

WYCRP Panel Meeting
June 16th, 2017

Attendance: Erin Swilling, Director; Les Pozsgyi, Chair; Emily Genoff, Secretary; Peter Newell, Sheri England, Carol Nicolarsen, Kellie Johnson, Jolie Schuler, Panel members; Ed Heimer, Elizabeth Forslund, Wyoming Department of Family Services; Dawn Sides, Wyoming Department of Corrections; Alli Anderson, Prevent Child Abuse WY Program Manager

1. Introductions
2. Agency updates
 - a. Department of Corrections – Parents As Teachers’ national office has asked to have the opportunity to present to Probation and Parole. Presentations are scheduled in each of the three counties in June and July.
 - b. Department of Family Services – Ed Heimer discussed the transitions occurring within the Department since Director Steve Corsi left. He discussed how the agency and WyCRP can collaborate around child welfare issues. Ed said he wants the Citizen Review Panel to have an active role in DFS’s work. The Department wants to be accountable and improve, and sees the Panel as being active in that effort by helping with gathering feedback and advocating for systems change externally, as well as within the child welfare provider network. Development of an annual report from the WyCRP is in the completion phase – a draft was submitted to DFS and comments were returned. Elizabeth is in charge of Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI), working on the Performance Improvement Plan with the federal government following the Child and Family Services Review conducted last year. She reviewed the process of PIP development and the role of the CRP in completion of the action plan that will be implemented in Wyoming. Federal partners are supportive of the state’s initiatives, and are looking for more action and less planning in the final plan.
 - c. Department of Health – Korin Schmidt will resign from her role as a panel member with the WyCRP due to her new role as administrator for DFS, under Director Tom Forslund. She is keeping her position as Deputy Director but is also serving as the interim Senior Administrator for Family Services. During the next 18 months, WDH is managing Family Services similar to the other WDH divisions and will adjust pending a decision whether to integrate the two agencies. The WDH Director’s Unit for Policy, Research and Evaluations is capturing analytics and looking at the data and will be asked to help gather information about what DFS is doing and share it with the public in ways that will be easily understood.
3. Safe2Tell – Bill Morse presented Safe2Tell, a program he administers that replaces the little-used WeTip line in Wyoming as a confidential call center for information related to school and student safety issues. Safe2Tell was enabled by the 2016 Wyoming Legislature and is based in the Wyoming Attorney General’s Office. Studies have shown

that someone knew about individuals' suicidal or homicidal thoughts or plans prior to the occurrence of an actual event. Training is provided to students statewide on having intentional conversations with adults about the importance of informing others when something dangerous is anticipated. An average of 60 calls per month are received by Safe2Tell. The largest category of calls received are related to suicide; bullying and drugs are second and third. In-school presentations can address any issue, including parental divorce, relationship problems, human trafficking, etc. The point is to get students to talk about fears, problems, thoughts and to ask for help.

4. In-House Items

- a. Monthly Financial Statement – Due to being fiscally conservative WYCRP continues to operate within budget in all programs.
- b. Website update – beta site is complete (other than additional panel member information). New website will be launched as our “official” website sometime during the week of 6/19/17.
- c. Upcoming Panel Meeting Dates – The September Panel meeting will be in Casper on September 14th and 15th.
- d. Community Cafés - Dates for the following communities were scheduled throughout the summer: Cody/Worland/Thermopolis, Newcastle/Gillette, Jackson, Laramie, Casper, Sheridan, Rock Springs, Riverton. WYCRP continues to partner with Wyoming Children's Trust Fund, 211 and Magellan to gather information around community needs, services and barriers.
- e. Resignation of Member – Korin Schmidt has resigned due to her new role within the combined Department of Health/Department of Family Services leadership. Rob Johnston resigned because the Prevention Management Organization funds were cut and he is the only employee in Casper's PMO office at this time, leaving him with no time for panel participation. Tricia Whynott resigned due to lack of time as her role as the ED of Stride Learning Center has increased.
- f. New Panel Member Application – Two new panel apps were discussed. Carissa O'Malley, who was referred by DFS and Jana Conine, ED of Goodwill. Erin will disseminate the applications to all panel members and we will vote via e-mail regarding their invitation to the panel.
- g. PCA Program Manager Position – Alli Anderson is leaving the Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming leadership role after seven years, to work for a Cheyenne based advertising group. More than 30 applications were received for the position she is vacating. Erin plans to schedule one full days' worth of interviews, after narrowing the field to the preferred, most qualified candidates. Two members of the EC will join Erin in the interview process.
- h. CRP Survey – Erin disseminated this a few weeks ago via e-mail.
- i. PMO Grant – the Prevention Management Organization received the funds for substance abuse prevention efforts as in the past, although the total dollar amount was reduced by the 2017 Legislature. The WyCRP applied for suicide

