

# Marion County Children & Families Commission

March 15, 2018 Meeting

11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Grant Room, Broadway Commons

**Commission Members Present:** ~~Patrice Altenhofen, Jaime Arredondo, Walt Beglau, Carla Bennett, Sue Bloom, Gladys Blum, George Burke, Gayle Caldarazzo-Doty, Commissioner Janet Carlson, Troy Clausen, Jayne Downing, Ormond Fredericks, Troy Gregg, Levi Herrera-Lopez, Chuck Lee, Krina Lee, Cyndi Leinassar, Pete McCallum, Cary Moller,~~ Honorable Cheryl Pellegrini, Allan Pollock, Eric Richards, Jim Seymour, Sam Skillern, and Shaney Starr

**Guests-** Jan Calvin; Eric Cardella, Salem Boys & Girls Club; Josh Graves, CCS; Beth Hays, CRT; Kacie Kintz, YMCA; Ashley Marshall, MC Board of Commissioners; Sean Moriarty, Youth ERA; Tricia Ratliff, Community Action Agency, Home Youth and Resource Center; Victoria Shinn, US Bank; Shirley Vollmuller, DHS

**Staff Present:** Denise Clark, Tamra Goettsch, and Mary Grim

Meeting Summary Notes by Denise Clark

## Introductions/Welcome

No quorum present to approve January 18, 2018 Meeting Summary Notes.

Viewing of the Film Resilience- The Biology of Stress & the Science of Hope

Discussion followed as to responses to the film.

- Commissioner Carlson viewed the film when attending a NACo (National Association of Counties) Conference as part of a workshop. She also recommends the book, *The Deepest Well* by Dr. Harris.
- Miss Kendra's List, the drama program, was very effective.
- This is a natural extension of the "hands are not for hurting" movement.
- Speakers Shonkoff, Filetti, and Chan have been brought to this community; the focus has been on the importance of brain development.
- It's not unique work; the work has just become packaged by the community.
- The believers of the work encompass all disciplines.
- The CFC has done great work in bringing people together. Washington state has organized themselves in order to show the impact of its *Hope* efforts; they have "reduction measurements."
- The CFC needs to identify how to get the information out to law enforcement, medical and general public sectors. This can't be done by a speaker coming once a year. There needs to be a discussion on "what's next?"
- There needs to be a "systemic disruption." The leaders need to be willing to do things differently; it will be uncomfortable. There needs to be a commitment from the courts on down.
- There is a lot of information out there on trauma informed care (TIC), the challenge is implementing the information that has been provided.
- The trainings should provide the opportunity to practice the information. Supervisors need to understand what it looks like.
- Those doing the work have to believe, even though it's risky, that the outcome will be better in the end.
- Law enforcement has done a complete shift in how they've looked at sexual violence in adults; now need to put more emphases on the children. More information needs to be pushed out at conferences.

- Fostering Hope is making a difference; looking at garnering tax credits for organizations with “Strong Families” programs.
- Would like to see a ripple effect throughout the community; need “think tanks” to share knowledge and resources. Don’t want silos, with each organization just addressing their clientele. Figure out how to roll it out; let Marion County be a model.
- Originally, in 1993, the Children and Families Commissions around the state talked about the “Wellness Model.” Grant to programs distracted the state and local counties from its original purpose. The commission has a lot to offer within each agency; need a structured work plan to bring it all together.
- It will look different within each organization for bringing this forward. There are tangible things out there in the educational structure. How do we bring it to the business community?
- It needs to be packaged in a way that folks understand and motivates them to get on board. Use the story tellers such as Sam Skillern and Jim Seymour.
- Chan Hellman’s event brought the masses; it hit the mark and it wasn’t hard to get people there.
- Come up with a strategic plan; identify what matters within each organization. Chan Hellman is willing to work with this community and conduct a study.
- The Oregon Family Support Network wants to do some training; they can help build community support.
- We had to buy the rights to show today’s film. The film shows on-site practical implementation; use it as a trigger to get people on board. There is also curriculum that can be purchased. Mary Grim can be the sponsor for the film when it is shown to the different agencies.
- Law enforcement has worked within their organization teaching employees healthy life styles in order to help their own “broken people.”
- Interviewing all CFC members was suggested to determine what they need, within their organizations, to take the next steps. (The CFC steering committee will oversee the interviews.)
- The sector and the diagnostic tool is important to identify. The community needs to know about *ACES*, *HOPE*, and understand the “so what?”
- The importance of home visits was evident in the film.
- The right people are at the CFC table to make a difference.

#### Updates:

FPAT (Family Preservation Action Team) - Jim Seymour

- In 2016, a consultant was hired to develop a strategic plan for the recruitment and retention of foster parents.
- It was determined that a champion was needed to implement the plan.
- Local partners have pooled money to hire two part-time consultants: Jackie Franke and Robert Wallace.

YRAT (Youth Resources Action Team) - Sue Bloom

As a follow up to the *Hope* workshop, the team has asked staff members to reach out to the Washington state presenter, Schelli Slaughter, to identify action steps they are using in their local effort.

CRN (Community Resource Network) - Mary Grim

- This is an on-line tool for sharing goods and services.
- There are currently 267 members (organizations) signed up.
- Mary is willing to visiting organizations to make a presentation regarding sharing the tools and reaching the members.

- The biggest request is for furniture.
- This group can take steps to actively meeting the needs of the community. To become a member, contact Mary. (Donations can be accepted even if a person doesn't want to sign up.)

**Other:**

Tamra prepared a letter of support for a HUD award application. The grant applicant is Rural Oregon Continuum of Care (ROCC) whose mission is to utilize services and housing in local communities to address homelessness and a path to self-sufficiency. The ROCC comprises 28 rural counties across Oregon; 11 partners are part of the HUD application. The grant application addresses coordinated care to address youth homelessness, technical assistance, and data collected around the rural counties. They will also learn from the local 100 day youth challenge. The body indicated support for Tamra moving forward with the letter.

**Announcements:**

Shaney announced Child Abuse Prevention month kickoff event, Friday, April 6 at the Capitol at 10 AM. There is also a Salem Chamber Greeters' event happening at 8:30 am. The pinwheel pins were handed out and should be worn during the month of April. There will be a Child Abuse Prevention proclamation next Wednesday, March 21 at 9:00 AM by the Marion County Board of Commissioners at their weekly board session. There will also be presentations at the City of Salem on March 26; Woodburn will be later in April and City of Keizer on April 2. Still working on getting Silverton and Stayton lined up.

Elizabeth Smart will be coming to speak on *Overcoming Adversity* at 7:00 PM on Friday, April 20 at Salem's Elsinore Theatre.

Sue Bloom announced the Boys and Girls Club annual luncheon to be held April 12 from 12-1:00 PM at the Salem Convention Center.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 1:32 PM