

WYCRP BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 15 AND 16, 2016

Attendance: Les Pozsgi, Chairman, Emily Genoff, Secretary, Peter Newell, Sheri England, Shannon Horton, Panel Members, Lauri Lamm, Department of Family Services, Erin Swilling, Director, Alli Anderson, Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming/Child Death Review Team Manager

Absent: Shad Bates, Treasurer, JoAnn Numoto, Past President, Lynn Davies, Panel Member (Excused); Stephanie Fisher, Rachelle Morris, Leslie Hill, Panel Members.

Guests: Deb Hibbard, Wyoming DFS Program Manager

I. Review of Contract with Department of Family Services – 7/1/16 to 6/30/18

Les reviewed the specifics of the DFS contract, reduced in scope and cost (40%) due to state government budget cuts this Fiscal Year. Erin said DFS is working collaboratively with WyCRP to assure CAPTA requirements are met and the CRP continues to fulfill the expected role of gathering feedback from communities and consumer groups for DFS.

Lauri said stakeholder interviews might be a role WyCRP can play. Les said foster care parent recruiting and facilitating foster care system feedback groups in communities are other opportunities for WyCRP involvement. Erin said there may be possibilities within the DFS Performance Improvement Plan (PIP). WyCRP can assist with case and court data reviews that are planned in the next few months, for example.

Les reviewed opportunities for extension of existing resources to different agencies that may have an interest in contracting with WyCRP, including the Department of Corrections for the provision of parenting classes to inmates exiting the prison system. Alli said during the Child Death Review Team meeting on Sept. 14, discussion arose about community coalition building around prevention of infant deaths. WyCRP could help other communities build communication coalitions around specific populations at risk.

Deb Hibbard reviewed the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) findings and identified roles for the WyCRP. The WyCRP's role in the CFSR was debated by the federal government surveyors. DFS requested WyCRP's involvement in the process. Deb acknowledged the strong collaboration between DFS and WyCRP and its value as well as meeting the CAPTA mandate. Wyoming had counties that did particularly well in the CFSR survey but the state is required to make improvements in a number of areas; responses to the findings are in progress.

Foster care family and parent focus groups could be facilitated by WyCRP. Blending the two together is a challenge that an independent entity also could help facilitate. CQI might be another area where technical support could be sought. Certified and non-certified foster care family file reviews are scheduled in early October and the WyCRP can assist.

Wyoming DFS's Annual Progress Services Report final draft was submitted at the end of June. A new law passed in July (Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act) that addresses infants born with controlled

substances on board is making changes to the APSR and Child Protective Services rules. When a medical professional reports a drug exposed birth to DFS, a care plan for that parent and infant is put in place under the revision. Deb will review the slides in the mandatory reporting training Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming presents to hospital employees.

Wyoming made national news in the Families First Prevention Act coverage as one of four states (with Texas, California and New York) that are not supporting the Act, which would provide federal funding to the states to work with families before children enter the foster care system. However, the Act also puts limitations on service providers in Wyoming that will impact the continuity of care for at-risk youth. The federal funding in the Act is tied to matching state prevention funds (based on the 2014 funding levels) that were lost in July due to budget cuts. The Act limits group homes and residential treatment center lengths of stay and requires them to employ registered nurses (who are not always available due to nursing shortages). Group homes and RTCs also will be required to choose from four best practice models, again without additional funding. The independent living youth services age cap will extend to age 23 with college support through age 26, and no additional federal funding. Wyoming and residential treatment centers and group homes are working with Sen. Mike Enzi's office to amend the Act.

Out of home placements, child injuries and child fatalities are rising and DFS is taking a close look at referral patterns and how family needs are being met. Lauri will be reviewing child fatality data. A solution-based caseworker practice model works on changing family behavior toward meeting safety plan compliance. All District offices have practice model train the trainers in place and data is beginning to reflect changes at the local level in family "mapping" for compliance.

A Prevention Summit is planned for 2017. Prevention money is severely limited; the Fund was certified at \$5.5 million plus, rather than the statutory \$5 million, preventing planned expenditure of the funds exceeding the \$5 million level. Grants going forward will be dependent on the Fund's interest earnings.

DFS is being asked to make additional budget cuts.

