

CIACC May 12, 2021

10am via zoom

Present: Lisa Cerny, James Sampson, Serena Romero, Michelle Pandolfo, Bethany Damelio, Kim Glazer, Robert Bamford, Dr. Thayer, Elisa Read, Lisa Ranieri, Jennifer Plews, Amy Kiger, Ginny DeLong, Iyana Anderson, Kaitlyn McConomy, Natalie Kitts, Faith Thayer, Kelly Pfeiffer, Laurie Spears, Alicia Carpenter, Tiara Molock, Rudolph Aikens, Kyoco Coco, Emily Gillam, Iyana Anderson, Natalie Kitts, Laurie Spears, Billie Thomas

Lisa Cerny calls meeting to order at 10:05am May 12, 2021

Presentation

Positive Development Dr. Faith Thayer Positive Development Program along with Natalie Kitts Clinical Director

- New provider in the area for treatment in the autism spectrum, developmental interventions are now covered through Medicaid and private insurance. they offer a trans disciplinary intervention where family will receive (IR) intervention in home or by clinic even in school systems by providing a trans disciplinary team which consists of mental health counselor care coordinator, a developmental client coach and they work to improve the clients independence regulation, engagement, and communication. Used is the DIR approach, which dissects the underlying challenges and identifies where client is bio medically. Faith adds in the cornerstone of the partnership is parent involvement. They support and train the caregiver so they can support their child and how to identify certain behaviors as communication. Parents are being coached, not just in achieving certain goals but dissecting what is in the way from completing goals. Parents have their own behaviors as well, and it is important to analyze the entire picture to fully understand the child. To access services, go to website www.positivedevelopment.com and you will then be matched with a care coordinator. A care coordinator will help verify benefits and insurance, and schedule an appointment with the evaluation team. In the US, 1 in 54 individuals under 8 are diagnosed with autism, New Jersey has the highest diagnoses in the Country with 1 in 32 individuals.

Lisa asks for approval of February 10, 2021 meeting minutes, James Sampson makes motion, Jennifer Plews seconds, minutes are approved. James Sampson makes correction to working without a clinical director on previous minutes, correction Sue Mock is the interim Clinical Director.

Conveners report

Michelle Pandolfo

- Focusing on some subcommittees for the council.

Care Management State Reports

James Sampson Introduces Serena Romero

- Serena Romero is now CEO at CGS Family Partnership.
- May 24th Nicole Stumberger will become clinical director.
- Lastly, CGS will not be applying for the community resource funding for fiscal year 2021, will wait and gather more data on how the pandemic seems to affect numbers. Therefore, as communities begin to reopen more sound data will be able to be collected.
- Gradually reopening office to where multiple staff members are there at a time but no more than 25 at a time, office has been retrofitted for safety, temperature machine at entrance, working to ensure everyone stays safe in work place and working within covid guidelines.
- CGS as of May 10th providing care to 892 families, 6 months ago they were caring for 874 families. Have not experienced a serious decline in referrals during pandemic. 529 families are from Gloucester County which is 59% of the census. 68 of those families are open to DCP&P, 67 of those families open to IDDD category, and 39 families have youth out of home, 812 of those youth are at home at this time.

Family Support Organization

Laurie Spears Mobile Response

- Covering for Lauren Snyder and Mary Morda, mobile continues to be very busy.
- April had a dip from March, March has been busiest month since pandemic still over 209 dispatches, 109, which is 52% of them, were from Gloucester County.
- Staff is all going out in person which is expectation that is what most families want, majority of dispatches are face to face back in to field. Still offering telehealth if family is not comfortable with face to face meetings.
- Still hiring. Currently at 15 staff and should be at 25 staff. Staff working very hard through these times.
- Still seeing a lot of similar types of problematic stuff especially tweens and teens with social isolation, depression, lack of connection with others.
- Struggling to find providers IIC's who will go out in person.
- One of the agencies they work with as of June 1st must do face to face and hopefully more will follow suit, most families are requesting in person therapy.

Children's System of Cares Reports

CSOC Bethany Damelia CSOC Just Observing Today

Kelly Pfiesser DCF CSOC Substance Use Programs

- Program lead for substance use outpatient adolescent programs under csoc with performcare.
- Working with performcare on trainings for providers.
- Brochure has been updated on performcare. Website will be sent to CMO's, FSO's, and CIACC's within next week.
- Contact Kelly if anyone has any concerns issues questions.

