

Promise Partners Committee Meeting Notes
Youth and Family

COMMITTEE: Youth and Families
MEETING DATE: June 11, 2019

CHAIRPERSON: Jessica Rayment
LOCATION: Promise Partners

PRESENT:

Bobbette Beedle (CCR&R)	Lisa Schaben (Heartland Family Service)
Kristina Jensen (Heartland Family Service)	Clarrissa Newman (Lakin Campus)
Ronda Newman (Project Everlast)	Patricia Russmann (Promise Partners)
Sonya Fittje (Boystown Iowa)	Grace Tunning (FAMILY, Inc)
Liz Addison (FAMILY, Inc)	Teresa Cooley Daniel (IWCC- AEL)
Katie Choquette (Catholic Charities)	Laynee Clay-Veitch (Dept. of Human Svc)
Nicole Huryta (Heartland Family Service)- via call in	

Introductions and Announcements:

Clarrissa Newman- The Charles E. Lakin Human Services Campus will hold a Back to School Bash on August 16. Families will be able to get school supplies. More information will be shared.

Ronda Newman- Project Everlast continues to take referrals to support young adults that are disconnected from work or school and struggling.

Teresa Cooley Daniel- Iowa Western Community College continues to offer adult education. These include the Hi-Set (high school equivalency), English as a Second Language, and Education to Employment classes. Many of these are available to a student at no cost.

Sonya Fittje- The Hope4Iowa Crisis Call Line continues to be open. Sonya has informational pieces available for promotion.

Promise Partners Updates:

Patricia Russmann shared that Promise Partners has extended regions served through Decategorization (DECAT), Early Childhood Iowa (ECI), and Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC). Efforts now include working alongside and partnering with the following governance boards: Harrison-Monona-Shelby County Decat & CPPC Board (HMS Board), Harrison-Monona-Shelby County Early Childhood Board (HMS ECI), Fremont-Page-Taylor Decat & CPPC Board (FPT Board). With these additions, Promise Partners is now working under the direction of 4 governance boards and in 8 counties in Iowa.

In Pottawattamie County, the same Governance Board remains and an appointed Coordinating Council is looking on how to build a resilient community.

With growth comes new challenges and opportunities to learn. Some staff changes have been made to shift duties and focus.

Laundry Love Event:

A debriefing meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 2 11:00-12:00 in the Promise Partners Conference Room. This will be an opportunity to look at final numbers, survey data, and evaluate the event held on May 9th. 147 individuals attended (113 in CB, 34 in Glenwood).

Domestic Violence Victim Supportive Child Welfare Approach

Katie Choquette, Catholic Charities Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program

Layne Clay-Veitch, Department of Human Services

The Safe & Together Model started in Southwest Iowa in 2015. It is an approach to working with domestic violence victims in the area. Primary efforts are in consulting with the Department of Human Services to ensure victims are empowered and kept with their children. 3 primary goals include: 1) Keeping children safe and together with the non-offending parenting, 2) Partnering with the non-offending parent as default position, 3) Intervening with perpetrator to reduce risk and harm to child.

Case consultation is available through the CAP team. Department of Human Services workers are trained in the model and often refer victims to the program. Catholic Charities offers ongoing work with victims, include preventative and treatment services.

The community is trying to debunk myths about domestic violence. It is important to note that a perpetrator's behaviors can have multiple effects on the family. These include an effect of the *partner's parenting*- depression, PTSD, substance use, loss of authority, shift in focus to perpetrator rather than children, interference with day to day routine; *Children's Trauma*- witnessing violence or being a victim of physical abuse; *Effects on Family Ecology*- loss of income, housing instability, loss of contact with extended family, educational and social disruptions; *Harm to Child*- behavioral, emotional, social, educational, developmental, or physical injury.

Updated Committee Priorities for Fiscal Year 2020

During our last committee meeting, we brainstormed, then planned for priority areas for focus and education this next fiscal year. The following were identified as priority areas, and will be used as "road map" in arranging speakers and topics.

Topics of Interest

- Marsy's Law (legislation in support of constitutional rights for crime victims)
- Internet Safety
- Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse

Programs of Interest

- Pottawattamie County Public Health
- Bikers Against Child Abuse

Projects of Interest

- Laundry Love Event

Committee members that may have a contact or suggestion on who could speak on one of the above topics are encouraged to contact Jessie at JRayment@promisepartners.org.

Comments from the Coalition

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, August 13, 2019 3:00-4:30pm-
Promise Partners Iowa School for the Deaf Campus – Careers Building

Next Steering Committee Meeting: Tuesday, August 6 9am, Location Dunkin Donuts,
Council Bluffs

Meeting minutes will be posted at www.promisepartners.org

Youth & Family Committee Purpose: To support and encourage the well-being of all youth and families through education, networking, and collaboration in Pottawattamie County.