II. Review of the WyCRP Strategic Plan 2016-2017

The Board reviewed budget information needs – Jenn Woods will be providing profit and loss statements and budget draw downs. The goals sent by the Panel in the Strategic Plan regarding the flow of financial information are met by the new reports.

The Plan's objectives that need to be refined are as follows:

Objective 3: An Outreach Planning meeting is slated for Monday, Oct. 3 and the group will have a plan by April 2017. Emily will chair.

Objective 4: Emily made a motion to restructure the Panel to eliminate the Board while maintaining the officers, allowing Panel members to participate in all meetings of any subgroups including the officers' meetings. Les and Erin will draft the needed Bylaws changes. Shannon seconded the motion. Motion passes.

The goals were amended to extend the board recruitment time period to allow for development of a WyCRP message before new Panel members are identified and asked to apply.

Objective 6: Some of the needed data collection has occurred but there needs to be analysis. Shannon and Sheri will rewrite goal 6 to specify the data needed to support the Panel's prevention recommendations.

Emily will incorporate the Parents As Teachers and Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming contracts into the 2016-17 strategic plan. A budget also will be built into the Strategic Plan. Grants will be sought to complete the Strategic Plan.

III. New contract opportunities

There are RFPs coming out that may be of interest to the CRP, from the Department of Health. Erin will provide more information next month.

IV. Board Recruiting

Bob Lampert, DOC Chair, would like a Department liaison on the Panel. Les moved that the DOC send a liaison to serve on the Citizen Review Panel. Emily seconded the motion. Motion passes.

V. Website

The Panel will review the website and send recommendations to Erin for changes that will make the website of greater value. Board members' bios and photos will be posted.

VI. Program Updates

Child Death Review Team: The Team's 9/14/16 review was held in Cheyenne due to budget cuts; most active members are from the southeast corner of the state. The Team reviewed five cases with 10 victims. Infrastructure issues addressed included 2017 plans for shifting from five to four meetings, use of protocol for web-based and/or teleconferenced meetings and recruitment to expand the Teams' membership. While mandated, the reviews' purposes need to be stated for new members' recruitment.

Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming: The dollars cut from PCA Wyoming are unlikely to be restored. PCA will be one of beneficiaries of the Mud Volleyball Tournament proceeds in 2016, which totaled \$2,000. It was suggested that the Knights of Columbus, Elks and Eagles might be grant resources. Another painting party is planned in early November. Sponsors are \$50, per child. Sponsors are asked to help with the event, which targets Laramie County foster families. The foster children paint at Fly Dragon Design Studio. Families get respite. Kids' handprints are incorporated into a piece of artwork that is used for marketing later in the year. A holiday letter will be issued and restaurant dinners donated to nonprofits may also may result in some small grants. Change for Change at UW may not be a donor this year since Pam Shyatt is no longer on the Board.

Training was recently provided at conferences and to PAT home visitors. Community baby showers in Natrona and Sweetwater County received Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming data. PCAWY funding was cut; Wyoming will not send representatives to the national Prevent Child Abuse in October.

A Wyoming Trust Fund grantees' meeting will be held at the end of September and a site visit is expected in October. Collaboration opportunities will be identified.

Parents as Teachers: All PAT staff, including the Program Supervisor, Karen Loken, and the Director, Erin Swilling, have completed PAT required trainings on the following topics: PICCOLO (Parent Interactions with Children – Checklist of Observations Linked to Outcomes, LSP (Life Skills Progression), Maternal Depression – Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale, Penelope Training (PAT Data Collection Instrument), and WYSAC – Performance Measures and CQI.

The PAT National Conference will be held in St Louis, MO. On October 17th-19th, which all staff will attend.

Erin and Karen have begun monthly site visits and continue to have weekly staff calls to ensure continuity and program fidelity.

A new affiliate plan was submitted in June 2016 to support the RFP to secure MIECHV funding through our contract with the Parents as Teachers National Center. A new contract was signed in July to continue to deliver PAT Program Services through September 2018.

Within the PAT scope of work we will continue to focus on the following three counties; Sweetwater, Albany, and Laramie with the target goal of 20 families served in each of the counties.

Next meeting: Dec. 15-16, Cheyenne