

Marion County Children and Families Commission

Our Mission

To bring together community efforts and resources to ensure an equal opportunity for all children and families in Marion County to attain their full potential.



Location: Broadway Commons
1300 Broadway Street NE
2nd Floor, Grant Room
Salem, Oregon

DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2016
TIME: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

11:30 Lunch Provided

11:45 Welcome & Introductions

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| 1. Approve Summary Notes
(Full CFC 7/21/2016) | Action | Judge Prall |
| 2. DRxUGSAFE website | Information | |
| 3. Bridging the Gap | Information | Sam Skillern |

11:55 Presentations

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| 1. Marion County Reentry Initiative (MCRI)
a. Volunteer Speaker's Bureau | Information | Catherine Trottman |
| 2. Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) | Information | Shaney Starr |

12:10 Membership Review

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| 1. Membership review
a. Current representation/terms
b. Bylaws | Discussion/Possible
Action | Tamra Goettsch |
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12:25 Updates

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| 1. Family Preservation Action Team
a. Foster Care Champion
i. CFC updates – advisory role
ii. 2 nd stage implementation
iii. Grant strategy | Discussion/Possible
Action | Sam Skillern |
| 2. Youth Resources Action Team (YRAT)
a. ACEs, HOPE, and Trauma Informed Care –
community events
i. HOPE – Together Toward Tomorrow | Discussion/Possible
Action | YRAT Team |

1:00 Next Steps/Wrap-up

1:30 Adjourn

Meetings are audio taped for the purpose of having a public record of the proceedings.

Next Full CFC meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2016 at Broadway Commons -1300 Broadway Street NE, Salem

Handouts:

- Agenda
- 2016 & 2017 Meeting Dates
- July 21, 2016 CFC Summary Notes
- MCRI Information – handout at meeting
- CASA Information – handout at meeting
- CFC Roster and Bylaws – handout at meeting
- August 18, 2016 CFC Steering Committee Summary Notes
- July 11, 2016 FPAT Meeting Summary Notes
- July 25, 2016 YRAT Meeting Summary Notes

2016 Children and Families Commission and CFC subcommittee meeting schedule



Children and Families Commission Meetings	
Bimonthly (odd months), on the 3 rd Thursday of the month – 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Location: Broadway Commons, 1300 Broadway Street NE, Salem	
Children and Families Steering Committee Meeting	
Bimonthly (even months), on the 3 rd Thursday of the month – 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Courthouse Square – 1 st Floor Conference Room, 555 Court Street, NE, Salem	
Family Preservation Action Team (FPAT) Meetings	
Bimonthly (odd months), on the 2 nd Monday of the month – 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Location: TBA (varies – each meeting is hosted by a different agency)	
Youth Resource Action Team (YRAT) Meetings	
Monthly, on the last Monday – 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Location: Courthouse Square – 3 rd Floor Community Services Dept., 555 Court Street, NE, Salem	
July, 2016	
July 11, 2016 – 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	FPAT Meeting
July 21, 2016 – 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	CFC Meeting
July 25, 2016 – 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	YRAT Meeting
August, 2016	
Aug. 18, 2016 – 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.	CFC Steering Committee Meeting
Aug. 29, 2016 – 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	YRAT Meeting
September, 2016	
Sept. 12, 2016 – 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.	FPAT Meeting
Sept. 15, 2016 – 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	CFC Meeting
Sept. 26, 2016 – 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	YRAT Meeting
October, 2016	
Oct. 20, 2016 – 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.	CFC Steering Committee Meeting
Oct. 31, 2016 – 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	YRAT Meeting
November, 2016	
Nov. 14, 2016 – 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.	FPAT Meeting
Nov. 17, 2016 – 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	CFC Meeting
Nov. 28, 2016 – 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	YRAT Meeting
December, 2016	
Dec. 15, 2016 – 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.	CFC Steering Committee Meeting
Dec. 19, 2016 – 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	YRAT Meeting

