

MINUTES

ASSET Administrative Team

March 4, 2020, 12:15 p.m.

United Way of Story County, 315 Clark Avenue, Ames IA

The Analysis of Social Services Evaluation Team (ASSET) Administrative Team met at 12:15 p.m. at United Way of Story County, 315 Clark Avenue with the following members present: Sandra King, Jean Kresse, Tim Lubinus, Lisa McCoy, Anneke Mundel, Deb Schildroth, and Karla Webb.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 3, 2020 MINUTES

Moved by Kresse, seconded by Webb, to approve the February 3, 2020 minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Kresse told the group that the audit has been completed and Ms. Schildroth still has the binder. Jenny Schill is willing to serve as Treasurer.

OLD BUSINESS

HIRTA and YWCA Update – Ms. Kresse said ISU is covering YWCA funding for next year, but unsure about future years. She said UWSC funds can be unsequestered for YWCA at the ASSET meeting in April.

Ms. Webb told the group that HIRTA is reducing trips in five counties in the CICS region. She said they were notified of an individual receiving trips from Kelley to Ames that HIRTA will no longer provide. Ms. Webb said when reaching out to HIRTA, they learned that HIRTA is making adjustments in all service areas. Story County will lose the Kelley shuttle. Story City trips will be reduced to Wednesdays only. Ms. Webb distributed a HIRTA press release to the group. The reductions are due to operating expenses. She said changes go into effect March 9th, but some have already taken place if the routes were short drivers.

Ms. Kresse said riders most impacted are the riders needing longer trips. She said funds for the Iowa City service are sequestered currently and it needs to be determined if those trips will continue. Ms. King said HIRTA will present to Story County Board of Supervisors on March 17. Ms. Kresse said because HIRTA is a multi-county agency ASSET funders need to determine if Story County is receiving anything above and beyond what other counties are receiving since Story County is contributing a lot of funding to transportation. She said she would like to see how much funding is coming from other counties served by HIRTA. Ms. Webb said \$3,667 allocated to HIRTA by United Way is currently sequestered. Ms. Kresse said UWSC has been working with DMACC and CCJ on a welding certification program that has several students in it coming from CCJ. She said the welding lab is in Nevada and many participants are in Ames. It was noted that the programming will be taking place March 23 – May 30 and five students need transportation. HIRTA was contacted but told UWSC to look for other alternatives because they are short drivers. She said one student has a car and it is hoped that person can get to all

classes to provide rides. Ms. King said HIRTA will provide the regular report to the Board of Supervisors.

NEW BUSINESS

Equity Training for ASSET agencies – May 21, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. – The group discussed the training, which will allow 75 participants, with each agency being allowed to bring two people. RSVP's will be needed. Ms. Mundel is working with Dr. Scott and will get an announcement out. Ms. Kresse said it could be opened up to ASSET volunteers and those that have taken the training can go but not be counted. Ms. McCoy asked how many agencies it is thought would attend. Ms. Kresse said she estimates about 2/3 of agencies would come, and hopefully all Story County-based agencies.

Ms. King said she would like to see if the Supervisors are available. It was discussed that agencies could be given an RSVP deadline and then it could be opened up. It was discussed that the invitation to ASSET agencies be sent out the week of March 23 with an RSVP deadline of April 3. After April 3 others can be made aware if there is room.

Give Pulse – Ms. Kresse said Dr. Welk and Dr. Scudder are prepared and excited about using Give Pulse to assist with Day of Caring. She said recruiting is the single most need. Ms. Kresse said they are looking at always having a grad student over Give Pulse. She said Mr. Welk and Ms. Scudder are eager to assist ASSET where needed. It was discussed that the Administrative Team's expectations for volunteer needs have been communicated to VCSC.

It was discussed that UWSC can promote options for volunteer recruiting since UW counterparts are placing volunteer engagement within United Ways as needs in communities are being closely looked at. It was noted that Give Pulse could be a tool that would work well for agencies. Volunteer Engagement will be added to the ASSET Agency training agenda. It was also noted that Tammy from 211 could attend the agency training.

