Families 1st Partnership Collaborative Partners meeting minutes 2.25.2020

1 pm Connection Homeless Shelter

In attendance: C Lienemann, EDN; V Collins, Salvation Army; D Legas, Community Action; K Scusa, NE Commission for the deaf and hard of hearing; M Mosher, Salvation Army; J Pederson, Homeless Board; L McKeone, NP Berean Church; C Sabin, Families 1st Partnership

1. Updates from previous meeting—August 27, 2019
	* Employment outreach
		+ Berean Church has kicked off “Fresh Start” program
		+ $8000 in donations for start up costs, meals for class participants
		+ Starting April 6th, supper at 6 pm, then class until 8:30 with childcare provided
		+ Goal is to start with 4 men and 4 women
	* Transportation
		+ Salvation Army still does provide before and after school transportation
		+ Mild winter—very few calls
	* Home Visiting program
		+ Families 1st Early Childhood workgroup researched the options with this
		+ More supportive of educational outreach to get health community support
		+ “Strengthening Families” series started in January
		+ Monthly sessions at the 3rd Thursday, 4-5:30 pm
	* Universal budgeting
		+ Classes offered at Families 1st by 5 Rings Financial
		+ Trend for now is to look to community resources
	* Outreach for agencies
		+ Families 1st website has option to sign up for Community directory
		+ All information is cross-platformed to phone app that should go live in March
	* Housing programs
		+ Connection Shelter will begin a 18 mo Housing program to provide financial assistance and coaching to a variety of housing situations
		+ J Pederson reported on the new plan for the city to begin inspections of homes
			- Inspection of external premises—all N.P. residences
			- Internal issues should be reported to code enforcement
	* Services for Senior adults-still a gap
	* Youth support programs
		+ Families 1st has applied to provide a youth advisor for CYI youth
		+ Also to include the art outreach worked on by the Eyes of the Child committee
2. Identify other gaps and barriers
	* Mental health needs—Drug Detox-
		+ Sheriff is working on this with a group including George Cheek, Camp Maranatha
		+ More access to therapy—support
	* Dental needs—possibly being worked on by GP Health
	* Repairs
		+ New Facebook info—Ryan Ball on “No Limits”
			- Site to “trade” work or volunteer to help others
	* GED—work training
		+ Get more info on First Link phone app for those resources
3. Next meeting: Tuesday May 26, 2020 1 pm.