

INTEGRATED SUPPORT & RECOVERY SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

May 8, 2014

Administrative Center, Room 3220

10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Monica Kruse, Amy Atchison, Gary Kleinertz, Pam Bendel, Paul Brown, Sara Eckland, Wade Welper, Donna Christianson, Jen Timm, Joe Veenstra, Renee Nugent, Christin Skolnik

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeanne Stevermer, Kyara Tollan, Nicole Mooney, Mary Dahlby, Dawn Jorstad, Jane Latshaw, Chris Neumeister

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathy Rohr, Amber Kaio, Gail Elland

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Monica Kruse called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. once a quorum was reached.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Skolnik/Timm to approve the minutes of 04/10/14. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS – CCS AND/OR COP – Christin Skolnik

Christin reported on Tuesday the Joint Finance Committee met and voted to release funds tied to state CCS funding. The program will grow from 1700 to about 6000 clients statewide by 2017. This is projected to be an investment by the state of approximately \$27 million per year by 2017. We will hopefully be hiring seven social workers, a mental health professional (therapist level position), and one fiscal staff by July 1. The projection is to add an additional 140 individuals (100 kids and 40 adults) to our program. An additional supervisor for CCS will be part of the 2015 budget. There is no local cost for the additional consumers to be served.

CSP SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT FIDELITY REPORT – Kathy Rohr, Family & Children's Center

Kathy Rohr, Supervisor of the Family & Children's Center (FCC) Individual Placement and Support Program was present to share a PowerPoint describing their program and the fidelity review recently completed. FCC scored 113 points out of a possible 125 on the review; they were only one point away from receiving an exemplary rating. Kathy reported that currently they are serving 64 persons, 26 in CSP and 38 in CCS for the IPS Program.

Committee members asked Kathy questions on the program. It was asked what the average length of time in the program is. Kathy said the length of time is being studied now. Another question was how do you assist someone with legal problems, either now or in their past. Kathy responded they try to find employers who are more open-minded. They will sometimes help the consumer write a letter to the potential employer to explain their legal history. The question was asked if there are incentives to employers for hiring the consumers. Kathy said FCC doesn't have an incentive but they work closely with DVR, who has an incentive of 50% salary reimbursement for 90 days. DVR also helps with equipment for the consumers such as steel-toe boots, clothing, and other equipment to be able to work. Another question asked was if the community businesses are receptive to hiring the consumers. Kathy said the larger the business, the more hoops to go through. The smaller businesses are typically easier to work with. Kathy reported no more than three consumers

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are employed at one business. The employment specialists meet with potential employers to inquire as to whether they would be interested in working with their consumers.

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT AGENDA

The CRS and CCS Programs will both be going regional on July 1 so the meeting will be about how the change is working so far.

Monica Kruse reported this is Joe Veenstra's last meeting with us. There are four new members on the Health & Human Services Board and one of the new people will be appointed to our committee.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Atchison/Kleinertz to adjourn at 10:53 a.m.

There will not be a meeting in June. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 10, 2014.

Approved, 07/10/14, Gail Elland, Recorder