Human Services Council Update – Ms. Schildroth said the formal Human Services Council no longer exists. The informal meeting following the disbanding had about six people, who agreed to keep meeting as desired. Ms. Kresse said they had a little money left over and it was given to United Way to use. She said it will be funneled to the training by Dr. Scott because it benefits agencies.

Joint Set of Funder Priorities – The meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2020 from 3-5 p.m. at City Church. Ms. Schildroth said she plans to take joint priorities within different categories to City Council on March 24.

NAMI Update – Executive Director Angela Tharp joined the meeting. She told the group that Bre's last day was January 31. Ms. Tharp said that 30-hour position will be replaced with a 15-hour office position that has been filled by a person who is familiar with NAMI and a great asset to NAMI, and with the other income they want to keep the Wellness Center open more days. There will be hours Monday through Saturday now. Ms. Webb asked when the new hours

will take effect. Ms. Tharp said April. She said she has offered the third Peer Support Specialist position to two people, and will be offering it to a third soon. She also said Peer Support Specialist JD has left but will stay on as a peer connections leader. Ms. Webb asked about replacing him. She said now they have Royce, Vicki, and two others. JD was 15 hours. She said two new volunteers will be starting soon.

Ms. Kresse asked about the partnership with NAMI Iowa. Ms. Tharp said when data is entered to NAMI National, it could take 3-4 months to see or for them to have access to the data. She said NAMI Iowa said they will start taking all the data for memberships and program data. Ms. Tharp said they are trying to make sure the data NAMI wants is the same data needed for Scorecard. Ms. Tharp said NAMI Iowa also wants the information collected. She said NAMI Iowa has hired some individuals to help with Ending the Silence program, and when Melanie transitioned out there were many surveys that have never been entered.

Ms. Webb asked if what is being collected in the survey meshes with Scorecard information. Ms. Tharp concurred.

Ms. Schildroth asked about the ASSET hearing in January where ASSET learned many board members had resigned and asked about filling the vacancies. Ms. Tharp said that soon 9 of the 11 counties will be represented on the Board of Directors. Jasper, Marshall, Hardin, Boone, Greene, and Story counties are represented on the board. She said JD is also interested in serving on the board. She said they are also trying to get diverse representation on the board. She said the Marshalltown community has been contacted for help in reaching the Hispanic population.

She said it's common in NAMI to have Board members resign when directors leave. Ms. Webb asked how the programs are going. Satellite support groups were discussed. She said they can do their own trainings and that she has been speaking with nurses and nurses are implementing suggested changes.

May 1, 2, and 3 at Harvest Vineyard Church there will be a documentary shown on suicide. The Kevin Hines story regarding suicide and the ripple effects will be the topic. Foundation 2 partnered with a tattoo parlor to tattoo a semi-colon representing "my story is not over." She said the tattoo artists are setting up in the church for those that want tattoos and will charge \$50 with \$5 going to the tattoo artist and \$45 going back to Foundation 2. Ms. Mundel asked if Ms. Tharp can share information regarding the event.

Rapid Re-Housing and Client Services – Reporting on Scorecard – Ms. Mundel discussed the challenges of determining different goals for service coordination and client services.

Ms. Schildroth said the Client Services part is the assistance for rent/ utilities and the administration part is the service coordination. She said they are separate and the coordination piece is the side where staff is tracking goals. Ms. Webb said staff contacts going down could measure those having less reliance on the program.

Ms. Mundel said she will use most of the outcomes for Service Coordination and then look at Good Neighbor and The Salvation Army outcomes and use those for Rent/ Utility Assistance.

Lectio Update – Boys and Girls Club is postponing participation until fall. ACCESS will go through the training sessions in June and July. She said Malai is working with the creators of Lectio to confirm timing works well.

New Officers – Jenny Schill will become Treasurer. Ms. Schildroth said signatures on the bank account have been changed, and she has also been added as back-up. Ms. Schildroth said Ashley Thompson is interested in being Vice Chair.

