CARVER COUNTY Mental Health LAC Meeting

DATE: 03.08.2022 LEADER: Derek Gunderson

TIME: 4:00-6:00 p.m. RECORDER: Courtney Iverson

COUNCIL MEMBERS		LIAISON MEMBERS			GUESTS	
Name	Р	Α	Name	Р	Α	Name
Derek Gunderson	Х		Beth Fagin	Х		
Mary Myss	Х		Melissa Hanson	Х		
Katelyn Theimer		Х	Sam Deweese		Х	
Courtney Iverson	Х		Melanie Warm		Х	
Sandy Menzel	Х		Diane Pagel	Х		
Judy Kieffer	Х		Stephanie Combey	Х		
Michelle Iversen	Х		Tim Lynch		Х	
Mike Duzan	Х		Katie Downing, Nystrom & Associates	Х		
Lindsey Konchar	Х		Richard Scott	Х		
Ellie Krug	Х					
Jenny Swan	Х					
Stacy Zellmann	Х					
Daniel Nelson		Х				

Agenda	Activity/Discussion	Decision/Action
	Call to Order: Derek Gunderson 4:05 PM	Approved by
Agenda Item 1:	Approve March Agenda: Sandy-2nd	consensus
Agenda Item 2:	Approve February Minutes: Mike 2 nd by Sandi	Approved by consensus

Agenda Item 3:	Richard Scott, HHS Deputy Director and Pat Stieg with Public Health	Information
J	Pat has been Instrumental in his work with public health	
	Launched communities of belonging initiative	
	Was working for American Heart Association & tobacco campaigns in the past	
	Working for Carver County for 4.5 years	
	Community Health Assessment	
	Looks forward to reviewing key findings	
	Does a public health assessment every 5 years	
	Halfway through the implementation of the CHIP plan	
	COVID-19 made the implementation of the plan not as robust	
	Assessment is done to better understand our community & build partnerships	
	CHA-Community Health Assessment	
	Assessment structure	
	People	
	Opportunity	
	Nature	
	Belonging	
	Carver Co healthiest and wealthiest but not for all	
	Try to locate the source of health issues good or bad	
	Health Determinants	
	Affordability	
	Housing	
	Transportation-rideshare, access impacts health	
	Communication-awareness, enlightenment and understanding, miscommunication may be a barrier to health	

Agenda Item 3:	Physical and Mental Well-being	Information
cont.	By 2035, 1/4 will be non-white in the county	
	Uninsured rates are much higher for people living in poverty	
	Carver Co: 1:880 Mental Health Providers to community members. The *need is not being met. Shortages in mental health across the country	
	Anxiety and depression were in the top 4 health issues identified in Carver Co	
	45-54 was the highest group of suicide attempts from the Sheriff's office The figures presented from the Sheriff's office ALSO includes Chaska Police Dept	
	This is 2017 data:	
	The presentation is more about the type of information that has typically been assessed, rather than based on current data. The intent is to develop a partnership with the LAC and request feedback from the LAC to make sure that assessments are asking questions that pertain.	
	Mike: Mental health calls are often not coded correctly, so Mike feels the numbers are artificially low. Some things they are doing one once and officer responds, when they figure out it is a mental health issue, they note it and add the new code Occurring just with Chaska police now; started with this in 2021 This is important to note as they move forward with more assessments	
	Belonging Binge drinking Higher income and education are more likely to drink more in carver county Higher than all counties as a whole	

Agenda Item 3: cont.	How is binge drinking information collected? Amount and Frequency Defined as:	Information
COIIC.	More than 5 drinks in a single occasion for men	
	More than 4 drinks in a single occasion for women	
	Driving Deaths:	
	67% in Carver Co was alcohol related vs the 28% in MN as a whole	
	Drug overdose deaths:	
	Trend in increase in total numbers	
	 Opioid deaths have not improved over the last few years 	
	Carver County did not get hit as hard as other areas with the opioid epidemic but it was still impacted and is not improving	
	This is a growing county so numbers will go up	
	Do we do any testing to on if people who move if their mental health improves Falls more into a realm of a research question and we would need a control group	
	From public health we focus on populational aspects-snap shot	
	30% of health issues are attributed on personal behavior	
	There are many other elements that influence behavior	
	Understand other social determinants	
	Suicide increased significantly from 2016-2018	
	Youth data on considering a suicide was collected from 3 of 4 schools	
	How was the question asked to collect information on suicide from children?	Discussion
	How seriously did you consider attempting suicide?	
	It was asked the same was across MN for children	
	It was phrased similar for adults	

