

MINUTES

ASSET Meeting

April 11, 2019

5:00 pm

City Church

The Analysis of Social Services Evaluation Team (ASSET) was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Treasurer Michelle Fullerton at City Church, 2400 Oakwood Road, Ames, Iowa with the following members present: Jane Acker, Lucy Dougherty, Michelle Fullerton, Tony Hogan, Jean Kresse, Judy Meierkord, Brian Phillips, Andrea Rich, Nora Ryan, Deb Schildroth, Jen Schill, Kimberly Stephens, Ashley Thompson, Karla Webb, and Kirk Youngberg. Also present: Josie Stahlin.

WELCOME/ INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions took place.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 24, 2019 ASSET MINUTES

Moved by Rich, and seconded by Stephens, to approve the January 24, 2019 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Fullerton reported a balance of \$2,961.56

REPORTS

Administrative Team – Ms. Schildroth said she sent 2019/20 contracts out to agencies. She also told the group that the Administrative Team is requesting a meeting with Joint Funders on May 1 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss funder priorities, Clear Impact Scorecard, and the ASSET process. Ms. Kresse said many of the comments received during the last funding process will be taken to that meeting for discussion. She said it's important to Funders and Funder staff to keep volunteers engaged and provide meaningful participation. She said with the limited new dollars, new and expanded services provide a challenge and direction from the Funders is needed. She said this could be the first of several conversations in how to proceed with the process. Ms. Rich asked if more discussion has happened about connecting priorities to programs. Mr. Phillips said this type of meeting with Joint Funders hasn't happened in some time, so the vision for the process will be discussed as well as dealing with limited dollars and enormous requests. He said direction from Funders regarding the issues will be helpful. Ms. Kresse said even if more money was available, Funders want to know what is being changed by funding the services. Mr. Phillips said it's important to recognize this will be the first meeting and clear direction may not be received right away, rather a plan including more meetings may be made. Ms. Schildroth said the conversation needs started and any changes need to be planned well.

Ms. Webb said CICS contracts are being worked on for 2019/20. She said the Administrative Team has been having conversations about CICS' role in the ASSET process. She also told the group that there is a current law effective in about a year that MHDS regions can have a 20-25% ending fund balance. House File 691 would allow regions to have a 40% ending fund balance and gives a couple more years to spend down ending fund balance, and they are hopeful this will pass. She said the maximum levies are set and therefore max revenue is set, currently CICS is on track to expend funds for services at what the max revenue is. She said as new services are required, funding may need to be reduced in other services (non-core services) if they are not able to raise the levy. She said HF 690 regarding children's mental

health would require regions to coordinate and develop children mental health services. She said right now there is no money tied to the bill. The bill requires a Coordinator of Disability Services for children. She said the bill is specific for children with serious emotional disturbance, the bill requires children core services and would add three voting members to the CICS governing board. She said there is one Board of Supervisors member from each County in the region on the governing board currently. It would require establishment of a Children Advisory Board.

Mr. Hogan said he applauds the administrative team for moving the questions forward, and said he expects it to get a little messy, and advised that the answers wouldn't be arrived on right away. Mr. Hogan encouraged the administrative team to separate the discussion from how ASSET normally executes the process. He said this process is not falling apart, but the discussion should be elevated to get alignment on the issues, then when solutions are agreed on, then the team can talk about how to get from where we are now to there.

Ms. Kresse said UWSC had a mandatory partner agency meeting. She said all 32 ASSET agencies are UWSC partner agencies. They all have their agreements and will be signing them by the end of May. She discussed partner agreement responsibilities and said the only requirement UWSC will hold funds on is related to the audit being received.

NEW BUSINESS

ASSET Officers – The Officers being considered were: Lisa McCoy, Chair; Keith Hobson, Vice-Chair; Michelle Fullerton, Treasurer.

Moved by Stephens, and seconded by Youngberg to approve the new officers. Motion approved unanimously.

ASSET Calendar for 19/20 – Moved by Rich, seconded by Schill to approve the calendar. Motion approved unanimously.

Policies & Procedures and Reference Manual Discussion – Ms. Webb said discussions have been going on with Administrative Team about removing CICS from the funding process. She said during the allocation process, she provided information to volunteers for fee for service numbers and block grant services went through the process. She said in providing those numbers she didn't feel it was true to the process. She said available funding for block grant funded services had not yet been decided at funding time, and she said the decision was region wide. She said what is being proposed is removing CICS from the allocation process, but still having CICS involved. She said this would affect liaison assignments, but CICS volunteers will remain a part of the team.

Mr. Phillips said this is similar to the way DHS was involved years ago. He said Friendship Ark and Mainstream Living would no longer go through the ASSET process even though they receive CICS dollars.

Ms. Webb said language could be added to the Policies regarding agencies exiting the ASSET process being able to request ASSET funding in the future through a New/Expanded service request instead of going through the application process. Ms. Webb said the regional team is supportive of the concept, and it will go to the regional governing board for approval.

Mr. Hogan said that change makes sense, and asked if there are lessons learned from the DHS involvement. Ms. Schildroth said DHS was very good to have around the table, and she wishes they still

were because of the knowledge that could be added. She said it would be very valuable to continue having the Region at the table. Ms. Webb said she's committed to ASSET, and the coordination and communication.

Liaison Assignments – Ms. Schildroth said the Liaison Assignments will be changing because of changes with CICS. Ms. Kresse said the Administrative Team will work on this and provide updates in May. Ms. Schildroth told the group if any volunteers would like to receive different agencies this year to let staff members know. Ms. Fullerton said it is nice to have a new conversation with a new person.

Ms. Webb said Ms. Meierkord could move to Eyerly Ball on the Health panel.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Ms. Kresse said CCJ Director Craig Evans is retiring at the end of the month. She said Carrie Moser from ERP is leaving at the end of May, and she has not heard a recent update on the recruitment.

Ms. Schildroth said the Story County Board of Supervisors Chair has changed to Linda Murken. Lauris Olson continues being a board member but is addressing health issues. Rick Sanders will be Vice-Chair.

Jason Haglund (YSS Substance Abuse Counseling and Prevention Services) is no longer at YSS.

INFORMATION/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Next ASSET Administrative Team Meeting: May 1, 2019 at City Church (12:15 p.m.)
- B. Next ASSET Meeting: May 9, 2019 at City Church (5:00 p.m.)
- C. Last day to submit New/ Expanded Services: May 24, 2019
- D. Last day to submit Letter of Interest for potential ASSET agencies: June 3, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.