- Training on May 20th for security administrators who oversee staff, next step will be a training for agencies to do a refresher for working with LCDC.

PFS Subcommittee Report Kaitlyn McConomy

- Completed and submitted 2a 2b 2c to Angelo waiting for a date to begin the logic model and will be due at end of December.
- Michelle adds and thanks those who have been working with Kaitlyn and herself
- Emily Southwest Council Partnerships for Success looks at substance misuse correlations with aces and risk factors per county they handle. Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, each county has own specifics working with aces. Honing in on three areas from three problem statements, supporting that with data from those in committee. Looking at opioid abuse, marijuana use and the impacts of legalization, and also alcohol increase in sales and consumption during pandemic primarily Gloucester County.
- Everyone received April statistics, page 6 specifics substance use distribution 67% marijuana, 3 for alcohol, 1 for inhalants 3 for tobacco.
- Reach out to Michelle or Lisa if you'd like to be part of committee.

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Michelle Pandolfo

- Have first meeting coming up on May 26th at 10am on zoom. A few families will be participating which has been a goal of this council to get family involvement so good to see them participating. Michelle has received eight RSVPs.

Education Partnership

- Lisa asks if anyone wants to participate please reach out to Michelle, Michelle hoping to have first meeting before the school year begins. Spending some time getting IDD committee up and running with partnership.

Billie Thomas McKinney Vento

- Collaborating with South Jersey foodbank and anyone having food insecurity they have had a number of agencies reach out to them and they have been able to give out food, having more food than able to give away currently. Added info to chat box if anyone needs to contact her, also have individuals who will deliver that food to families, working on summer activities for children who are McKinney Vento eligible. Anyone they are aware of experiencing homelessness there is now a full day program with three meals, snacks and activities plus transportation this summer

Old Business

Chairpersons Report / Vacancy

- Looking for chairperson for committee.
- Recruiting family members for CIACC and subcommittee leadership positions, Michelle has created flyer and is distributing that. All dates and the phone number for family members to

call, and get connected to information, everything to be held via zoom. Step one with the flyer, some edits to come, in meantime we are set up to receive calls from who is anyone interested, and feel free to share with families.

- Next Tri county CIACC meeting scheduled for June 9th. Usually held during evening not sure if in person will be an option for this meeting. Last June just held a regular CIACC meeting, Michelle has been in contact with Lionel and should be a virtual meeting. Will also reach out to Cumberland and Salem. Lionel is looking to recruit some families to attend that meeting and hoping we can all be available to give the families that do participate to share concerns and learn more about the community and add some value and info to their time spent with us. Open to ideas aiming for at least three families to join.

New Business

Jennifer Plews

- Psychiatric emergency screening is open and active for going out to homes for crisis, seeing an uptick in youth going to emergency rooms, in Gloucester County would like to reach mobile response and emergency screening instead of having those youth go immediately to ER.
- Numbers of youth screenings are low but emergency rooms seeing significant uptick in children visits.
- Jessica Brock Pitts new director willing to go to schools, present, and share what they do.
- Acenda Youth Partial Care Program is face-to-face, doing a hybrid of face to face in that partial program. Kim says she can contact those schools to reach out so we can reach out to parents to get that word out to those families. Screening and mobile will be in the same building soon.

Emily shares a flyer for virtual leadership conference for youth for kids from 7th-12th grade, which is a free half-day camp.

Rachelle from Sunshine Advantage

An ABA agency, which services all 21 counties in New Jersey and accept Medicaid. Children must have an autism diagnosis before receiving service and therapy. Shared contact info if anyone has any families to refer to her or info is available on website at www.sunshine-advantage.com

James wants to encourage anyone with a program or services to go to their website or resource net www.Cgs.org and add a profile so families can learn of the services CGS provides for these families, they can also reach out to James.

Billie Thomas adds they are hosting McKinney Vento regional training where they will have school district staff, personnel, and administrators for roughly an hour and a half if anyone from this committee would like to share any resources with them or be added to agenda to present at meeting. The meeting is May 26th virtually at 10am. Feel free to reach out to her if they would like to be added to agenda if they can add anything to meeting to benefit families and schools.

Next Meeting Gloucester County CIACC August 11th at 10 am

Tri County with family focus will be 6pm June 9th