Agenda Item 3:	Information was collected from both ideation and attempt	Information
Agenda Item 3: cont.	Beth would be interested in hearing about connections. Who can you count to call on? What does isolation have to do with age, poverty, etc? Why is only one district participating-staff fatigue? Addressed 180 different variable in this last survey Only 1 of 4 schools will participate in the MN student survey this year Dr. Scott wants to do an abbreviated survey for the other schools Qualitative Data: • 3 listing groups with Marnita's Table • Series of Focus groups with professional and people with learned experience • 700 door knocks for community listening • Convenience Survey at the state fair • While gathering data, they were intentional in building relationship • Invited these folks to be part of the solution Have launched 8 communities of belonging Frame this work from the concept of belonging If you feel like you belong you will have better mental health Want to launch and office of community engagement and community	Information Discussion
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	How effective was the last survey in securing funding? • Hugely successful • DHS reached out • UCare	

Dr. Scott wants this to be his day-to-day operation What are the questions we need answered? What is the type of programming we feel would need value? We have made ourselves known to the commissioners They want to get the programs and services in place that may be of value		
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Dr. Scott is excited about this		
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What is a good timeline to keep this dialogue going?		
Dr. Scott will share all the tools they used in this process.		
Staff Reports		Information
Melissa Hanson:		
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Agenda Item 4: cont.

Beth Fagin:

Information

School co-located mental health staff continue to be very busy with wait lists. Staff are gearing up for the summer Prep Program. The program provides group therapy and support for practicing social and emotional skills with peers in a fun and interactive part-based program.

Beth commented that while Carver County should be proud to be the happiest, healthiest and wealthiest county it's difficult for those children and families who don't fit into those categories and even more apparent when you are surrounded by it. Also noted that wealth is not a protection from mental health issues.

Beth expressed both disappointed and understanding regarding schools declining to participate in the state-wide student survey --- the level of stress in keeping schools open and running over this last school year has been a monumental task and another thing to manage can easily be too much at this time.

NYA central is the only one participating in the survey this year

Everyone should be aware that a limited number of schools participating means we must be cautious about the data as it does not represent the county as whole.

We are lacking our 2 largest school districts on the survey

Wondering if the schools totally understand the value of the data or know how to make it work effectively for their needs.

The data is a potential resource for funding and planning and perhaps the schools might benefit from some help in that regards.

Derek suggested that the LAC could try and encourage a partnership with the schools to obtain this information and look at ways it might be useful to them in planning or for future funding.

When the county receives money to help kids, the schools do better.

The survey data not only highlights need but demonstrates strengths.

We have the capacity to understand the data, but we don't have the data.

Agenda cont.	Item	4:

Beth commented that it might be helpful if Richard and public health could suggest a shorter more user-friendly version that might more directly support the schools' needs.

Information

Stephanie Combey:

- Crisis calls continue and they continue to see a high proportion of people who are acting on their suicide ideation
- High usage in day treatment program
- Around the state they aren't having issues with providers not having enough referrals.
- Many providers doing day treatment have had to limit the number of groups they can provide services to bc of the lack of staffing
- Carver County has a robust crisis team. We are very fortunate in that way.
- Rates are stagnant. There is only so much you can push with productivity before you burn out a provider.

Even our health insurance companies don't really have the concept of day treatment. Day treatment is not a thing in every state.

Diane Pagel:

- Busy in outpatient with wait lists.
- Continue to have a vacant psychologist position
- Realizes that in Carver County we have less openings than many other counties and agencies but still struggle to fill openings.
- Many agencies have 35 vacant positions
- Current psychologist is working double time
- Filled psychotherapist position
- Offering hybrid 50/50 telehealth & in person services-Mix between virtual and in person

Agenda Item 4:	CIC -	Information
cont.	First Street Center and involved in a project on needs and obstacles that impact mental health such as: • Housing • Food • Transportation • Utilities • Safety This program will identify clients who have needs in these areas and create a system of linking to services, in addition to traditional mental health care.	IIIOIIIIauoii
	The program will start with adults and will move on to measuring children's social determinants of health and how to provide additional support along with mental health care.	
Agenda Item #5:	New Business: N/A	Information
Agenda Item #6:	Old Business:	Information
	Mike reached out to NAMI for a liaison and is attempting to receive response. Derek will reach out to Sam to discuss this as well.	
	Health Needs Assessment Richard and Pat will send us the prior survey and talking sheets around this. Derek will get them over to us.	
	Send questions to Derek.	
	May is Mental Health Month Wear green (Kelly green) or a color or ribbon that is important to them - Stigme 180 % District 113	
	Stigma 180 & District 112 Program regarding mental health	

Agenda Item #6: Cont.	Letter to ECCS regarding the student survey-how can we partner	Information
Cont.	No other schools have a program like stigma 180 in the district	
	Would anyone be willing to draft this letter? Derek will look for an answer in April.	
	Underserved Population outreach- We are a homogenous group. How do we reach Latino populations? We need to find contacts with some of our communities in Carver Co. rural, Latino, black, and other community representatives.	
	Should we invite some cultural liaisons? Have some questions ready for them	
Agenda Item #7:	Upcoming events Any guests?	Discussion
	Open Forum N/A	
Next Meeting	April 12, 2022	Next Meeting
Adjournment:	Adjourned 5:53	Adjourned