

Minutes

ASSET Meeting

August 12, 2021

5:00 pm

Story County Human Services Bldg., 126 S Kellogg, Ames
Multipurpose Room, 2nd Floor

The Analysis of Social Services Evaluation Team (ASSET) was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Vice Chair Nikki Fischer, with the following members present: Jane Acker, Jehan Faisal, Ed Gillott, Mary Beth Golemo, Becky Harker, Linda Hagedorn, Joel Hochstein, Keith Hobson, Sandra King, Darryl Ozias, Andrea Rich, Deb Schildroth, Jennifer Schill, Stephanie Spence, Ashley Thompson, Quinn Wood, Lydia Youngquist and Pandora Lamar (Administrative Assistant).

GUESTS PRESENT

Abra Dougherty (MICA)

PUBLIC FORUM

None

Asset Board Approval of May 13 and July 8, 2021 ASSET Meeting Minutes

Motion for approval of May 13 and July 8, 2021 minutes was made by Joel Hochstein and seconded by Stephanie Spence; Motion was carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer reports a balance of \$732.77.

REPORTS

Administrative Team

Deb reported that in May the City Council approved five agencies to carryover FY 2020-21 funds: HSS, YSS, MICA, Bridge Home, and University Community Childcare. The total was approximately \$170,000 and any unused FY 2020-21 funds will revert back to the City's Local Option Sales Tax Fund. There are still CARES funds available and the City of Ames Housing Coordinator has seen an uptick in rent and utility assistance applications. The eviction moratorium was lifted on July 31st and this is also the expiration date for most leases in Ames. There is still financial assistance available to help individuals with rent and/or relocation expenses.

Story County has an emergency rent and utility assistance program in response to the expiration of the eviction moratorium so if anyone has a need, they can start the application process with Story County Community Services. Good Neighbor has already received funding. In response to rising case numbers, face coverings must be worn in County buildings. Story County is in the process of determining how to spend American Rescue Plan Act funds. Those interested in providing feedback can complete a COVID-19 Negative Economic Impact survey online at www.storycounty.gov. The Story County Board of Supervisors would like as much feedback on this issue as possible.

Chair Ashley Thompson took over facilitation of meeting at 5:10 pm

Volunteers

None

OLD BUSINESS

Reference Manual Updates

Deb explained that content was not changed, but that the ABF 5(0) was deleted as outcomes will be entirely tracked through Clear Impact Scorecard. The instructions using Clear Impact Scorecard were updated. The deadline for reporting outcomes in Scorecard will continue to be July 31.

NEW BUSINESS

Funder Priorities

Sandra provided updated funder priorities for Story County; there were not many changes. Four of the top six needs from the 2020 Community Needs Assessment are already being funded. Mental Health is not funded by Story County ASSET funds (MH is being funded through the CICS region). Suicide prevention was added to the list of priorities under education and awareness. Story County remains focused on meeting basic needs for housing, food, etc.

Deb met with City of Ames volunteers in June, and they looked at current FY22 priorities which the City Council approved at the end of July. The basic needs priority area was replaced with mental health as the #1 priority. Under each of the 3 priority headings there are more specific service areas listed and those, too, are prioritized. Suicide prevention and education is a new service area under the mental health priority. The second priority area is meeting basic needs with service areas being food assistance, housing, sheltering, childcare, financial literacy/education (new), medical, transportation and disaster response. The third service area, youth development, remains the same. The City Council's priorities mirror the 2020 Community Needs Assessment report. Deb will be pulling together more information to present to the ASSET Board.

Jane Acker reported that for United Way, the #1 priority equal priority to financial stability, health, education, and financial literacy/education.

Iowa State University Student Government was not present at the meeting, but they did provide updated priorities that were approved last spring.

New Agency – Friends of CASA

CASA applied last year but was told to resubmit under Friends of CASA and were approved at the May Adm Team meeting. There were advised that approval did not guarantee future funding from ASSET.

New and Expanded Service YSS

Sandra reported that YSS submitted a New and Expanded Services request for Kid's Club to expand into the Colo/Nesco Community School District. YSS indicated that the school district committed to provide funding for the program in the amount of \$15,000 for three years. YSS was also asked to survey parents to determine the need for the service and to provide a sliding fee scale as a condition of approval. A second request was received from YSS for rapid rehousing, service coordination and emergency assistance.

Discussion followed regarding the proposed YSS campus and whether it is intended to become an ASSET funded service. ASSET does not fund capital improvements, only human services. The plan is for Rosedale and Youth Recovery House, and crisis stabilization to all move to the proposed campus. YSS is looking at a property in rural Story County near Cambridge. The proposed campus is intended to not be a locked facility and will be staffed 24/7. Sandra will send a brochure to Pandora to send out to everyone.

Conflict-of-Interest Statement

Statement that voting members sign every year. Volunteers should speak to your staff if there are any questions about signing this document. The COI Statement was distributed to the attendees of meeting for signature.

Confidentiality Agreement

The Confidentiality Agreement was signed by attendees of the meeting.

Updates on Agency Directors

Sandra shared that the Raising Readers Executive Director, Lisa Reeves, resigned, and RRSC Board member Lynne Carey will serve as interim contact. Lynne's contact information was provided.

Taylor Schram, the CCJ Executive Director resigned. Cheri DeGroot will serve as Interim Executive Director. Pandora will provide Linda Hagedorn with CCJ contact information.

Liaison Assignments/Agency Visits

Sandra reviewed the Liaison Assignments. The assignments are separated into the three focus areas – Education, Health, and Financial Stability. Some liaisons are assigned to one agency, and some are assigned to two agencies. Liaisons should let Sandra know if there is any conflict or questions regarding assignments. Agency visits start September 10 and Deb reviewed the new fillable liaison report form. The form is posted on the ASSET website as a fillable Word form. The prior years' Liaison reports are still posted on the website, should volunteers wish to review them. Those reports are in the old format. Deb stated that the new Liaison report form can be used as a template when meeting with an agency.

Additional information about the Liaison visits and report will be covered in the September training session. It was suggested that a week or two before Liaisons meet with their agency liaisons they could provide the agency with the liaison report form, so they know what to expect in terms of questions/discussion.

It is recommended to attend an agency board meeting, if possible. The sooner you get in contact the agency director, the better. Agencies are supposed to submit lists of board meeting and composition of current board of directors.

The Liaison report is one source of information to use in determining funding allocations. Other sources are the outcomes, budgets, and agency hearings.

It was also noted that there will be Scorecard training for the volunteers.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

We are currently planning to meet in person for the September 9th meeting at CityChurch but will be monitoring the situation for any CDC recommended changes in protocol. The agency training schedule for August 16, has been moved to Zoom due to the potential number of people in attendance (60+).

September 9, 2021 Volunteer Review/Training will follow the ASSET Board meeting on September 9th. It is available for all volunteers who wish to attend.

Ashley reported that Governor Reynolds has hired Clare Kelly as the State's new Health Policy Advisor to the Governor.

Deb suggested inviting Karla Webb, Community Services Director, to an upcoming ASSET Board meeting to talk about new services and changes in the CICS Mental Health Region.

The results of the 2020 census have been made public and figures for the population of the City of Ames came in at 66,427. This includes students, many of which were not on campus in the spring due to COVID. These census numbers are good for 10 years and are used for things like determining levels of future federal funding received by the city.

INFORMATION/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm.