

Minutes

Community Juvenile Services Board

June 25, 2019 Youth Crisis Center

Roll Call: Present were—Paul Fritzler Whitney Lamb Wayne Beatty, Michael Scott, Jerrod Holbrook, Jerry Moore, Emily Quarterman, Kim Crossin, Amy Kirkland, Sheena Hixon, Amanda Preddice, Jason Whittler, Jared Holbrook Amanda Lewallen,,. Heather Ross

1.) Paul Fritzler opened the meeting with introductions around the table. There were several people representing regulars and several people new to agencies present. Paul asked that people review the minutes of last meeting. Emily Quarterman moved to approve the minutes, Amanda Lewellen seconded. Motion carried.

Under budget updates and review there was discussion about where the budget is in relation to the funding cycle. Much of the budget is not specifically suited for exact forecasting, such as drug testing. This was discussed with Diversion Officers Scott and Whittler providing valuable input and explanations. Amanda Lewallen recommended that we continue to watch the monthly invoices and in December 2019 begin a serious discussion about what is most important to accomplish in keeping with our Board's goals and objectives, and how best to amend the budget to meet those goals.

2.) Paul Fritzler gave feedback under reports submitted about data his office supplies to the Cheyenne office. As a Board, we are responsible for submitting data quarterly to the State D.F.S. in Cheyenne. Paul handed in a majority of the material necessary to complete the report and Wayne will contact Cory Miller (R.J.D.C.) for the remainder of what is needed. There was much discussion about serving the needs of youth in prevention services and early intervention. Paul further reported that

Natrona County is doing a good job in all services aimed toward youth. Our county has a very good reputation of cooperation among the various agencies serving youth.

3.) Wayne reported about receiving a communication from an Iowa based Counseling program wondering how they might become involved in offering On-Line services for rural youth. Paul was able to provide a State D.F.S. contact to answer this person's questions.

4.) A thorough review of Single Point of Entry data took place with many questions about the types of things teens are coming in contact with law enforcement about (citations issued to youth by law enforcement). The digital age has brought some interesting changes and it was noted that most teens are extremely "digitally" involved. There was considerable discussion; again, with Officer Whittler, Deputy Scott and A.D.A. Holbrook providing valuable explanations.

Under new business it was moved by Emily, seconded by Amanda, that the Board authorize up to \$2,000.00 to send a facilitator to California for training on an early intervention program for pre teens titled: Too Good For Violence. Motion carried.

Member updates:

William Howell, C.W.C.C. Program Director submitted the center's School Based Services report report. Well over 8,000 hours of services were provided during the school year by C.W.C.C. Counselors. He noted that groups are taking place this Summer for clients receiving school based services—-and others.

Deputy Michael Scott, Lead Diversion Officer, reported that with the beginning of Summer there have been some party activities with resulting interventions. He further reported attending the Wyoming School Safety Conference in Rawlins last week where several very interesting presentations were made, and lots of good information was shared. Paul interjected that the 17th. annual Wyoming Meth Conference would

be April 8 and 9, 2020 in Casper and requested that Deputy Scott make contact with a key presenter to hopefully get him lined up early.

Emily Quarterman, Executive with W.B.I. reported an unusually high acuity level on their youth wing so far this Summer. She further stated that their education program was continuing through the Summer. She said that W.B.I. is continuing to look for ways to shorten stays of individuals in their facility.

Amy Kirkman, Clinical Director at Mercer Family Resource Center, announced they were putting on a Zombie Ball at David Street Station this coming Thursday. She also stressed their 11th. annual Family Day, to be held Tuesday, July 9 from 11:30 to 2:30 in Washington Park. The extravaganza will feature free lunch, field games, entertainment, free swimming at Washington Park Pool, activities for toddlers and much more. She also talked about the need for early prevention efforts aimed at pre-teens and noted that they will soon start a 5 week course for youth ages 10 through 12 to help them make healthy choices. This will be called Social and Emotional Skills for Pre-Teens. More information is available by contacting Mercer Family Resource Center.

Heather Ross, Sexual Health Educator at The Natrona County Health Department announced that she will be moving into a different speciality beginning July 1. Paul thanked her for her service and faithfulness with this Board. She indicated that the new Director was going to name a replacement and there would be encouragement for that person to be active on this Board.

Justin Whittler, Diversion Officer announced that the new School Resource Officers for next year would be he and Officer Kler. Again, he was congratulated for his selection, thanked for his service and input to this Board.

Jared Holbrook, Assistant District Attorney spoke of several changes with Office Assistants at The District Attorney's Office. In short, there will be new people recording data for the reports this Board relies on. He was certain it would go well.

Sheena Hixon, staffer at Mercer F.R.C. shared information about 21st. Century learning activities available through Mercer F.R.C. in conjunction with 21st. Century Learning Grants. These activities are available to K through 8th graders and are completely free of charge. For further information contact Sheena at Mercer House. A full listing of the programs is contained in the expanded minutes of this meeting.

Amanda Lewallen, BBBS / Progressive Youth reported as follows: Progressive Youth has been off to a great start this Summer, keeping participants engaged with their community through positive recreation, prosocial activities, meaningful community service and life skills classes—all while supporting their Summer School schedules. These opportunities are possible partly through the financial backing of the local Community Juvenile Services Board. We have partnered with the Natrona County Health Department to offer Sexual Health Education twice per month and are offering a Healthy Relationships curriculum every other week throughout the Summer. We are excited to have our new staff member, Amanda Preddice on board.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.— —-next meeting will be July 23, same time, same place. This will be a committee meeting.

Sincerely Submitted,

Wayne Beatty—-facilitator