

LARIMER COUNTY INTERAGENCY OVERSIGHT GROUP (LCIOG)

NOVEMBER 12, 2015

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

LARIMER COUNTY COURT HOUSE

200 WEST OAK STREET

CARTER LAKE ROOM, 1st FLOOR

FORT COLLINS, CO 80521

Voting Members in attendance: Kay Dechairo, Michelle Brinegar, Averil Strand, Randy Ratliff, Greg Ketchum, Jim Drendel, Darcie Votipka, Maria Campos, Cyndi Dodds

Non-Voting Members in attendance: John Jostad, Thad Paul, Lori Stearns, Greg Otte, Steve Johnson, Dixie Vogel, Ed Rutherford, Sharon Swett, Heather O'Hayre

Guests: Stephane Tillman

Recorder: Deb Bowen

- I. Call to order by Michelle Brinegar at 11:35 AM
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. Review and approval of minutes from October 8, 2015. *Motion to approve minutes by Randy Ratliff, seconded by Jim Drendel. All in favor, motion passed, minutes approved.*
- IV. PSSF Update
 - A copy of an information memo from Mary Anne Snyder, Director of Early Childhood with the State, was shared with us in response to our concerns with the evaluation tools being required of Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) providers. It was sent to 11 PSSF counties.
 - A team from Larimer County met with Director Reggie Bicha of Colorado Dept. of Human Services and Representative Joann Ginal on October 29 to discuss our concerns about the 10 page form being required for PSSF families to complete. John Rattle represented our LCIOG board at this meeting. Some of the concerns brought up were: the tool does not represent the outcomes; inaccurate data set due to the small number of clients using the tool, size of the tool, and the form did not go through the normal review process. It does not appear that any changes will be made at this time, but our concerns were heard.
- V. November 9th Trauma Summit Update
 - Jim Drendel reported how well the Trauma Summit was attended. We had several counties represented along with their probation department staff and State child welfare staff.
 - Dr. Jim Henry would like to move to Colorado within the next two years and open a Children's Trauma Assessment Center (CTAC) here in our community.
 - We also held a physician's breakfast that same morning where several physicians attended to hear a presentation by Dr. Mark Sloane. Dr. Sloane's presentation was centered on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and how it affects the development of the child's brain. The physicians want more training from Dr. Sloane.
- VI. Congregate Care
 - We have a Congregate Care sub-committee of LCIOG led by Jim Drendel and Cyndi Dodds which has 29 members/participants. They are meeting to develop solutions for

reducing congregate care to zero. Larimer DHS currently has 16 children in congregate care.

- Foster parents have been communicating what they need to help keep kids from moving to congregate care.
- Larimer DHS projected some budget numbers for expenses. The expense for the 16 kids currently in congregate care is about \$600,000. We project we'll need about \$900,000 to keep them in foster/kin placement. We do not have the money to provide for the estimated \$900,000 in services. This is what our sub-committee is working on, trying to find solutions. It should take about 18 months to implement these changes. We expect we will not receive any federal funding for children 13 and under for congregate care in the near future.
- The assessment tool for trauma is in the Child Welfare Trails system and was produced by CTAC. About 20 counties throughout Colorado are now using it. Larimer County uses it for children 6 years old and above. Once the child is screened in from the trauma assessment it is 6-8 weeks until a family meeting is held to determine who is doing what services.
- TOP is the outcome for well being and trauma is housed in that tool. This is our measure of success on how the child is doing. TOP follows how well the provider delivers their service. We can use the TOP as a map for future service providers. 7 Colorado counties will start using the TOP. Children have a voice since they get to fill the TOP out themselves.
- Our Congregate Care sub-committee will work to find how the TOP impacts all our providers in the community.

VII. Budget Update

- Thad Paul reported our payout from the State was \$202, 047. It was a little lower than expected. He'll bring in budget details next month. Our expenses are on target.

VIII. Old Business - none

IX. New Business

- Steve Johnson reported on a recent Larimer County 101 training. This is a training open to the public to learn all aspects of Larimer County government. In the future Steve wants to offer this training to young adults, 18-25 years old.
- Steve Johnson reported 22 students attended the Larimer County Academy last month. This is a monthly meeting and the Department of Human Services (DHS) presented last month and did not use any PowerPoint presentations which made it very creative for young adults. The DHS staff walked them through a mock family meeting. There were a lot of great questions from the youth. They played the roles of family members. This had a great impact. The community recognized our creativity.
- Steve Johnson reported the State Board of Human Services will visit Larimer County again on January 7 and 8, 2016. The agenda is not yet set but they will arrive January 7 in the afternoon and will have their board meeting January 8 at the Court House. You are all invited to attend the meeting on January 8. This is our chance to showcase to the

State what good work we are doing as a collaborative board. More information will be made available once the agenda is set.

- At some time in the future we may set up an educational training for the LCIOG board with Dr. Jim Henry and Amy Perricone of CTAC.
- Thanks to Magistrate John Jostad for being a patient magistrate in juvenile court. The crossover docket, Probation and Child Welfare have been working well together. Due to the rotation of magistrates in 2016 Magistrate Kent Spangler will have the juvenile court docket.
- FAPT update by Lori Stearns. Everything is going well. The team is cohesive and works well together. Everybody holds to their part. Definitions of who FAPT serves will be sent out to the LCIOG group via email. We will then have a broad perspective of who we serve.

Next LCIOG Meeting

December 10, 2015 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Larimer County Court House

200 West Oak Street

Carter Lake Room, 1st Floor

Fort Collins

Adjourn 12:50 PM

Notes Submitted by Deb Bowen