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January 9, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	FPAT Meeting
January 19, 2017 – 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	CFC Meeting
January 30, 2017 – 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	YRAT Meeting
February, 2017	
February 16, 2017 – 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.	CFC Steering Committee Meeting
February 27, 2017 – 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	YRAT Meeting
March, 2017	
March 13, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.	FPAT Meeting
March 16, 2017 – 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	CFC Meeting
March 27, 2017 – 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	YRAT Meeting
April, 2017	
April 20, 2017 – 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.	CFC Steering Committee Meeting
April 24, 2017 – 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	YRAT Meeting
May, 2017	
May 8, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.	FPAT Meeting
May 18, 2017 – 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	CFC Meeting
May 29, 2017 – 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	YRAT Meeting
June, 2017	
June 15, 2017 – 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.	CFC Steering Committee Meeting
June 26, 2017 – 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	YRAT Meeting

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July 20, 2017 – 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	CFC Meeting
July 31, 2017 – 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	YRAT Meeting
August, 2017	
August 17, 2017 – 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.	CFC Steering Committee Meeting
August 28, 2017 – 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	YRAT Meeting
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Marion County Children & Families Commission
July 21, 2016 Meeting
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 a.m.
Broadway Commons, Salem, Oregon
Minutes

Commission Members Present: Sue Bloom, Gladys Blum, Gayle Caldarazzo-Doty, Commissioner Janet Carlson, Marilyn Dedrick, Donald Dodson, Jayne Downing, Ron Hays, Levi Herrera-Lopez, Cyndi Leinassar, Pete McCallum, Chief Jerry Moore, Allan Pollock, Judge Tracy Prall, Jim Seymour, Sam Skillern, and Shaney Starr.

Commission Members Absent: Jaime Arredondo, Walt Beglau, Rod Calkins, Faye Fagel, Randy Franke, Terri Frohnmayer, Chuck Lee, Krina Lee, Matthew Lucas, Sheriff Jason Myers, Sam Osborn, Stephen Thorsett, and Lyndon Zaitz.

Staff Present: Tamra Goettsch, Mary Grim, and Krista Ulm

Guests Present: Ariana Adams, Catholic Community Services; Shelly Ehenger, Marion County Housing Authority; Melissa Kidd, Salem-Keizer Transit/Cherriots; Wasi Khan, Galaxux; Rena Peck, City of Salem; Brandy Spradling, Catholic Community Services Forever Home Youth Council member; and Patricia Wagner, Marion County Housing Authority.

Meeting Convened: 11:40 a.m.

Introduction: Mary Grim, Community Services Program Coordinator was introduced. Mary will provide staff support for the Children and Families Commission.

Marion County Housing Authority (MCHA) Presentation – Shelly Ehenger, Executive Director, Marion County Housing Authority

1. Handouts
 - a. Included in packet:
 - i. Proposed changes to the Section 8 (Housing Choice Voucher Program - HCVP) Administrative Plan
 - ii. MCHA Payment Standards for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program (effective 4/1/2016)
 - b. Distributed during the meeting:
 - i. Marion County HUD Apartments
 - ii. MCHA business cards
2. Housing Authority Overview
 - a. Salem-Keizer Housing Authority – serves within the city limits of Salem.
 - b. Marion County Housing Authority – serves rural areas (outside the Salem-Keizer areas)
 - i. Federal funding administered, but mirrors the needs of the community.
3. Proposed changes to the Section 8 HCVP – highlights:
 - a. Current
 - i. Vouchers are based on meeting the screening criteria – primarily income.
 - ii. Change in household income must be reported immediately.
 1. Rent will increase or decrease based on income.

- b. Proposed changes
 - i. Family does not report an increase in income until their annual recertification. This will encourage clients to look for employment versus creating a barrier to affordable housing.
 - ii. The Supreme Court has determined that clients need to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
 - 1. Crime committed in the last five years.
 - a. Has their life changed? Do they have a support system?
 - b. Automatic Section 8 denial:
 - i. Sex Offenders
 - ii. Distribution or manufacture of methamphetamine.
 - 2. Landlord will conduct a background check/screening after MCHA completes its initial screening.
- c. Questions/Answers/Comments
 - 1. Question about MCHA owning property. MCHA does own property and provides Section 8 vouchers, which allow clients to rent privately owned properties.
 - 2. Comment on using a risk assessment versus a background check to screen potential clients with criminal backgrounds. Preference is given to individuals and families who are homeless and can demonstrate that they are in transitional housing and individuals with mental health issues. Currently there are 1,900 individuals on the MCHA wait list. Of those, only seven have a preferred status.
 - ii. Question about whether MCHA could designate vouchers for victims of domestic violence and whether the Regional Housing Task Force could be included in the conversation?
 - iii. MCHA's plan will be posted on its website by October 1, 2016. Community meetings will take place within the city limits of rural communities. Mary Grim will notify the CFC once more information is known..

