

RESOURCE COUNCIL MINUTES
May 20, 2019
County Board Room

Members Present: Noelle Rodriguez; Chair, Richard Pfau; Vice-Chair, Sarah Beckius, Jane DuBois, Linda Green, Mark Johnson, Cassey Lake, Kristin Vierow, Mike Vogel, Dr. Michael Wilcox

Members Absent: Josh Berg, Tonya Fitzgerald, Dawnya Mohs, Andrew Petrenko

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Barb Weckman Brekke

Staff Present:

Pam Selvig, Health and Human Services Director

Suzanne Arntson, Child Welfare Manager

Heather Wilson, Foster America Fellow

Jane Jacobson, Administrative Services

I. CALL TO ORDER – Introductions:

Chair Noelle Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room. Linda Green announced she will be moving out of Scott County and will no longer be able to serve on the Council. The Resource Council wishes to thank Linda for her service.

II. MINUTES:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the February 25, 2019 minutes.
Motion carried.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT –Pam Selvig:

- Pam updated the Resource Council on the Intensive Residential Treatment Services (IRTS) and Mental Health Crisis Residential facility in Scott County:
 - The lack of a treatment facility available for clients and a County Board strategy tied to mental illness led staff to explore opportunities to develop a mental health treatment facility in Scott County. Since our last meeting, Scott County received an additional \$2.26 million from a State grant for the construction of the facility. Advertisement and the bid package for the project will go out soon. Construction may begin by the end of July. It is approximately a ten month project to build. Guild, Inc. will be the service provider. Scott County will have a service agreement with Guild, Inc. which will include placement priorities including proximity to family and community.

IV. NEW BUSINESS/COMMUNITY INPUT

- The Strategic Plan to End Child Abuse and Neglect – Suzanne Arntson and Heather Wilson
 - Suzanne introduced Heather Wilson, a Foster America Fellow, to the members.
 - Suzanne and Heather gave a PowerPoint presentation titled, *Preventing Child Maltreatment Efforts in Scott County*.
 - Topics of the PowerPoint included: current data on the prevalence of child abuse and neglect in Scott County, strategies and interventions the county is actively involved in to reduce child maltreatment and support families, and Resource Council members' ideas on how the Council could support the goal to end child maltreatment.
 - Intakes accepted for assessment and/or investigation in 2018 have increased and were proportional to the population in the cities of Scott County.
 - Out of Home Placements are increasing. Since 2014, Out of Home Placements have more than doubled.
 - Current Child Welfare strategies to support children 0-5 and their families are: QPI (Quality Parenting Initiative) –“comfort calls” and B25 (Birth to Five) Child Protection Intervention.
 - The Sauer Family Foundation grant is funding a two year pilot.
 - ✓ Scott County will partner with St. David's Center for Child Development.
 - ✓ Two Strategies: *Attachment & Biobehavioral Catch-up* is an ABC evidence based intervention and *Fostering Relationships* is a strategy to bring birth parents and foster parents together.
 - ✓ Able to refer 12 families (one family per month) to St. David's for ABC.
 - ✓ Able to refer 10 families for Fostering Relationships.
 - ✓ St. David's will be doing the training. Our workers will get training/shadow St. David's staff during the first year. During the second year, our trained staff will continue the work.
 - Resource Council sees this as a start to make an impact on the outcomes for families in child protection and a start to get stakeholders to implement a strategic plan to end child abuse and neglect in Scott County.
 - Council members should send any questions they may have to Pam.
- Treatment Court Update - Pam
 - Treatment Court is an alternative approach to the regular court system to holistically address the cycle of addiction and criminal behavior.
 - Scott County Treatment Court is a high intensity, high supervision, high accountability, and treatment focused program.
 - Pam handed out an update sheet showing some preliminary data and statistics.
 - ✓ At the time of graduation, all eleven graduates have had the following: a diploma or GED; a valid driver's license; employment or full time college student.
 - ✓ Treatment Court continues strong connections with Mental Health services and also a strong partnership with Law Enforcement.
 - Next steps are to have an independent evaluation done and fit long term funding for the program into the County budget.

- Legislative Update-Pam Selvig
 - The Provider Tax will not sunset/expire. The Legislature has agreed to a 1.8% Provider tax effective after December 31, 2019.

V. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes were sent prior to the meeting. No discussion.

VI. AGENDA ITEMS FOR AUGUST 19, 2019 MEETING

Suggestions for August Meeting:

- a). Receive information on the Treatment Court independent evaluation report
- b). IRTS Update
- c). HHS Strategies for Board -get input from group
- d). Public Health Community Health Plan

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.