



First Steps Central MN Community Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, January 25, 2021 1:30p-3:00p Via Zoom



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Attendees: Sandy Greninger, David Walz, Gloria Sorem, Leah Krotzer, Kelly Ball, Tammy Siefert, Heidi Larson, Jade Lauber, Adam Johnson, Kara Zoller, Mary Nesseth, Sara Stenseng, Laura Smith, Kathleen Holthaus, Colleen Rosenow, Mary Zelenak, Nicole Ruhoff, Sarah Grosshuesch, Angie Klinefelter

AGENDA ITEM	TIME	NOTES	FOLLOW UP NEEDED
Welcome & Introductions	45	<p>Sandy – FYCC; works with connecting families with services, filling food inequities, and filling needs seen in the community. They have the Beds for Kids program (full bed and bedding). They are part of the Wright County Family Services Collaborative.</p> <p>Jade – is a GRRL librarian and has been doing outreach, letting people know library is still here and open. They have been doing educational and story times via Zoom and they are looking at expanding into homebound delivery.</p> <p>David –CentraCare; is hoping to learn what community needs there are and helping to fill them. He shared information about their outpatient lactation program. They have also been helping with COVID vaccinating.</p> <p>Sara – is the child protection supervisor at Sherburne and is excited to be part of preventative work. She is interested to learn about resources. They have created their first early intervention program. They are seeing challenges with isolation right now.</p> <p>Heidi – St/SH/B Reach Up Head Start; is an early childhood educator and supervisor for their childcare center and home visitors. She is hoping to build on resources and community partnerships. They are seeing a broad range of challenges.</p> <p>Laura – CMMHC; clinical psychologist and the Monticello clinic manager and does early childhood reflective supervision. She is hoping to build on resources and partnerships. Isolation is a big challenge and seeing more depression with young children and caregivers. Also seeing issues with family transitions including job loss and distance learning.</p> <p>Kathleen – Elk River School District; is in early childhood family education. They went back to in-person this past week. She also teaches a young parent class. She is looking forward to networking and making connections. It has been challenging for families transitioning to different learning formats.</p> <p>Kara-Sherburne Health Promotion Supervisor, one area she supervises is WIC, current guidelines by MN WIC have approved phone/virtual appointment through mid-May</p>	

<p>Family Home Visiting Updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Referral data (Leah) 2. How COVID-19 is affecting FHV across the four counties (Gloria) 3. Leadership Team restructuring (Adam) 	15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Just completed the full year (Jan-Dec 2020) of centralized intake and share there have been 645 referrals (averaging about 15 per week). The numbers were lower over the summer. There was an increase of 65% from 3rd to 4th quarter. The referrals have come from 53 partners. Currently at 50% caseload capacity, the goal is 85% (lower because of staff working in the COVID response). There have been difficulties with retaining clients. 2. Gloria – Sherburne County Lead Family Health PHN; were able to offer video visits over the summer, which worked well for some families, but not all families were comfortable with it. There have been difficulties with getting required forms signed by enrolled families; are beginning to use DocuSign to be able to have families sign forms electronically. There are staff concerns with not being able to see their clients in-person. Have seen good retention of longer-term clients; the newer clients are harder to keep engaged. Staff have been delivering home activity bags to families monthly. FHV PHNs have been pulled into COVID response and vaccination clinics. Kelly share that when she is connecting with families, she is letting them know about the nurse’s involvement in the COVID response, what to expect, and sharing additional information about community supports. 3. Adam–Stearns County Family Health Supervisor. First Steps Leadership Team has been comprised of county FHV supervisors, PH directors, Kelly, and Leah. Work is being transitioned to five committees in 2021: Governance, Model Fidelity, PHDoc/Billing, Program Services, and Referrals/Outreach to tackle the workplan objectives. Adam shared a brief description of each committee’s focus. Each committee has one leader who will report back the work to the Directors quarterly and coordinate the meetings. The committee also includes Supervisors, PHNS, and/or other experts in the work from across the four counties. Quality Improvement will be embedded into each committee’s work. 	
<p>EBHV model comparison overview (Kelly):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NFP 2. HFA 3. MEC SH 	15	<p>The collaborative started looking at consolidating and merging HFA and NFP programs across the four counties. Were asked to also explore another EBHV model, MEC SH. Several counties/collaboratives across MN have been adding MEC SH as a model for their sites or replacing it with their current EBHV model(s) (HFA and/or NFP). Kelly shared a comparison chart of the three models (see attached) and asked the Committee for their feedback.</p>	

CAC Action Item: Model Discussion and recommendations to the Joint Powers Board (All)	30	Kelly shared some feedback from other counties/agencies that switched. The consensus of this group is that it is a lot of information to take in and are supportive of whatever the county FHV staff and leadership feels is the best fit for families served. The recommendation will be brought to the Joint Powers Board meeting in February.	
Other	15	Kelly thanked everyone for their time and is looking forward to working with everyone in the future.	
Future meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, April 26, 2021 1:30-3:00p Via Zoom • Monday, July 26, 2021 1:30p-3:00p Via Zoom • Monday, October 25, 2021 1:30p-3:00p Via Zoom 			
Parking Lot items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review website, review referral form, quality improvement projects, growth of CAC members, what is covered in a “typical” home visit, give a closer look at the model curriculum 			