

Promise Partners Prevent Child Abuse Committee

08/21/19

11:30 to 1:00 pm

Promise Partners
Conference Room

Facilitator: Jessica Rayment

Note taker: Sandy Kirchhoff

Committee Members

Present:

Tammi Winchester (Department of Human Services), Katie Choquette (Catholic Charities), Kris Wood (WIC), Laurieann Rose- aka Titania (Bikers Against Child Abuse), Little L (Bikers Against Child Abuse), Jean Bohnker (FAMILY, Inc.), Sandy Kirchhoff (Visiting Nurse Association), Patricia Russmann (Promise Partners), Jessica Rayment (Promise Partners) and Tisha Moore (Promise Partners)

Meeting Notes

Agenda item: Introductions

Meeting called to order by Jessica Rayment:

Jesse Rayment asked members to sign up for meeting tasks- note taker and greeter. Sign up circulated.

Those wishing to attend more than one meeting of any Promise Partners committee need to scan their signed membership agreement form to Jessica at jrayment@promisepartners.org or bring to the next meeting. Community members can join the committee at any time.

There have been some changes within Promise Partners, including new responsibilities in surrounding counties. Jessica will be providing more support for this committee and Tisha providing less, due to this.

Agenda item: Review & Highlights from Data Walk

Jessica facilitated discussion/review of data walk presented at June 2019 PCA meeting highlights noted:

Sexual Abuse

What's the data telling us?

- 20% who are sexually abused are abused before age 8
- 90% know their abuser
- Younger victims are more often abused by family members
- 40% are abused by an older or more powerful child
- Most adolescent offenders are not sexual predators
- Victims are more likely to engage in prostitution

What works?

- Having open conversations, teaching children what is and is not acceptable
- Using "No, Means, No" book
- Raising awareness even outside the home
- Instituting policies to avoid 1:1 situations with children

Who is already involved?

- Healthcare providers (including mental health)
- Human service professionals
- Educators
- Therapists

Child Abuse & Neglect

What's the data telling us?

- Affects over 1 million every year at a cost of \$220 million per day
- If not corrected early, later amounts are as high as \$80 billion
- Occurs more often ages 0 to 5
- Funding is a need

What works?

- Assessing the abuse/neglect early in life
- Provide counseling, treatment, etc. for children and adults

Who is involved?

- Local/state officials, local programs

Risk Factors

What's the data telling us?

- Pottawattamie County is high in abuse/neglect, low birth rate, teen pregnancy, housing costs/lack of housing, poverty, children with violence, high ACEs

What works?

- Teaching parenting skills, lowering stress levels, increasing skills and strengths, education on pregnancy and prenatal care, free/affordable services, getting fathers involved

Prevention Efforts

What's the data telling us?

- Research tells us what works, i.e. Protective Factors
- Prevention funds

What works?

- Risk/protective factors
- Primary, secondary and tertiary prevention (outside and inside the system)
- Biggest return on investment is prevention
- Parenting adults biggest impact, multi-generational

Who is involved?

- Prevent Child Abuse America, Prevent Child Abuse Iowa, Iowa Department of Public Health, MIECHV, ECI, DHS
- Family support, childcare, etc.

Agenda item: Review of Committee Roles, Goals, & Purpose

Patricia Russmann reviewed the following:

History of this committee

Prevent Child Abuse Iowa – been around in some capacity for over 20 years

PCA Pottawattamie County- became a committee under Promise Partners-approximately 2 years ago

Purpose of committee: Ensure that all Pott. County children are healthy and safe from child maltreatment

Goals of Prevent Child Abuse Pottawattamie County Committee:

1. Raise awareness and commitment to promote safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments that prevent child maltreatment
2. Use data to inform actions
3. Create a context for healthy children and families through norm changes and programs
4. Create the context for healthy children and families through policies

CPPC- Community Partnerships Protecting Children

CPPC goals:

1. Procedure and policy change
2. Shared decision making
3. Individual course of action
4. Neighborhood networking
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Reviewed restructure of Promise Partners with added responsibilities from additional counties. Jessica Rayment will now be facilitating the committee.

2016 Community Needs Assessment reported Pottawattamie County as the county with the highest ACEs scores. As a result, Promise Partners is working on public awareness through the Coordinating Council (which consists of leadership from community agencies). A grant was submitted to support the Lemonade for Life campaign in Pottawattamie County; notification of awards will be given in early September of 2019.

Agenda item: Recap of Previous Year

2019 committee accomplishments: (all events below done in April)

- o Family Fun Fair- 300 people, 17 vendors
- o Mayoral Proclamation- 80 people, Mayors: Bellevue, Omaha, Council Bluffs, Boys Town
- o Council Bluffs Nonpareil —6 Face of the Day, Letter to Editor
- o Radio Interview- KFAB with Scott Vorhies

Business Engagement:

- o 23 businesses support our PCA events, delivered pinwheels/window clings, event flyers and information cards
- o Blue Out Day- first Friday in April

Identified issues:

- o A lot of events going on in one month
- o Hard for families to attend all events
- o Utilizing PCA-IA and PCA toolkits came out late and delayed the planning

Agenda item: Brainstorm Fiscal Year 2020 Projects & Activities

Community Efforts = Awareness and Education

- Lisa Project
- Family Night Out/Wellness Bash
- Spank Out- movie night
- Poker Run
- Outreach collaboration through schools
- Pancake breakfast for families with education
- Fundraising
- Involve parent/survivor (Committee, Press, Speaker)
- Invite one lived experience to next mtg
- Begin contact with 100 Block
- Simple call to action for pinwheels/proclamation
- Combine proclamation and family fair
- Resources at existing events
- Library Day- event or even reading lists by age/population (kids, grandparents, etc...)

Agenda item: Next Steps

- Tour Project Harmony (if haven't already)—each individual committee member
- Lisa Project research-Jessica
- ACEs Education- include link to committee members- Jessica & Patricia
- Invite someone with lived experience to next meeting to write testimony or story or come to committee meeting
- Pinwheel order- Jessica

Agenda item: Wrap-Up

The committee will meet **October 16, 2019**, 11:30 at the Promise Partners 1st floor conference room.

Other Information

Committee Members

Absent:

Katie Bonnet (FAMILY), Jennifer Hensley (CHI Health), Molly Horan Cummings (WCCA FADSS), Cowtown (BACA), Clarrissa Newman (Lakin Campus), Susan Pawloski (Lutheran Family Services), Carrie Powders (GHAEA), Jenny Sharrick (FAMILY), Dave Smith (Trailblazers), Grace Tunning (FAMILY), Courtney Vestal (Parent Partners), Katie Carrol (Children's Square's IHS), Bad Influence (BACA), Pat Garcia (Boystown), Christy Hagen (PMP), Danielle Hale (WCCA), Emily McDermott (WCCA FADSS),

Guests: None