Tuesday May 23, 2023-Quarterly Collaboration Meeting and Service Array Review

* Youth Family Development-Not on slide show
	+ Community education
	+ Funding issues
	+ Better coordination of services
* Update on what areas to focus on
	+ Transportation
	+ Communication
	+ Identifying groups
* Transportation:
	+ John Hale- If we try to rely on the city’s bus system we’ll get nowhere, need to come up with different options.
	+ Jen-Bicycles & Strollers
	+ Problems in the past with bicycles in the past-lost or stolen, abandoned the program.
	+ Sarah White- superintendent NP Public to encourage bus routes for students. More school involvement with transportation.
	+ EDN-Worth asking about carpooling, limited resources, she thinks they want to get out of the bus routes.
	+ John Hale-concerns about carpooling logistics and problems.
	+ Subcontracting transportation for school. Grand Island Public does this.
	+ Find easier ways to provide daycare transportation.
	+ Family First/Bobbi- funding through grant writing for transportation. Need people to write the grants and then run the program; follow through.
	+ Shelly-Questions about data to identify the problems for families.
		- Both time constraints during drop off-parents both working
		- Limited car, 1-car family.
		- No transportation or access to vehicle.
		- Health issues preventing parents being able to drop off.
		- City buses full
	+ Questions of why were even speaking about transportation in this setting.
		- Identified as common denominator.
		- Some believe this is a city planning issue.
		- Zoom attendant-community/charitable solutions that need to be utilized/explored.
		- City and the school need to be held accountable to establish and participate in addressing transportation.
		- Not a nonprofit responsibility to fund the solution; but to bring solutions to the table.
	+ Groups that need to focus on this issue.
		- Schools
		- Medical
		- City/Chamber of Commerce. (Uber, ride share, etc.)
		- New companies coming to community.
	+ Possible task force (Key players) to work on transportation, and then be able to bring it to people/groups that can create change and solutions.
		- Task Force-Businesses affected with transportation issues, administrators/school board.
	+ Possibility of George from the bulletin to call out the key players.
	+ Businesses are going to help step up to fill the worker need/transportation for employees.
	+ Possible invitees to be on transportation task force.
		- City officials
		- School officials (public & private)
		- Sustainable Beef officials
		- Wal-Mart DC officials
		- Hospital officials/medical
		- Menards Officials
		- Center for Rural Affairs
		- Dept. of Labor
		- Hotels-(Tag from the hotel association)
		- People who need transportation resources
	+ Concerns that transportation task force needs to be more centralized and specific before opening it up.
	+ United Way 211 services-explore how they got it running and utilize it.
	+ Promotion for more uber drivers/ride shares
		- Employers can link up an account with uber drivers-Uber business.
		- Under 18 can have account linked to their parents’ account
	+ Survey on family first website to find the need for transportation.
		- Link on social media to be available to public
			* Have you missed work, school or an appointment due to transportation issues in the last 30 days?
			* Have you missed an opportunity/event in the past 30 days due to transportation issues?
				+ What was/were the opportunity/event you missed?
			* What is your most common mode of transportation?

* Communication:
	+ Service Directory
		- available in 2 different ways
			* QR code
			* family first website.
		- You can search by category of need or organization.
		- New Feature-Discussion Board to find resources quickly and efficiently.
			* Members with a login can only be on the discussion board.
	+ Emergency contacts through QR code-easy & quick access to crisis resources
		- Numbers to emergency contacts
		- Crisis lines-hot buttons, click on them and they dial the live crisis hotline.
		- Directory to non-emergencies at the top of the page.
		- Posters with QR available in Spanish and English.
* Mental Health/Substance Abuse:
	+ Updates on mental health data
		- Depression rates statistics
		- Drug use-opioids and marijuana
		- No one wants to take on drug and alcohol rehab
* Childcare
	+ Ladybug crossing-full because of staffing issues
		- 2 in NP & Sutherland
	+ Trucks and Tiaras-full
	+ Noah’s Ark
		- New facility
		- Working at full capacity at what they’re staffed for
	+ Cuddles & Imaginations
		- Refinished and can now take more children.
		- Holding spaces for Sustainable Beef.
	+ In-Home
		- Many are retiring or quitting.
		- Training-continuing education
		- ESU 16 Offers training-many on Saturday
* Missing Data:
	+ Veteran’s community.
		- Shir-About 5 veterans interested in join a support group. Welcome home veterans for the whole state.
			* shir@biane.org
	+ Substance Abuse
		- Binge drinking & vaping
	+ Disability Information
		- On it or need to get on it
		- Lower level of assistance
		- How do we address those needs
		- Understanding/education of their benefits
		- Understanding/education on what they can receive while waiting for benefits.
		- Bobbi-Not a friendly environment at social security
			* Not contusive to learn about benefits there
			* Tori-Recommends using the SOAR program; friendly and knowledgeable
				+ Soar@nmca.org
			* Disability waiver wait list-families don’t know they need to apply about 8 years before they turn 22. Gap in the community.
				+ Should be done before middle school
				+ Should be done mid-elementary during IEP meeting.
				+ School systems & families need to be educated in this process. NP and surrounding areas.

3 significant needs & IQ number, under70

Needs include-sight, hearing, physical, etc.

Information is available & training through ESU 16 but it’s not utilized.

Information needs to be advertised-clinics and hospitals

Service directory

Medical professionals

* + - * Felon Data
				+ Sheriffs’ office, Kevin with the city?
				+ North Platte 3rd highest crime rate in Nebraska.
				+ McCook Work Force Program
				+ Sheriff staff (Rowley and Jerome)
				+ Probation Office
				+ Crime Commission required to have this information
				+ Employment of felons

Housing concerns

No snap benefits

* + - * + Railroad has program for felons called 2nd Chance.
			* Undocumented
				+ Access to health care and lack of health care coverage
				+ Language barriers

West Central-Needing groups who work with minorities to be a part of survey to address minority issues.

* + - * + Legal Resources for minority/undocumented.
* Next Steps
	+ Transportation Task Force
	+ Childcare (in-home and education)
	+ Disability education and advocating