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.