

Kent County
Family & Children's
Coordinating Council



KCFCCC Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2013, 12:00pm – 1:30pm
MSU Extension Offices – Room A & B
775 Ball Avenue, NE

Members/Alternates Present: Wayman Britt, Sharon Briggs, Candace Cowling, Lynne Ferrell, Kirsten Gietzen, Judge Patti Gardner, Jack Greenfield, Joanne Hoganson, Sylvia Hopson, Paul Ippel, Ron Koehler, Gary Lemke, Sharon Loughridge, Jacob Maas, Nancy Marshall, Maureen Noe, Julie Ridenour, Savator Selden-Johnson, Diana Sieger, Justin Swan, Matthew VanZetten

Members Absent: William Forsyth, Sandra Ghosten-Jones, Cynthia Gladyness, Kevin Konarska, Lynn Heemstra, Cathy Raevsky, Vicki Seidl, Christopher Smith, Patti Warmington

Guests: Veneese Chandler, Rebekkah Fennel, Kathy Freberg, Jim Talen, Sarah Sheroski, Leah Verkade, Megan Zelinsky

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Lynne Ferrell opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions were done. The agenda was reviewed and was accepted as is.

Judge Gardner made a motion to accept the minutes from the January meeting as submitted, supported by Gary Lemke – UNANIMOUS

2. Public Comment

None.

3. network180/Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plan Changes

Paul Ippel gave an update of the changes to come with this program. Network180 is the organization for community mental health/substance abuse organization for Kent County. Paul said currently the state has organized the 83 counties divided into 46 CMH's. The Department of Community Health (DCH) has organized the CMHs into Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHP). There are currently 18 of them around the state. DCH contracts through the PIHPs to provide Medicaid services for people with developmental disabilities, mental illness, substance abuse disorders and children and families with mental health problems.

In addition to those, there are 18 Coordinating Agencies (CAs) around the state. Some are aligned with the PIHPs, some are not. Kent County has been unique in that we have been the CMH, the PIHP

and the CA. The State wants to see similar centralization, while also reducing the number of PIHPs in the State. There have been conversations with neighboring counties about reorganizing ourselves and creating a larger PIHP than what we currently have. Kent County is in the process of forming a regional entity that will involve Allegan, Ottawa, Muskegon and West Michigan CMH (which includes Oceana, Mason and Lake). These five CMHs are working to develop an extended PIHP for the area. This entity will be responsible to provide services and make sure that Medicaid dollars that come from the state are used to care for individuals within our community.

Paul reviewed a map that outlined the PIHPs that will be created with the restructure. The State does not define the boundaries, but does allow counties to choose their own.

The PIHP will be owned by the five CMHs. They will appoint members to serve on the board of the PIHP. The Directors from the CMHs will work with the small staff assigned to the PIHP to make sure the coordination takes place. The primary function of the PIHP will be to take the Medicaid dollars from the state and distribute them across the seven counties and to ensure the correct information is flowed back to the state. Hopefully this will create some standardization and some efficiency, allowing more money for services.

Network180 will continue to be responsible for how services are provided within our county. They will work with the PIHP in terms of how that relationship works with the state. Other relationships in the community will remain as they are today.

The change is expected to start in January 2014.

When asked if the State ends up going with the federal plan to expand Medicaid, if it would impact this program, Paul said it would, but not really sure how much.

Paul answered a question about how much input Kent County will have into the PIHP given we have about 50-60% of the total population in the PIHP. He said each county will have an equal voice in the PIHP. Each CMH will have two board members on this board. The CEOs from the region will be working together with the CEO for the PIHP to make sure the business can be done effectively. The whole idea behind this is mutual ownership and it should be OK.

4. Collective Impact Update

Lynne Ferrell mentioned there is a meeting on February 6, which is expected to be the final Steering Committee Meeting. Lynne asked Matthew VanZetten to give an update on activities since the January meeting.

Matthew said the funder's phone call has been the main activity. He provided a powerpoint outlining the responsibilities of each of the entities within the Collective Impact framework. He said FSG is recommending looking at the lay of the land for our community. They have recommended three staff members to manage Collective Impact and that each workgroup have a co-chair. Matthew went through the roles of the six major functions.

The timetable for Collective Impact, along with the budget was outlined. It was suggested by FSG in the first year, the budget should be around \$500,000 to \$600,000. By year two, a project coordinator may be added. The work of Collective Impact is not to do program work, but to find value in coordination in data management and macro level indicators and trying to get alignment around the work.

FSG also worked with South Seattle and their Collective Impact work and they recently received a Race to the Top Grant for \$40 million.

The other option offered by FSG is a variation of traditional structure, a virtual backbone where three agencies will dedicate .8 of an FTE to the work and then .2 would be dedicated to the host organization. FSG believes the steering committee would be responsible for providing the fund raising support for the first three years of the initiative. This would give the initiative three years to become stable and get the work groups going, data management gets going and so people will begin to understand what it is and how it works.

When asked if this process has been fruitful, Matthew responded that yes, but it will be important to bring it to completion. Currently it is about 90% complete. There have been some difficult conversations and some misunderstandings, but the process has been good.

5. Child Welfare – Section 515/100% Purchase of Service Planning

Matthew VanZetten shared that the State Budget approved by the Governor and the Legislature last year, includes a boiler plate section called Section 515, which required Kent County, DHS, child placing agencies and the local mental health agency (network180) work together to create a plan to privatize all child welfare services in the County except for investigation and removal from the department.. The work is currently taking place. Network180 has been helpful through the SAMSHA Grant to get a project manager that has allowed us to make some gains. The project manager is Jim Toth, who has been working with network180 and Spectrum Health as a project manager. The co-chairs are Scott Parrot, the Deputy Children’s Services Administrator for DHS, and reports to Steve Yager; Matthew VanZetten is the other co-chair. There is significant representation from the court, from the local DHS, Savator Selden-Johnson and the child-placing agencies.

There are two committees meeting right now, one being a design committee and a fiscal group who will be looking at payments and contracts. The goal is to have a plan to DHS by the beginning of summer, hopefully June 1, 2013.

Further efforts will include coordinating efforts among mental health, child welfare and courts. Matthew said this is all about trying to move our child welfare work moving from 85% to 100% privatized and what it means for the work structure for DHS, for contracts for payment rates and other issues that arise from moving to 100% Purchase of Service.

Matthew said he will come back with another update in April and at some point the Executive Committee will need to endorse this and bring it to the Council.

6. KCFCCC Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee, consisting of Gary Lemke, Patti Warmington and Matthew VanZetten, provided a report to the KCFCCC Council. A motion to approve the nomination list as recommended was made by Judge Gardner, supported by Paul Ippel, vote was UNANIMOUS.

7. Miscellaneous

None.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Next Council meeting: Tuesday, April 9, 2013 12:00pm – 1:30pm
MSU Extension Room A & B