

# Minutes

## Community Juvenile Services Board

### February 26, 2019 Youth Crisis Center

Roll Call: Present were—Paul Fritzler Cori Burton, Traci Blevins, Wayne Beatty, Michael Scott, Jerrod Holbrook, Jason Wittler, Cory Miller, William Howell ,Heather Ross Jennifer Miner, Corrie Whitman, Jim Milne . Guest at this meeting was Emily Winn, intern at R.J.D.C.

Introductions were made around the table as it was County Commissioner Jim Milne’s first meeting with us.

1.) Budget Review—Cori Burton opened the meeting due to Paul Fritzler, being a few minutes late. The general line items of the budget were reviewed with the comment that things look very good for this point in the biannual cycle. The discussion turned to the Handle, Rite Track line item (the Board covers \$400.00 per month to provide a soft ware program for R.J.D.C.) At the time this biannual budget was approved the Board gave R.J.D.C. until December, 2018 to find a more cost effective alternative. Due to several circumstances this process has been delayed Jared Holbrook moved and Cori Cosner Burton seconded that we hold off on ending the current contract until June, 2019. Motion passed unanimously.

2.)Call to Test billing discussion—There was wide ranging discussion around the services of Call to Test. Prices for their valuable services have increased drastically and part of the problem is we do not have a solid price for services we receive due to the huge number of variables they have attached to their charges. There were many positives mentioned about the prices but currently it is impossible to determine what we are being charged. After much discussion it was decided that Corrie Whitman and Michael Scott would contact the company, determine the charging basis and ask for a memo of understanding, a contract or some way of “spelling out”what we are

being charged for. Based on what they find out we can take action in the very near future.

3.) Paul and Cori gave an update on C.H.I.N.S. process and procedure. Mercer F.R.C. works with the N.C.S.D. and D.F.S. to provide this very important preventative service. Paul mentioned that funding may be available in the future, but it is important to be doing things in accordance with recognized best practices. There was discussion about bridging actual children in need of supervision and parental or educational neglect. All agreed that “letterhead “from The District Attorney’s office is a way to get parent’s attention—more so that letterhead from the School District or Mercer.

4.) A fourth area did not appear on the original agenda but had been e-mailed by Y.C.C. Director Traci Blevins. Her concern was/is:

I would like to talk about the juvenile system of care in our community. We have seen an increase in youth who are being placed in our crisis shelter from home/foster care who are erratic, out of control, dangerous, unmanageable etc. Essentially, kids who need 1:1 support, which we don't offer. In these instances, when the youth becomes out of control in a way that creates a danger/concern for themselves, others, or our building we have reached out to both law enforcement and dfs. When we contact them, we are told to reach out to the other; both of which report to us that they can't do anything and they have their "hands tied". This is a system issue where there is literally no place for these kids to go. I believe this to be a huge concern for juveniles in our community and hope the board members can discuss some opportunities/options to build something into our system of care to help these youths. This generated much discussion and it was decided the problem was large and complicated enough to warrant further meetings between the School District, D.F.S. and Y.C.C. It was further suggested to involve Joann Numato from the Wyoming Department of Education. From this, a discussion of in school suspension, Suspension Lab and out of school suspension took place. This requires an expanded discussion involving the school district and can be a lead agenda item next meeting.

## 5.) Member updates:

Because of the lateness of the meeting member updates were called for via individual e-mail submissions. At the meeting, monthly reports were submitted by Cory Miller for R.J.D.C., Jennifer Miner for community service, Traci Blevins for Youth Crisis Center and William Howell for Central Wyoming Counseling Center. These reports will be part of the minutes for review next month.

Cori Cosner Burton for Mercer F.R.C. Parenting education and youth intervention classes at Mercer Family Resource Center are ongoing as usual. Outreach Love & Logic class begins at Cottonwood Elementary this week. Our Natrona County Prevention Coalition entertained 450 people (220 families) at their 4th annual Family Game Night held at the Nicolaysen Art Museum this month. Our parenting coordinator was recently trained out-of-state in the Nurtured Heart Approach and will be offering a parent and professional all-day training on March 15th. The Youth Empowerment Council subcommittee #WYAMPLIFY is hosting a "Youth Top Chef" event at Cent\$ible Nutrition on March 21st from 5:30-8PM. The Community Baby Shower will be held at the Boys and Girls Club on April 13th at 10AM!

## William Howell **Central Wyoming Counseling Update: 2/26/2019**

### **Adolescent residential:**

12 beds: 5 girls and 7 boys

Current Census is 10:

6 boys and 4 girls

3,569 direct hours of services provided to the Natrona County Schools by Master Level Therapists.

There are currently 294 children enrolled in the school-based program

Meeting adjourned at 11:35a.m.

Next meeting (Committee) March 26, 2019

Sincerely Submitted,

Wayne Beatty—-facilitator

