

# Marion County Children & Families Commission

April 18, 2019 Meeting

11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Grant Room, Broadway Commons

**Commission Members Present:** ~~Patrice Altenhofen, Sue Bloom,~~ George Burke, Gayle Caldarazzo-Doty, Paige Clarkson, ~~Troy Clausen,~~ Jayne Downing, ~~Ormond Fredericks,~~ Troy Gregg, Lisa Harnisch, ~~Levi Herrera-Lopez,~~ Chuck Lee, ~~Krina Lee,~~ ~~Pete McCallum,~~ ~~Cary Moller,~~ Carla Munns, Honorable Cheryl Pellegrini, Allan Pollock, Eric Richards, ~~Jim Seymour,~~ Sam Skillern (by phone), and Shaney Starr, Commissioner Colm Willis

**Guests-** Eileen Casey White, Connections Consulting; Kacie Kintz, YMCA; Jimmy Jones, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency; Chris Peneda, Mountain West; Eric Hlad, Marion County Sheriff's Office standing in for Troy Claussen; Stacy Lake, DHS

**Staff Present:** Tamra Goettsch, Melinda Hautala, Heather Johnson  
Meeting Summary Notes by Heather Johnson

## Introductions

Introductions were made. One new member was introduced: Kim Lemman of St. Francis Shelter. Stacy Lake of DHS was also introduced and it was announced that she will be taking Ormond's position on the CFC as roles are transitioning within DHS.

## HOPE Alive

Tamra shared that the Steering Committee agreed at the March 14 meeting to recommend that all CFC members attend an Outward Mindset training as a collective and that the training should be tailored to the CFC. Chris Peneda from Mountain West was present to answer any questions that members had regarding the training:

- How do you tailor the Outward Mindset training to a group like the CFC with a specific focus?
  - It will create a common language that everybody can use to address opportunities or challenges. The Arbinger curriculum gets to the deeper aspect beneath the behaviors used to get to a specific result, which is the mindset. This level of mindset goes on how we see the opportunity or challenge and how we see others involved.
- Is there a pre-determined result that we should expect to come out of the training?
  - No, it is an exposure to the content and provides a set of tools to apply in order to achieve goals.
- Does this provide a way to develop a matrix for determining the degree to which we are achieving the goals we have set for ourselves, identify the milestones and any attributes we should expect?
  - It will provide tools that will help us see the effect that we are trying to get but not specifically develop a matrix.

Members voiced concerns about being able to attend a two-day training and asked that the Committee be sensitive to the fact that many members have already attended an Outward Mindset training. George shared that he has attended a four-hour training as well as a two-day training and found the shorter training to be just

as beneficial as the longer and wonders if the two-day training is really necessary. In response to these concerns, Tamra reminded members that most learn something new each time they attend and that when attending previous trainings, they were there for their own organization. She encouraged everyone to attend now with the mindset of the CFC and how it could help the community as a collective. While it is recognized that two full consecutive days of training may be difficult for some, it is very important to have the two days to really develop a dialogue and “dive into” the material. There is the possibility of splitting up the 2 days of training.

Troy shared that it is very important to figure out what the goal of the commission is and what we have to show for it. Troy strongly encouraged everyone to make the small sacrifice of attending a two-day training for the success of the CFC and the Hope Initiative. As a compromise, it was suggested to schedule one day of training and a hold for a second day if the commission feels another day would be beneficial after completing the first day of training.

A discussion ensued regarding the commitment to the Hope Initiative and whether or not the right people are at the table. Some encouraged the CFC members to consider if the Hope Initiative should be more of a community-based coalition type of project. Another member thought it would be better to start small and once a goal and mission are set, bring it back to each organization and then into the community.

Tamra reminded members that there was an active Doodle poll to determine a date for training, and asked that anyone who had not yet completed the poll, please do so as soon as possible so they could try to get at least the first day of training on the schedule.

### **Resilience at Salem Cinema**

A flier was made available to advertise the showing of the documentary *Resilience* at Salem Cinema on April 22, sponsored by Marion County Community Services, in observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Seating will begin at 6:45pm and the show will begin at 7:15pm. Seating for 140 people will be available. There will be a social before the showing at Cristo's.

### **Technical Assistance to Member Organizations**

Part of Eileen's scope of work is to provide technical assistance for 3-5 organizations within the CFC who want to dig deeper, particularly around the HOPE scale. Three organizations have expressed interest in Eileen's help: Mano a Mano, Center for Hope and Safety, and CASA of Marion County. Eileen shared that Mano a Mano has been utilizing the HOPE scale with youth and parents before and after different intervention techniques and has been able to collect valuable data. Levi would like to get a work group together of other organizations that are currently using the HOPE scale to share resources around data collection.

### **Approval of January 17, 2019 Meeting Summary Notes**

Eric Richards motioned to approve. George Burke seconded the motion. All were in favor to accept meeting summary notes. **Motion:** Minutes Approved

## **Announcements/Updates:**

**Eric Richards**-The school district needs everyone's help in getting proposed legislation passed to increase funding for education in the budget.

**Troy Gregg**- The new Juvenile Services building is being constructed and is looking great. They are planning to move to the new building in November. The Deputy Director position has now been filled and they are very excited to have Alicia Cozad on board. The annual Spring flower and plant sale will be the first week of May at the Fresh Start Market on Center Street.

**Jayne Downing**-The demolition of the old Greyhound bus station is complete. The Center for Hope and Safety is currently working with State and Federal delegations to get funding to build Hope Plaza. By summer, they are hoping to have their kennels open so that those that seek their services can bring their pets with them. Volunteer opportunities may be available.

**Cheryl Pellegrini**-There is a bill that may be coming forward from the state legislature Ways and Means Committee that is actually a collection of bills. Part of this bill would provide 16 additional judges statewide, one of which would be delegated for Marion County, specifically for juvenile cases. In the same bill, there would be state funding for four new family treatment courts plus funding for Marion County. During the last session, legislators approved funding to DOJ to assume all representation of DHS in child welfare cases from the time the child is taken into protective custody to the termination of the case. While going into this new process with trepidation, the courts are looking at it as an opportunity to revamp some of their current processes and reduce the time of the full process.

**Shaney Starr**-Due to recent flooding, the 2019 CASA Superhero Race has been postponed until June 23, 2019. On May 3, Antwone Fisher will be the featured speaker for their Light of Hope Event. CASA has been invited to submit for full grants to fund both of their delinquency programs. In February, they graduated their largest class ever and will have another 22 graduating in the next month. Humane Society of United States released an article featuring Lilly Mae and including Judge Pellegrini.

**Allan Pollock**-Their extended bus services will begin September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The Farmer's Market will begin the first Wednesday of May and will take place on Chemeketa next to the bus transit center.

**Commissioner Willis**-Marion County is working on Continuum of Care, getting out of the state continuum and being able to focus federal resources on the Salem area. Met with HUD, who apologized for the condition of Marion County's Continuum of Care and are on board with the direction Marion County is moving. Met with Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative group and recommended to the various jurisdictions that Marion County move in a more focused direction.

**Lisa Harnisch**- Provided a handout discussing their Head Start preschool programs as well as a flier for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Early Learning Summit which is being held May 21<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Ann Mastin will be this year's speaker. Registration is open now. The summit will focus on Raise Up Oregon, the state's early learning strategic plan.

**Carla Munns**- Willamette Valley Community Health board of directors decided not to reapply to continue as CCOs after December 2019 and therefore will no longer be servicing OHP members. There are three

organizations that have filed a letter of intent to apply for this position. The new CCOs will be awarded in July 2019. Due to the upcoming changes, Carla will be submitting her letter of resignation from the CFC in the near future. Our community lacks a syringe exchange program so they are working to help get one in place before their contract ends. They have been given data from Oregon Health Authority through Oregon Pediatric Improvement Partnership that combines health data and social complexity data into a Medical Complexity Score. OHA is looking at how they can help these kids who have high Medical Complexity Scores so they get the best opportunities that they can have.

**Kim Lemman-** St. Francis Shelter has recently had a new roof put on their building and they are halfway through renovating their 20 apartments.

**George Burke-**The new Salem Police Department building is going up quickly. George attended a presentation recently and found that all of the backlogged sexual assault kits have been tested and the backlog has been eliminated. They are hoping to have a virtual portal available in the near future for victims to access the status of their kit.

**Stacy Lake-** DHS Child Welfare has recently received some bad publicity and asks for words of encouragement to their staff as you come in contact with them. They are very thankful for the major support they have received from Jim Seymour and his team.

**Sam Skillern-** Salem Leadership Foundation will be hosting their annual Fancy Friday event on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Kacie Kintz-**YMCA building will be demolished in July and they will begin rebuilding in September. Most services will still be offered at other locations. Healthy Kids day is April 27<sup>th</sup> at the YMCA from 10am – 1pm. Free family memberships and youth sports are still being offered to foster families and the Y is working on finding a location to continue Court Care during the rebuild.

**Jimmy Jones-** A grant recently awarded to the Head Start program will allow for full-day/full-year opportunities and will allow for over 1000 total Head Start placements. They have now been moved into the new Marion County Transition Center. The renovations at Arches are entering the last phase; when it is finished there will be showers, laundry, hot meals, and a sobering center.

**Next meeting: May 16th, 2019 at Broadway Commons at 11:30 am – Lunch will be available at 11:15**

**Meeting adjourned 1:24pm**