Commissioner Janet Carlson moved the March 17, 2016 CFC meeting minutes to an action item. Sam Skillern seconded the motion; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

Cyndi Leinassar made a motion to approve the March 17, 2016 CFC meeting minutes. Marilyn Dedrick seconded the motion; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

Updates:

- 1. Family Preservation Action Team (FPAT)
 - a. Foster Care Youth Request
 - i. Brandy Spradling, Catholic Community Services Forever Home Youth Council, is 18 years old and a leader of the Forever Home Youth Council.
 - ii. Brandy requested on behalf of the Forever Home Youth Council that the Marion County Children and Families Commission take the lead in developing a plan to help the current foster parents to be successful and to recruit more good foster parents.
 - iii. Videos shown at the meeting:
 - 1. Forever Home Youths' Introduction Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KIXnjtPif0Q>
 - 2. Embrace Oregon Legislative Testimony - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICFkBYsZRdc&feature=youtu.be>
- b. Questions/Answers/Comments
 - i. Comment about history of community leadership coming together around foster care, starting with *No Meth, Not in MY Neighborhood*. As a result, an additional 400 youth were placed in foster care – for a total of 1,200 youth.

- ii. Currently, there are approximately 700 youth in foster care in Marion County; however, there are only 250 foster homes available in Marion County. The Family Preservation Action Team (FPAT) is launching a three-part effort: 1) Safe Families Initiative – help youth get care before they move into foster care (in partnership with CCS); 2) Increase the number of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to 300; and 3) increase recruitment and retention of foster parents.
- iii. Question about the training and process to become a foster parent?
 - 1. The *leaning in* model that was identified in approximately 2005 was designed for outreach to churches; however, it can be edited to be used for other target audiences.

c. Discussion on Foster Care Champion

- i. FPAT is seeking a Foster Parent Champion to work with community leaders to facilitate the design of a foster parent recruitment/retention strategy, and a plan that meets the needs of the organizations that recruit or hire foster parents. Additional responsibilities of the Foster Parent Champion are listed in the job description.
- ii. The recruitment process has identified a promising candidate. A subcommittee of FPAT has been meeting regularly on the development of the Foster Parent Champion concept. Funders for the Foster Parent Champion position are: DHS, CCS, Salem Leadership Foundation, Community Services Department, and Family Building Blocks. Following the 90-day planning process, a different position will be created to implement the recruitment plan and will be charged with recruiting foster parents for all participating agencies. The desired outcome would be to have enough foster parents available to match foster parents and foster children based on the child's needs and attributes of the foster parents. FPAT will evaluate Embrace Oregon, and One Church, One Child which aims toward adoption.

Janet Carlson moved this item from information to action. Shaney Starr seconded the motion; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

Sam Skillern moved that the commission adopt FPAT's findings and recommendations. He clarified that his motion does not commit money or staff time that has not already been committed. Gayle Caldarazzo-Doty seconded the motion; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

d. Questions/Answers/Comments

- i. The initial Foster Parent Champion contract will be managed by Community Services. It's anticipated that the scope of work will be complete within 90-days. During that time, FPAT will identify implementation needs and resource options. FPAT may return to the CFC to request additional resources in September or November. Community Action Agency (CAA) assists foster families during times when youth are very small through its Early Head Start and Head Start (prenatal through five) programs. CCA has found development concerns amongst the children enrolled in its programs due to trauma experiences. Nearly 60 percent of children in foster care are six-years old or younger. These children are often in the system the longest.

2. Youth Resources Action Team (YRAT)

a. Raising Resiliency Issue Brief

- i. YRAT has been talking about adverse childhood trauma, and what we can do as a system to reduce the flow of children who enter the juvenile system. YRAT members have explored brain development, ACES, HOPE research, and trauma informed care as topics of concern and interest.

