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Rm 22 Umatilla County Courthouse, Pendleton

Members present: Nora Kramer, Anne Doherty, Sheri Maze, Crystal Long, Theresa Elisoff, Jami Niord, Kim Weisenfluh (formerly Wilson-Noisy)

Members absent: Joyce Turner (excused) Arron Swenson (6 month leave of absence), Vickie Read (excused)

Staff present: Shelley Ena

Guests: Val Gawf, representing Child Welfare and Hayden (Crystal's son)

5:30 p.m. – OPEN MEETING

June minutes were approved as amended with Anne moving to approve and Crystal seconded. September minutes approved with Sheri moving to approve and Nora seconded. Both motions passed.

URGENT BUSINESS

- Exec. committee selection ACTION
Anne, Sheri and Theresa volunteered and approved by group consensus to be the acting Executive Committee.
- Community Project Fund Application from RAPP ACTION
All members received a copy of the grant tonight. It was decided by group consensus that a committee made up of Anne, Nora and Crystal will review all Community Project Fund application requests and make recommendations to the full board. This will occur virtually, (via email). A final vote from the full board will be required before the end of October for this particular grant request from the Reducing Adolescent Pregnancy Partnership (RAPP). (When submitting responses via email “reply to all”) **Result of virtual vote was that the committee moved to approve the grant request, members voted and motion passed.**
- Update members about meeting with BOC ACTION
(Members informed about the Sept . 22nd meeting with the County Commissioners. Kim, Jami and Shelley discussed with them the CCF self assessment documents, JCP funding plan, member recruitment and CCF revenue reductions) CCF board is asked to accept the concept of the revised funding plan based upon reduced revenues from the state general fund. Sheri moved to accept the concept of the revised funding plan and Jami seconded, motion passed.

SERVICE DELIVERY IMPROVEMENTS (ENSURING QUALITY & ACCOUNTABILITY):

➤ Local Program evaluations: information only
Healthy Start Evaluation (Nora 5 min), Lost & Found (Sheri 5 min) Each member met with their liaison programs and had really good things to say about their work. Nora was critical of the form that CCF had devised for them to report to the local office because it was not very professional looking and did not identify as belonging to this county. Point well taken, staff will address this issue and rectify it before next quarterly reports in January.

SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT (BRINGING SERVICES TOGETHER):

➤ Parent Education Hubs Project information only
Shelley explained that all counties have been invited to send a team to a training in Portland. She will attend with someone from EOAF and UMCHS, Inc.

➤ Wraparound Program Progress: information only
Kim is on the Operations Committee & indicated that they are currently looking at the data and will be making some assessments regarding it. Anne questioned how the CARE Program and the Wraparound work. Shelley explained that they are collaborative not competitive, CARE/Jenni has provided technical assistance yet is also under separate contract to work specifically with some specific school districts. Wraparound exists because agencies are offering up staff to provide specialized “wraparound” services to the highest risk kids.

➤ Coalition of CCFs update, dues, and local representation ACTION
(meeting in PDX on Oct. 13) The Coalition requires that local CCFs inform them each September who their voting member and alternate will be. In February, Regina no longer wanted to be the voting member and the board asked Shelley, who had been the alternate, to continue to be involved in the coalition and vote on behalf of our county CCF. We need to make a decision now as to whether Shelley becomes the voting member or we select another. Kim moved that Shelley be voting member and Nora seconded. Motion passed. Kim moved that Anne be the alternate and Sheri seconded. Motion passed. A lively discussion regarding advocating for the commission system ensued. The value of local commissions was felt to be very strong. Kim voiced a strong opinion of advocating for cuts to the state commission. The argument of united we stand, divided we fall was expressed by Theresa. Both sides have some merit. Kim hoped that Shelley will be able to convey the will of the local commission is to advocate for a strong local presence. The discussion regarding dues/fees and the decision to pay our portion of \$1000 in order to put our legislative consultant under contract occurred. Shelley explained that we are paying for his technical assistance in helping us be strong advocates and gain access to the legislature. Our own local legislators need to hear from our local members regarding the priorities in our local county, the issues we are addressing, the resources we are leveraging, the outcomes we are seeing in locally supported programs.

➤ State OCCF “Critical Choices” Meeting for all CCF staff and interested members will take place in early November. More info will be sent to members when we get it.

COMPREHENSIVE, COMMUNITY PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION

(LEADING STRATEGICALLY):

➤ JCP Prevention funding Technical Assistance:

Kim briefly explained that she is working with Shelley to plan for allocating the JCP funds to local communities and target CABs, A&D, Girls Circles, CARE.

➤ LADPC, LPSCC, LEA(Local Alcohol & Drug Planning Committee, Local Public Safety Coordinating Council and Law Enforcement Alliance) TABLED

➤ ECPT/LICC (Early Childhood Partnership Team/Local Interagency Coordinating Council):

Briefly, Nora attends or sends some of her staff to participate in these meetings. Her feeling is that this group is important to our county.

➤ Comprehensive “Healthy Communities” Assessment TABLED

COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION (ORGANIZING CHANGE):

➤ Raising Community Awareness: Did you know? Information sharing

Shelley provided newspaper articles on Pioneer Relief Nursery and Hermiston CAB.

Anne remarked that the Family Health and Fitness Day in Hermiston was amazing.

➤ Project Community Connect TABLED

➤ Free Clinic Steering Committee TABLED

➤ Ideas for Future “Issue Based” CCF meetings:

Kim would like to see in November something about local Holiday programs. Invite people to speak about how we can help.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT (SHAPING POLICY & LAW):

none

Theresa adjourned the meeting at 7:52

Respectfully submitted by Shelley Ena