

**LARIMER COUNTY INTERAGENCY OVERSIGHT GROUP (LCIOG)**

**AUGUST 13, 2015**

**11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

**LARIMER COUNTY COURT HOUSE**

**200 WEST OAK STREET**

**CARTER LAKE ROOM, 1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR**

**FORT COLLINS, CO 80521**

**Voting Members in attendance:** Dale Lake, Kay Dechairo, Michelle Brinegar, Averil Strand, Charlie Carter, Randy Ratliff, Maria Campos, Greg Ketchum

**Non-Voting Members in attendance:** Thad Paul, Sharon Swett, John Jostad, Ed Rutherford, Steve Johnson, Laura Walker

**Guests:** Tiffany Sewell, Stephane Tillman, Susan Krcmarik, Erica Wharton, Denise Suniga, Chelsey Lehmkuhl, Intern from Thompson School District - guest of Charlie Carter

**Recorder:** Deb Bowen

- I. Call to order by Michelle Brinegar at 11:40 AM
- II. Welcome and introductions around the table. Welcome to Maria Campos, new NYC Northeast Region Director, replacing Joe Thome on our board.
- III. Review and approval of minutes from July 9, 2015. *Motion to approve minutes by Randy Ratliff, seconded by Averil Strand. All in favor, motion passed, minutes approved.*
- IV. PSSF Providers – Comments on how important PSSF Funding is to these provider programs
  - Thad Paul reminded us that we did receive a response from Director Reggie Bicha's Office of Colorado Dept. of Human Services re our PSSF concerns but our issues were not resolved. The PSSF funds are now under the Office of Early Childhood at Colorado Department of Human Services.
  - Stephane Tillman of La Familia Center reported their agency has been a recipient of PSSF funds since the late 1990s. These funds support their early childhood center but recently moved to helping provide services to youth programs. Susan Krcmarik shared their approach with strengthening families. Systematically working with families and assessing them to track progress.
  - Erica Wharton of Kids at Heart reported on the respite care program offered to Foster Care and Adoptive parents through their Fundango program. PSSF funds have been used for this popular and much needed respite program. This year 150 kids with 65 families have participated. A teen camping program was also started this year. Erica shared a moving letter from a mother explaining what a big difference this program made in her children's' lives and hers and how important it is to her family and others.
  - Denise Suniga of the Matthews House Community Life Center (CLC) reported on how their agency used PSSF funds for the first time this year. They used funding for training on Parent Cafés, a program to build strong families, which will now be offered community wide through The Matthews House CLC. The program will include all parents, not just biological. Parent Cafés will equip parents with a support network and help give back to community. The funding will help for training of parents and child activities while parents are educated. A pre and post survey for families will track the success of the program.
  - Chelsey Lehmkuhl of Lutheran Family Services reported PSSF funds help them continue their relationship with La Familia Center on parenting classes. The funds also helped form a new

program they started at Larimer County Community Corrections /Alternative Sentencing to provide Nurturing Parent Classes for their clients. She shared some stories from parents that have taken parenting classes at La Familia Center.

- V. State Strategic Planning Visit August 17, 2015 9:30 – 11:00 AM, Hearing Room, Court House
- Laura Walker reported that many people are attending this year. The State will discuss the structure of their plan going forward into the next year and then will have a Q & A session. The State members will be available after the presentation if you want to personally talk to any of them. Steve Johnson commented on how important this meeting is and how progressive and supportive Reggie Bicha, the director of Colorado Dept. of Human Services, is to the counties and collaborative boards throughout the State. Please consider coming to the meeting to share your stories.
- VI. 7 County Trauma Consortium
- Thad Paul updated us on the 7 counties participating in the project of supporting the trauma informed model of practice for these counties. (Larimer, Douglas, Denver, Jefferson, Arapahoe, Eagle, Boulder). With the IV-E Waiver funding we hope to have better outcomes for children and families. We are now starting year three of five for the waiver. New funds are available so we submitted a request of \$1.9 million since our 7 counties consist of about 50% of the child population for the state. Larimer County has been trained in the Dr. Jim Henry model of trauma informed care of assessments and using the TOP. Dr. Henry has been training the other 6 counties in this assessment model. We need to get State Medicaid to help with funding for trauma care since they currently do not fund trauma services very well. Randy Ratliff reminded us to be mindful as in 2017 Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) will be changing funding methods for Behavioral Health Organizations (BHOs). There is a concern about congregated care and its impact on budgets.
- VII. Budget
- Thad Paul discussed our budget and reminded us that we work on a 3 year budget forecast of \$900,000 annually. Our agency collaboration keeps programs moving.
- VIII. Old Business
- Randy Ratliff of SummitStone Health reported their open house for the new Mental Health Crisis Center at 1217 Riverside in Fort Collins was a success. The mental health crisis center has officially moved from the Oak Street location to the Riverside location and is open 24/7. They hope to have 10 beds open by the end of August. They are hiring staff as they move forward. The LCIOG board congratulated Randy and SummitStone on their new location and crisis center.
- IX. New Business
- Steve Johnson reported that he and Jim Drendel met with Grace Place Church staff and talked about the possibility of a Community Life Center in Berthoud.
- X. Next LCIOG Meeting
- September 10, 2015 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**  
**Larimer County Court House**  
**200 West Oak Street**  
**Carter Lake Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**  
**Fort Collins**

Adjourn 12:340PM

Notes Submitted by Deb Bowen