



Special STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, May 31, 2017
8:30 - 10:00 AM
Polk County River Place
2309 Euclid Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50310
Conference Room 2

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

Al Perez called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. Present were Teresa Burke, Kerry Williams, Darryle Bohanna, Ellen Overton, Tamra Jurgameyer, Katie Kamienski, Joyce Bruce, Brian Atkinson. Absent were Kenya Rocha, Angela Wacker, Heather Thomas, Kevin Brownell, Judy Norris, Kim Ayotte, Eric Kool, Lynda O'Meara, Tracy White

Review of the various needs assessment materials

Teresa and Kerry introduced each needs assessment material to committee members to review. The purpose of this activity is to examine what information is available, eliminate duplicate information and figure out what Decat can use to build needs assessment for Decat. One goal is to state of the affairs of Polk County; i.e., what is the status of children and families in Polk County and what are the issues, barriers, and needs that Polk County faces. Another goal is to come up with what to inform the Decat Board regarding the state of the community and to decide how to use their budget in what areas.

- Measuring Disproportionality in Polk County within DHS: DHS shares this information with a closed group but this report is not released to the public. It does not break down nature of the abuse, or demographics. Al pointed out that some cultures have different definitions of abusing a child and we need to be aware of it.
- CJJP Data Entry Section: CJJP's data is based on number of incidents.
- 2016 Iowa Youth Survey (Polk County): This is conducted by the Iowa Department of Public Health's Division of Behavioral Health in collaboration with the Iowa Department of Human Rights' Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning and Statistical Analysis Center. Students in the 6th, 8th, and 11th grades across the state of Iowa answered questions about their attitudes and experience regarding alcohol and other drug use and violence, and their perceptions of their peer, family, school, and neighborhood/community environment.
- Community Health Needs Assessment 2016 (Central Iowa): This is a process that

identifies key issues affecting health in the community, as well as health problems people in the community experience. The toolkit is a free web-based platform designed by a collaborative body in response to the IRS requirement outlined in the Affordable Care Act. Visit Community Commons to explore.

<https://www.communitycommons.org/chna/>

- A Baseline on Iowa's Young Children Capturing the 'Demand' for Early-Childhood Services, Child & Family Policy Center, 2012
- Community Action Partnership
- Workforce Needs Assessment 2013
- A Developmental Approach to Child Welfare Services for Infants, Toddlers, and Their Families

Discussion and decision on focus areas for needs assessment information

Teresa was asking for Steering committee members to review these reports and to think about what our next step will be.

Steering committee members discussed to narrow down to building strong families and services that are sustainable and culturally adaptive. To build strong families, we may focus on child abuse prevention, parent skill building, and awareness for children to understand consequences of their action.

Brian suggested utilizing a logic model to stay focus on our end goal. We do need dialogue to learn about other field, however, committee members agreed to have logic model to drive conversation and it will help us narrow down topics. Members would need flip chart pad next time and Brian promised to send a logic model to Teresa.

Adjourn by AI Prez at 9:57 a.m.