- ii. The Marion County Juvenile Department is expanding its staff's knowledge in the four areas mentioned. The hope is to deepen the staff's knowledge and understanding of how the youth in their programs are impacted. Faye Fagel brought her plans to train department staff to YRAT and suggested that some of the presentations could be of interest to the commission, as well as community partners and the public. Two priority topics are the ACES study and implementing the HOPE scale. A few members attended a conference in April where both topics were presented. YRAT believes the two topics would be beneficial for the greater community and key partners.
- iii. Janet Carlson attended an ACES presentation by Dr. Felitti and he told a story about a woman who caused him to ask how adverse childhood experiences impacts behavior and health; i.e., diabetes, obesity.
 1. Dr. Felitti has been secured to present on the evening of November 1, 2016 to a community audience. He will train Fay's staff on November 1st & 2nd.
 2. Bill Guest, Willamette Valley Community Health, mentioned that doctors are looking at adverse childhood experiences, too, and how to integrate the philosophy into its practice. There is a possibility the CFC could partner with WVCH.
- iv. Community Action Agency's Early Head Start/Head Start childhood partnership is coordinating a presentation on the "whole brain child" on August 2, 2016 and spots are available to the public. Mary will distribute to the CFC.

Janet Carlson moved the agenda item from discussion to action. Chief Jerry Moore seconded; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

Janet Carlson moved that the CFC to endorse its role identified in the issue brief, and endorse the plan to develop an ad hoc subcommittee to work with the juvenile department. Cyndi Leinassar seconded the motion; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

b. CFC viewed: Redford, J. 2015. *Paper Tigers* motion picture. USA trailer

c. Questions/Answers/Comments

- i. The Paper Tigers video may begin the conversation within the community. The Marion County Juvenile Department may also purchase the video. If so, it might be an opportunity to host a community viewing with targeted invites. Once more information is known, a formal request might be brought back to the CFC.
- ii. If programs are connected better, there is a system of trauma informed care, and then there is an opportunity for improved service delivery.
- iii. The education community needs to be included; schools are a natural conduit for children.
- iv. What they are doing in Walla Walla is relevant to Marion County.
- v. Funding does play a big part when dealing with high-need students. Chemeketa has a GED program for youth up to age 21. The program received awards and had been asked to present on its program. They day before presenting, the program learned it would be closing the evening program due to lack of funding - the funding does not follow the young people.
- vi. Troubled teens usually have been dealing with issues for 12-14 years; changes won't happen overnight.

Next Steps/Wrap-Up

- YRAT will meet to determine next steps for coordinated community forums.
- Steering committee will meet to draft the September 15, 2016 CFC meeting agenda.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:20 p.m.

Next Children and Families Commission meeting: September 15, 2016.

Minutes recorded by Mary Grim

Marion County Children and Families Commission Steering Committee

August 18, 2016 at 12:00 PM

Community Services, Courthouse Square

Summary Notes

Members Present: Commissioner Janet Carlson, Sheriff Jason Myers (co-chair), Honorable Tracy Prall (co-chair), and Sam Skillern

Members Absent: Walt Beglau, Gayle Caldarazzo-Doty, Faye Fagel, and Shaney Starr

Staff: Tamra Goettsch and Mary Grim

Meeting Convened: 12:05 PM

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

The Honorable Tracy Prall welcomed participants.

Updates

Membership and Current Bylaws Review

Tamra reviewed the current bylaws and membership.

1. Bylaws were revised in 2015 – changes included
 - a. Commission shall be comprised of at least 11 members. There is no maximum.
 - b. Four-year terms
2. Membership
 - a. Marilyn Dedrick has resigned from the steering committee. She will continue to serve on the commission
 - b. Terms ending: Tamra has scheduled 1:1 meetings to see if the following members are interested in continuing their membership with the commission.
 - i. Randy Franke
 - ii. Chuck Lee
 - iii. Terri Frohnmayr
 - iv. Sam Skillern confirmed his continued interest in serving on the commission during the meeting.
 - c. Attendance – 80% attendance required. Tamra will have a conversation with the following members to see if they are interested in continued membership, or to serve in as a non-voting honorary or ex-officio member position.
 - i. Jaime Arrendondo
 - ii. Dr. Rod Calkins
 - iii. Lyndon Zaitz
 - iv. Donalda Dodson
 - v. Stephen Thorsett
 - vi. Randy Franke (term has ended)
 - vii. Terri Frohnmayr (term has ended)
 - viii. Chuck Lee (term has ended)
 - d. Recommended changes to the bylaws to be taken to the Children and Families Commission members:
 - i. Maximum of 30 members
 - ii. Member on a leave of absence does not count toward a quorum

- iii. Create an honorary or ex-officio member that would not count toward a quorum Commission chair and co-chair
- e. Children and Families Commission co-chair update:
 - i. Judge Tracy Prall has recently been appointed as presiding judge beginning in January 2017. She will likely resign from the commission at the end of December, 2016. She will talk with Judge Pelligrini about serving on the commission upon her departure.
 - ii. Sheriff Jason Myers resigned from the co-chair position as of the end of December, 2016.
 - iii. Potential co-chairs – Tamra will have a conversation with the following:
 - 1. Cyndi Leinassar
 - 2. Levi Herrera-Lopez
 - 3. Jim Seymour
 - 4. Jayne Downing

Membership discussion:

The Alliance for Hope report recommended that commission membership include a representative from Liberty House and the Center for Hope and Safety. Jayne Downing was appointed to represent the Center for Hope and Safety. The Steering Committee agreed that from a multi-disciplinary viewpoint, there is value in having Liberty House at the table and asked staff to extend an invitation to Liberty House.

Membership next steps:

- 1. Contact potential co-chairs
 - a. Advise the candidates that other commission members will be contacted to determine their level of interest.
 - b. Present information gathered from potential co-chair meetings at the October 2016 CFC Steering Committee meeting
- 2. Contact commission members with expired terms
- 3. Contact commission members with poor attendance
- 4. Contact Alison Kelley to request that a Liberty House representative serve on CFC

Youth Resources Action Team (YRAT)

- 1. Dr. Felitti – ACEs update:
 - a. November 1, 2016 - evening
 - i. Salem Conference Center
 - ii. Targeted invitations
 - 1. Medical Society
 - 2. CFC
 - 3. MCRI
 - 4. Organizations/individuals identified by YRAT
 - 5. Other
 - iii. Approximate cost of training and venue: \$20,000
 - 1. WVCH sponsorship – request \$10,000
 - 2. *[Note: costs were revised after this meeting.]*
 - b. WVCH clinical training – assist Dr. Anna Stern in creating a flyer
- 2. Chan Hellman – HOPE update:
 - a. Dates in Salem: January 10-12, 2016
 - b. The steering committee agreed that Chan Hellman will be the program for the 2017 Together for Tomorrow annual event.

3. Community Resource Network (CRN)
 - a. Beta testing and training is scheduled in August
 - b. Place CRN demonstration on November 17, 2016 CFC agenda
 - c. Roll out the site by end of the year

Suggested CFC September 15, 2016, agenda items

1. Bridging the Gap report

Updated CFC Agenda – September 15, 2016

- 11:30 Lunch
- 11:45 Welcome and Introductions
- 11:50 Presentations
 - Bridging the Gap – Sam Skillern
 - Marion County Reentry Initiative – Catherine Trottman
 - CASA – Shaney Starr
- 12:15 Membership Review
 - Current representation/terms
 - Bylaws
- 12:25 Updates
 - Family Preservation Action Team
 - Foster Care Champion
 - Youth Resources Action Team
 - Dr. Felitti – ACEs – Community Event
 - Chan Hellman – HOPE – Community Event
- 1:00 Next Steps/Wrap-up
- 1:30 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned: 1:10 PM

Meeting notes prepared by: Mary Grim

Family Preservation Action Team (FPAT)

July 11, 2016

Community Services Department

Present: Phillip Blea, Ormond Fredericks, Sam Osborn, Jim Seymour, Sam Skillern, Dana VanHaverbeke, and Shaney Starr; **Staff:** Tamra Goettsch

Welcome and introductions: Tamra Goettsch

Standing Updates:

1. DHS

- a. On July 20, Marion County will become a pilot site for the LIFE program. Clackamas and East Multnomah are also pilot counties. Two caseworkers will provide intensive family engagement to about 30-40 families; caseworkers are tasked with engaging families in monthly family meetings. There is no cap on the number of families who may get service.
- b. A recent DHS town hall meeting had over 200 people in attendance. Atmosphere was positive; programs were overviewed; small group discussions were held; and some budget changes were discussed: Increase foster parent stipends, child welfare review, adding additional positions, and paying for childcare.
- c. Comments/Feedback
 - i. The foster parents and individuals who were in the foster care system also attended and shared perspectives.
 - ii. In the self-sufficiency breakout session information about the 50-75 Somali refugees coming to Salem was discussed. Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) is working with refugees and the First Presbyterian Church is very involved in the refugee relocation and recruiting six volunteers per family.

2. Strengthening, Preserving and Reunifying Families (SPRF) Programs

- a. The contract with Options Counseling to provide family mentoring will become active July 31, 2016. Other districts in Oregon have said family mentoring has been heavily utilized.

3. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)

Since January 2016, 142 children have been appointed a CASA. There are currently 49 active volunteers and approximately 417 children who need a CASA. It is estimated that 200 more volunteer CASA's are needed. The goal is to have 100 volunteer CASA's by December 31, 2016. The first long-term goal is to have 200+ volunteers. The ultimate goal is that every child will have a CASA. Campaign will begin in September: 1) financial resources; and, 2) volunteer recruitment. Marion County CASA needs more funding to meet and support National CASA standards. The national ratio is 45 cases per staff member. CASA is promoting 100 volunteers in 100 days and needs to raise \$180,000 by

December 31. There is currently a \$90,000 public campaign with \$90,000 match. The average foster care cost per child is \$26,000-\$29,000 per year. With a CASA, it reduces costs to \$10,000-\$12,000 per child.

Many individuals don't become foster parents due to the time commitment. However, individuals who can commit up to 10-12 hours per month could serve through the CASA program.

It was suggested that CASA and Safe Families be listed on the *Leaning In* model. It is an easy visual that was successfully used in the past and can be altered.

Shaney is developing a plan and would like to ask the CFC for its support at the September 15th meeting. Add "CASA Updates" to future agendas.

4. Other:

- a. Consider including new partners in the conversation: Liberty House, school districts, community advocate, court representation, etc.
- b. The Children and Families Commission is hosting a community education event on Adverse Childhood Experiences Study (ACEs) in November and will bring Dr. Felitti to present.
- c. It was suggested that FPAT have a 3-4 hour "fair" at the Convention Center to showcase various programs and to demonstrate how all partners are working toward the same end.
- d. Caution was recommended about stating "not everyone can be foster parent." Marion County's message needs to be "we need foster parents!" Once there is interest, then talk about the various options available: CASA, Fostering Hope, etc.

Foster Parent Champion

- a. Post Foster Parent Champion Job Description on the website (Krista Ulm).
- b. Community Services will hold the Foster Parent Champion contract for developing a plan (phase 1). A separate contract is needed for implementation and sustainability (phase 2). Funding and contract holder for phase 2 is still undetermined. The contractor needs to be flexible and committed to working with various organizations.
- c. DHS has a budget note on set-aside funds for foster parent recruitment and retention. Catholic Community Services' (CCS) application was unsuccessful due to the number served and suggested that FPAT be ready when the RFP is released again. CCS will share its prior proposal as a starting point. If successful, FPAT could oversee the grant. DHS will be involved in the planning and writing, if allowable.
- d. A plan needs to be ready to implement by January 1, 2017.
- e. An ask for CFC support will be presented at the next meeting on July 21, 2016.

The Community Receiving Homes that existed in the past found that the hired foster parents quickly became burned out and there weren't resources available to run the receiving home. CCS is trying a new concept with 1-2 families. They've advertised for the new positions and would provide the home.

Other

1. Community Services will send an invoice for the Foster Parent Champion to organizations that committed funding once the contractor has been selected.
2. Invite Embrace Oregon to the next FPAT meeting to help us understand what they're doing and how the commission might partner.

Next Meeting:

August 4, 2016 – Foster Parent Champion Ad Hoc Meeting

August 8, 2016 – 10:00-11:30 a.m. – Foster Parent Grant Development Meeting @ Community Services

September 12, 2016 – FPAT @ Community Services

Minutes recorded by Krista Ulm

Marion County Children and Families Commission

To remove barriers and identify resources so that children, youth and families thrive.

Youth Resources Action Team (YRAT)

Meeting Notes: July 25, 2016

Attendance:

Phil Blea, Jan Calvin, Faye Fagel, Josh Graves, Cyndi Leinassar, and Lisa Trauernicht.

Staff: Tamra Goettsch and Mary Grim

Meeting notes from the June 27, 2016, were distributed; no changes were noted.

Family Support – Raising Resiliency

Raising Resiliency

Tamra Goettsch and Mary Grim are working with Joan Oliver, Juvenile Department, to coordinate Dr. Felitti's time in Salem. Currently, Dr. Felitti is tentatively scheduled to spend his time as follows:

- 11/1/2016 half-day – Juvenile Department staff training
- 11/1/2016 evening – Community Forum (Community Services)
- 11/2/2016 day – Juvenile department staff training

Bill Guest, CEO of Willamette Valley Community Health (WVCH), has expressed an interest in partnering to bring Dr. Felitti to Salem; WVCH's role needs to be clarified. Once this is known, scheduling logistics will be clarified.

Direction needed regarding Dr. Felitti's community presentation:

- Goal
- Target audience
- Message content
- Time specifics
- Affordable venue

ACEs Training Discussion – Dr. Felitti

The Juvenile Department is scheduled for a half-day and a full-day of staff training with Dr. Felitti. Community Services may negotiate for more time if needed; it will increase the costs. The approximate cost \$3,500/session. Consideration will be given for key partners and Dr. Felitti to have a conversation over dinner from 5:00-6:30 p.m. on November 1, 2016, if possible. The community forum is scheduled for this same evening and would follow.

General Comments and Ideas for the ACEs training:

- To gain a basic understanding of ACEs requires approximately four hours.
 - 1-hour evening presentation for the community – invite general public to the one hour.
 - 4-hour presentation for targeted community partners. (see list included under *ACEs Targeted and Community Presentations*)
- Primary care physicians are incorporating ACEs in their practice.
- ACEs training would be beneficial for educators.
- Possible sponsors – WVHC and/or Kaiser Permanente
- Consider charging a fee to offset costs, i.e. organizations, or individuals, may purchase a table.

Community Services will explore adding October 31, 2016 or November 2, 2016 to Dr. Felitti's visit and the possibility of a one-hour community presentation (5:30-6:30 p.m.), followed by key partners conversation with Dr. Felitti over dinner.

ACEs Target Audience and Community Presentations

Brainstorm of organizations/individuals to invite:

- Interfaith Hospitality Network
- Salem Leadership Foundation
- Catholic Community Services
- Community Action Agency
- Foster Parent Association
- Public Safety Coordinating Council
- Keizer, Salem, and Woodburn Police and Fire (EMTs)
- Behavioral Health
- Medical Society
- Keizer & Salem Chamber of Commerce
- Oregon Child Development Coalition
- Family Building Blocks
- Silverton Together
- Mano-a-Mano
- Youth Development Council
- Psychiatric Crisis Center
- Primary care physicians
- Early Learning Hub
- Union Gospel Mission
- Salvation Army
- Judges & District Attorney staff
- Victims Assistant
- CASA
- Liberty House
- Salem-Keizer Education Foundation
- Willamette Education Service District
- Oregon Department of Human Services
- Center for Hope and Safety
- Marion County Health Department
- Marion County Board of Commissioners
- Marion County Sheriff
- Key leader tables (donors, individuals dedicated to change, i.e. Ron Hays, Dick Withnell, etc.)
- Willamette Valley Community Health*
- Coordinated Care Organization
- Others?

*Check w/Bill Guest to see if they would like to host a few tables. Please note: if WVCH chooses to do something separately, they would need to coordinate directly with Dr. Felitti's scheduler.

To-do:

1. Agency event:
 - a. Contact Salem Conference Center
 - i. Rental & food cost
 - b. Identify possible sponsors
 - i. \$300/table of 8
 - c. Target organizations to invite (see brainstorm above)
2. Community event:
 - a. Identify venue
 - i. Get the word out – create a buzz in the community about ACEs.

Strategy to Reduce Over-Representation

Strengthening Hispanic/Latino Families: (Cavazos Centro para Jóvenes y Familias, also known as The Cavazos Center for Hispanic/Latino Youth and Families) A concept paper and proposal budget was distributed. Discussion of this item was postponed until the next YRAT meeting.

YRAT adjourned at: 3:40 p.m.

Meeting notes prepared by Mary Grim.