enhance protective factors and promote long term resiliency in children and youth who experience trauma. Dave Peters is part of the Youth Protective Factors and Resilience Team. He is assisting with the task of increasing pro social activities for juveniles who have come in contact with law enforcement. The group had discussion on what is currently in place and what should put in place to meet the need to connect these youth in a pro social way and asked for input from CMH. Laura feels that Parks and Recreations could attend one of our meetings to let us know about available activities.
- Laura asked for ideas on ways to reach out to law enforcement to keep them up to date on resources for youth.
 - Brad Lambson can reach out to law enforcement in Idaho Falls and Bonneville County. However, there is a lot of turn over in these agencies. He is working on ways to reach out to the other communities in our region.
 - Perhaps this group could help put together a plan to reach out to law enforcement with a tool kit of resources. The Parent Network could host the tool kit on their website.
 - We could have a discussion with Sheriff Hulse to see how they disseminate information. This might help give the CMH Subcommittee input on how other sheriffs in the region do it.

7. YOUTH FOCUSED COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

July meeting cancelled. Next meeting: August 19, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom.