**Families 1st Partnership Quarterly Collaborative Partners Meeting**

**February 27, 2024, 1:00 p.m.**

Questions about minutes of last meeting – None

**Workgroup Updates**

Transportation taskforce – doing a survey, sent out as a QR code. One for employers, another for employees. Need – main locations of transportation needed. Participants may want to seek target population for input.

Disability workgroup – report by Tami Littrel NP Bethel Church –

Planning a conference, April 19-20 with PTI (Parents Training and Information – parents with lived experience, familiar with process, paperwork) at Bethel Church for both parents and caregivers.

4 major topics - transition plans, application, SSI income, and decision-making.

Registration begins in March. Childcare a possibility. Promotion to begin with news media.

A support group, headed by autism group, was held, well-attended. Movie matinee was held, with new families attending. March 9 – ASN ( Autism Society) Carnival

Morning – families with special needs, Afternoon for community. Future – Respite events suggested, for eg. Fishing, gardening, family moves Oct. – Guest speaker – mental health, how it impacts families with special needs and mental health needs. Caroline reported - Hands of Healing - a new group beginning in NP, new resource Will be a partner for the Regional Disabilities Conference.

Minority Needs Group-reported by Adi Fernandez-Dobbins, LMCA

Adi (LCMA) – promoting health literacy class being offered by WCDHD Updates on programs and activities happening in community Problem-solving – language needs, access Need for Health coaches has been suggested – DHHS can provide training, need to be employed as a health coach.

Anyone interested in Minority Needs work group –meets 1st Monday of each month at 2 pm by Zoom– meeting for interested individuals

Straight Up Advocates-lived experience group to support those with history of system involvement, addiction, recovery, etc.

Meet 2nd and 4th Tue of each month at Families 1st office. Information request on F1P website on the “What we Do”, then select “Community Partnerships.”. Can take referrals.

Inmate Outreach--Kristen Martinez , Lutheran Family Services–Fatherhood Initiative Program

Outreach in Detention Center. Goal of building up supports for incarcerated esp. those ready to transition to community. Meeting needs – housing, documents, prep for release, basic needs, mental health, medication. Need - Groups to meet needs working together. F1P seeking funding—

Other Updates

Smart Recovery – Self-care & addiction recovery, Meet every Thur. 7 pm at the Connection Shelter Strength-based approach to any type of addiction and recovery.

**Needs, gaps, barriers**

Housing—high rent costs. ERA funds sometimes available (renthelp.org). Community Action – Donna Legas will assist with signup for Nebraska Rent Help.org. Adult Protective Services – check with Shelly Witt- month-by-month basis, limited amount left.

Communities for Kids-Val Hyde– Childcare assistance program – C4KLC. Early learning scholarships, funding still available. [info@c4klc.org](mailto:info@c4klc.org) to apply.

Childcare needs – Most facilities at capacity, often a wait list for infants. May need to create a coop with new employers to provide childcare, hopefully will meet needs of 150 children. Need to promote in-home childcare, including those who need licensure.

Aging – housing modifications – possible insurance may cover. Check with landlord if renting.

Agape Giving – partnership with 6 churches, help with individual needs, esp. household needs, items. Application on F1P website.

Families 1st Partnership Updates – shifting from crisis intervention to prevention. Options for support.

F1P - PIWI training being offered (Parents Interacting With Infants) – encouraging parents to play with children. 9 sessions, group sessions. Protective factors, social interaction. April 30, May 1 – Virtual training for facilitators, offered free via livestream. Those interested in training-contact Caroline

Landscape assessment (NCFF funding and Munroe-Meyer, program evaluation), May 2-Munro Meyer-

2 sessions in person for Lincoln county. Need a list of groups/individuals who may be involved and interested—let F1P know. Discussion will be on “How do people access services?”

F1P and LMCA – Spanish class offered, front-line workers, conversational Spanish, free of charge. Zoom class. Lunch and Learn time to practice speaking together. First class is full, but a new one will be offered if interest is strong.

Families 1st Partnership – New website. What We Do – information about central navigation, resource directory, collaborative partners meetings, organizational videos—front-line videos, application to Straight Up Advocates, video trainings. Assistance Application Request available. In future – NIFA – Find Help will be customized for F1P 16 counties. Check your information to make sure correct—look up your organization’s information to ensure updates and accuracy. Possible case management in future. Agape Giving application. Upcoming events—Event Calendar. Questions? Information? --get to F1P.

Project Connect – one-stop shop, multiple organizations in one location, giveaways. Can provide services, information, network with other agencies. Planning committee needed, meeting dates planned

Agency Updates

Baby Fest – Saturday March 23rd 10am at Great Plains Health

Family Planning – Wild Night – Mar. 27, 4:00-6:00 – Wild Bill’s – for high school students – People’s Family Health -resources, employment, etc. Free bowling, laser tag, food for students. May provide booth, resources, provide an activity to encourage students to attend. Elizabeth (Family Planning)

Kids on the Bricks – April 13 – 12:00-3:00- Canteen District, Neland Bank providing food. Organizations can provide booths. Planning meeting – Feb. 29, 1:00, MPCC, room 202.

Rooted in Relationships – March 15, 16, NP Library, Parent-child interaction.

Lincoln County Car Seats – Training car seat technicians – April 27, GPH, 3-5. Car seat checks.

ESU 13 – Summer camps planned, 16 and older employment as counselors

Region II – Mental Health First Aid available

Bridge of Hope – Mandatory reporter training at Interagency in March.

Notes recorded by J Livingston

**May 21 – Next meeting Collaborative Partners meeting**