

01/10/08

Thrive Interagency & Future Search meeting

DHHS – 200 Main St., Lewiston

Present: Cindy Pooler, Arabella Perez, Larry Marcoux, Andrea Howe, Sherle Heathers, Mary Gagnon, Jennifer Thompson, Kirt Dormon, Brainne Masselli, Ani Sebastian, Allie Spears, Mike Prior, Doug Patrick, Charles Tisdale, Kathy Tisdale, Betsy Norcross-Plourde, Alex Hemingway, Melanie Swift

Discussion:

Time:

1. Introductions/Check In/Review Agenda	All	15 mins.
2. Region III Future Search presentation: Trish Niedorowski, Wings for Children and Families Teresa Barrows - CBHS	<p>Trish Niedorowski, and Teresa Barrows members of Penobscot Partners for Children and Families were invited to present on the formation of their collaborative combining the work of Future Search and Wraparound Maine Initiatives. Attached are the power-point presentation and the paper “Integrating Initiatives”.</p> <p>The presenters described the process of building their community collaborative board. They outlined their goals and the success and barriers they faced. And presented on goals and anticipated challenges.</p> <p>The governing structure of their collaborative includes a steering committee and work groups that report to the steering committee. They recommended: approaching and recruiting business involvement right up front, plus recruiting state and local lawmakers early on in the process.</p>	60 mins
3. Discussion and planning	Everyone was very appreciative for the opportunity to hear how this group approached the work and a lively discussion followed about the future challenges this initiative faces. Doug Patrick asked: Will this type of	20

<p>Networks of Care</p>	<p>collaborative board work in Lewiston, what other groups are out there that we should include: early childhood, youth groups, non-profit service providers? Larry Marcoux reported that the United Way's current focus is on early childhood and learning. He also added that there was once a non-profits group that met at the United Way, but has been inactive of late. Other participants reported that they knew of additional groups in the areas, including the early childhood care community, city of Lewiston and the Lewiston library that are doing similar work, or working with youth.</p> <p>The question was posed: How do we have a large system for assistance and support, what do we want this committee's goals and objectives to be? What are our next steps? The majority agreed next steps should include: outreach, gather input, develop a mission/vision statement.</p> <p>Action: Doug and Melanie to draft a letter to invite participation Action: Group to gather information on potential facilitators to facilitate a planning process similar to Penobscot and forward to Melanie.</p> <p>Brief discussion on Networks of Care website and sustainability of such after Thrive dollars are gone. Suggestions for funding sources included: business community, children's cabinet, managed care company.</p>	
<p>4. Collection of Flex Funds/Funds policies</p>	<p>Time constraints prohibited discussion of flex funds sources. Action: Please forward any flex funds information you have to Melanie Swift</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>5. Wrap up ➤ Review of meeting and assigned tasks,</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING: 2/14/08 DHHS – 200 Maine St., Lewiston 2:30 – 4:30</p>	<p>10</p>

➤ Set next meeting agenda		
6. How was today's meeting? ➤ Was it family driven ➤ Youth guided ➤ Culturally Competent ➤ Trauma Informed	All	5

Parking Lot Items: Issues to be addressed at a later time if not at the next meeting.

Each committee may want to start with a brief review of System of Care Committee principles:

- Each voice is valid and respected
- Each person's reality is unique and valuable
- Expertise comes from many sources
- Process is the foundation for decision-making: To identify where authority is and why, and how power is defined and shared.
- Information flows in and out
- Meetings are focused and productive with a shared vision
- Transparency builds trust
- Trust builds relationships
- Leadership encourages collaborative strategies
- Participation is meaningful