

Community Advisory Network (CAN) Meeting

Zoom Call

Friday, March 18, 2021; 10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

1. Community of Support Grant

Patti Jo discussed the Community of Support Grant. The grant is \$60,000. Patti Jo mentioned that the focus of the grant would be on the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) plans of safe care. This requires a plan of safe care to be in place of the time of discharge from the hospital for infants 12 months and younger if:

- Prenatally exposed to substance
- Demonstrating symptoms of withdrawal
- Diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum (FAS)

The goal is for the community partners to work together and expected to share in responsibility of ensuring the requirements of CARA are met

The plan of safe care

- Describes the services and supports needed to comprehensively address the needs of infants prenatally exposed to the abuse of substances (both legal and illegal) and their families.
 - Identification of ALL family members and caregivers health needs
 - Substance use disorder treatment services
 - Developmental intervention for the baby
 - Services and supports needed to promote family stability
- Incorporates all treatment plans developed by the multidisciplinary professionals serving the family
- Developed with the parents and all service providers
- May or may not require involvement of child welfare agencies

Patti Jo mentioned that if your organization would like to be a part of this planning community to comment in the chat and she will get information out to them.

- OhioGuidestone would love to partner on the plans of Safe Care with our Maternal Depression and Early Childhood MH program. They have additionally launched Mat Depression Peer Support
- Joy Box from Lorain County Public Health mentioned they have group of nurses at Lorain County Public Health involved in programs for people who are using as well as partners. She will share the Community of Support Grant information with them and supervisor Pam Weiland.

2. Child Abuse Awareness Month activities

Patti Jo mentioned that April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. A lot of things planned for our community:

- On Wednesday, April 13, 2022, organize your classroom, your workplace or your family and Wear Blue. Help raise awareness of child abuse and neglect. #Ohiowearsblue and post on socials.
- Blue Sunday toolkit for faith communities, April 24, 2022. National Day of Prayer for abused and neglected children and to highlight the need for foster parents in Lorain County.
- Lived in experience panel discussion March 31, 2022. Former foster youth and current licensed foster parents will discuss their Lived Experiences including the joys and challenges they navigated within the child protection/foster care system. Discussion held regarding if this could be streamed. Patti Jo mentioned that she will see if this can be talked about at a future CAN meeting.
- Blue Ribbon- All staff, foster and kinship families will receive two ribbons, wear one for April and to give the second pin to another person that shares your commitment to Lorain County's children and families. Patti Jo mentioned that if you would like some of these to let her know and she will get them to you.

All this information is posted on Lorain County Children Services website

Bethany Lewis from the Nord Center mentioned that April for them is Sexual Assault Awareness month. They have different activities the month of April.

3. Strategic Plan/ Annual Report

Patti Jo mentioned that the Board has approved our current strategic plan. Patti Jo shared the 2021-2021 Strategic plan.

- Diversity, Inclusion, Family and Individual Rights (DIFIR)
- Responding to Trauma/ Advance Trauma- Informed and Resilient Professionalism
- Family First Act Implementation and Innovation

Patti Jo mentioned that these have been broken down to committees. This will be posted on the website and will bring updates back to as we accomplish objectives.

4. Shift in direct services organizational model

Chris and Michelle explained the new shift in direct services organizational model. The single worker models has been implemented for several years. The new model is a blended unit/one unit model with two assessment workers and three ongoing workers. Currently there is 12 direct services units with five caseworkers, two caseworkers are

assessment workers and three are ongoing. The cases will stay within the same unit and same supervisor. This new model was started in January and has worked out well thus far.

5. Announcements from others

- Patti Jo mentioned the next meeting June 17, 2022, will be held at the college. A hybrid module may be considered.
- Jane Robertson introduced the new ISP director Brooke Sherman
- Don Shiffbauer from The Nord Center mentioned they are offering same day access for assessments.
 - Monday -Thursday 8:00 am – 2:00pm and Friday 8:00 am – 1:00 pm.
 - Plan to be there for 2 hours
 - Adolescents to adults
- Kennedy Wilbert with The LACADA Way mentioned project AMP. A mentoring program for at risk youth 13 to 17 years old. Currently there is two mentors hiring another. One on one mentoring with four to six sessions. Will email out information.
- Morgan O'leary with Help Me Grow mentioned that she is the point of contact and will put email in chat box

Minutes taken by Melanie Hohmann, Confidential Data Analyst