Timing of ASSET Budget Requests – Ms. King said she had received feedback that the timing of budget requests seems early since public officials haven't seen budget numbers by that time. Ms. Kresse said the Board did not vote on recommendations in January as usual, but in February. Ms. King asked when funders vote to determine an increase in funding. It was noted that is done in December and the figures are needed before volunteers meet in January to discuss allocations. Ms. Kresse said there's still flexibility after January before contracts are sent by funders. Ms. Schildroth said funders are able to change funding if needed.

ASSET Calendar – Restated budgets were discussed. Moved by Kresse, seconded by Webb, to approve the draft calendar with the addition of the Joint Funders meeting on May 13 and training on May 21.

Pending Legislation – Ms. Webb distributed information on Invest in Iowa Act. A portion of the proposed 1 cent sales tax increase would go toward funding mental health and disability services state-wide. She said currently property tax pays for mental health services and the current maximum levy for CICS is \$12 million. The proposal is to increase the maximum levy for counties to \$12.50/capita and the sales tax money would back fill the regions. This would bring in a projected \$3 million more into MHDS. Dollars coming from the state are not constitutionally protected, so if another need comes up, the region could be shorted. The dollars coming from the state may only be for "core" services and property tax dollars would need to pay for other services. CICS' additional core, mandated services, and other services are about \$7 million. If the levy is decreased, there will be a gap. She said the governor appears open to looking at moving additional services into the "core" category, which would help. She said currently there have been reductions made internally and externally. She said should this go into place, it would go into effect on July 1. She said CICS will still be held to the 40% carry forward, so they cannot reduce services too quickly. It was noted that sales tax as the source of funding will vary. Ms. Kresse asked about three administrators not being replaced, yet a children's mental health system will need added. Ms. Webb concurred. Ms. Webb said other staff changes include having only one coordination officer and one service coordination specialist, and then adding a lead service coordinator position. Ms. Webb said if this goes through, the region could gain funding, but may have to restrict where the dollars are spent. Ms. Kresse said she was at a statewide UW meeting with the governor and she said they felt

they had fully funded children's mental health services. Ms. Webb said CICS administrative team will look at reduction in services. She said legal services has been identified as an option beginning July 1. Cases no longer funded would include divorce, child custody, and child support cases. She said she has discussed this with Legal Aid Executive Director Carin Forbes. Ms. Webb said for 21/22 CICS funding will only cover Social Security, Disability and guardianship cases. Ms. Kresse asked about the budget impact. Ms. Webb said based on current authorizations, it could be about \$36,000. Ms. Schildroth said a document has been created to show mental health services that other funders pay for and she will share that document with the group.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS/ CONCERNS

Ms. Schildroth said McCallsburg has a daycare with 49 children enrolled at Bethany Lutheran Church. She said it is overseen by the school district and they are looking for a director. Ms. McCoy said that community is considering a community center.

Ms. Schildroth said at the HSC networking meeting someone from CFR announced the medication treatment center is open for those that are opioid dependent. People will be available to distribute medication.

Ms. Schildroth said ACSD is opening a therapeutic learning center to address the highest behavioral needs of pre-K and kindergarteners with hopes to address the behavior needs and send the children back to the classroom. This will be at Northwood.

Ms. Schildroth said The Salvation Army discontinued Bill Payer service as of March 1. She said the City hasn't been billed since October so she is waiting on an update.

Ms. Schildroth said she has had questions on a Human Services Campus. She said that Raising Readers is looking for space. Iowa Able, Friendship Ark, and the Arc of Story County may also need space at a reasonable rate.

Ms. Kresse advised that Raising Readers Out of School Learning ASSET Code should be 1.09 and Advocacy for Social Development should be ASSET Code 1.02 on the spreadsheet. Ms. Thompson will update.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

- A. Next ASSET Administrative Team Meeting – April 1, 2020 at 12:15 p.m. (United Way)
- B. Next ASSET Meeting– April 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. (City Church)

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.