prevention dollars previously managed by the PMO that were not awarded after the Legislature cut the overall prevention funding allocation.

- j. Annual Report – As mentioned by Ed Heimer, the report is in the drafting stage with comments made by DFS submitted to the WyCRP. The final report will be posted on the CRP website.
 - k. Wyoming Community Foundation Grant – A new application for Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming programming was submitted.
 - l. Adding another provider service under CRP – Drug court reviews, laying the groundwork for expansion of the Drug Endangered Child (DEC) initiative to more Wyoming counties, and supporting/contracting to do community needs assessments were options discussed.
 - m. Signs of a “Good” Citizen Review Panel Webinar – The webinar was attended by a few Wyoming representatives. The webinar was recoded and can be viewed if panel members are interested. To view, go to <http://cantasd.org/crp.html>.
 - n. Training – The Wyoming nonprofit network run by Align offers training for nonprofit boards. The University of Wyoming Community Development and Education arm also offers training. Erin will provide training topic lists for Panel members to review.
 - o. Strategic Plan
 - i. Goal 3 – Marketing/Media Plan – The best strategy is likely to be to use Facebook, through sponsorship and event pages for Community Cafes. The cost is low and the targeted reach can be specific to community, age groups, gender, etc. Dollars are available. Messaging would include the elevator speech and data from PCA Wyoming.
 - ii. Goal 4 – Fully Engaged and Informed Panel – Goals have been met, through policy and procedure revision and implementation.
 - iii. Goal 6 – Prevention - Data will be harvested from the annual report to DFS and PCA Wyoming, that can be used to create a baseline for measuring existing strategies, including Parents as Teachers and training offered by PCA Wyoming.
5. Program Updates
- a. PCAWY – (See attached report from Alli Anderson) The Trust Fund grant of \$50,000 was awarded (the amount awarded last year) for 2018, enough to keep the program operational. Outcomes in the contract were revisited and slightly revised. Fundraising efforts exceeded expectations. There were nine case reviews conducted by the Wyoming Child Death Review Team last quarter. A master’s candidate in social work is completing an internship with PCA Wyoming this summer.
 - b. PAT – Project Specialist started a few weeks ago and all is going well. Funding outlook is positive and a new position may be added for an additional PE (part-time) in Laramie County. Erin is spearheading a sub work group of the Wyoming

Home Visitation Network that is spearheading education efforts on MIECHV. Work is being done in reaching out to Senator Enzi, particularly. Additionally, letters of support are being encouraged from a multitude of supportive sources. Erin would like to see a wage increase for the home visitors and will be in discussion with key National Center folks to establish that change. Josie (in Laramie County) is on maternity leave and so Karen is fulfilling roles; as both the Program Supervisor and as a home visitor. Josie will return to work on July 10th.

- c. CRP – Erin recently attended a non-profit symposium, “Collective Voices”, hosted by Aligns Wyoming Nonprofit Network. Erin will bring, to the September meeting in Casper, information about the meeting that is impactful to WYCRP. The EC will meet, prior to the meeting to discuss information relating to the operation of the panel, such as a yearly confidentiality form, annual conflict of interest statement, etc. DEC (Drug Endangered Children) efforts continue. Erin began the four-part train-the-trainer facilitated trainings last week. These include “Getting Ahead in Just Getting by World”, “Getting Ahead in the Workplace”, “Getting Ahead While Getting Out” and “Bridges out of Poverty”.