

Hennepin County Children's Mental Health Collaborative (CMHC) Governance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

3:00 – 4:30 pm

St. Louis Park Byerly Community Room, 3777 Park Center Blvd, St. Louis Park MN 55416

Voting Members: Pat Dale, Liz Franklin, Cindy Slowiak, Liz Gronert, Jody Nelson, Debbie Wells, Stacy McClendon, Eric Melbye, Jenna Mitchler, Amie Wold and Karen Malka

Back-up Voting Members: Krista Phillips

Staff support: Margaret Sullivan, Cheryl Holm Hanson and Curt Peterson

Guest: Mark Sander

Welcome/Introductions & Announcements

- The meeting was recorded in accordance with the CMHC recording policy.
- Eric made a motion to approve the October 19th Governance meeting minutes with the correction of the spelling of Fraser. Liz seconded, all approved.
- The Executive Committee meeting minutes from November 5th were reviewed.
- Curt merged the current CMHC roster with the System of Care roster. There may be a need to identify additional stakeholders to fill gaps. Send any updates/changes to Curt.
- Discussion of possibly adding FSC member on the CMHC Executive Committee. Currently there are two FSC members on the Governance roster. The Executive Committee is making the recommendation to add an FSC member to the Executive Committee. The background is that the Alliance will probably be disbanded and making this addition will give the FSC members a voice. Jody made a motion to have an FSC member on the Executive Committee. Liz seconded, all approved. The Executive Committee will reach out to the current representatives to determine who will fill the role. It will also be added as part of the Governance charter.
- The Executive Committee has asked everyone to keep the December meeting on their calendars for now. There may be a need to meet based on the new coordination team and Finance Framework meeting.

RFP (coordinator support) update/report

The RFP was issued for the new coordinator position. There were three responses to the RFP and none of the responses quite fit what the committee was looking for. They did invite two of the three back for an additional conversation and talked about their backgrounds and the CMHC budget for this position.

The committee, consisting of Liz, Pat, Margaret, Ben, Jenna, Cheryl and Cindy, are recommending Laura LaCroix-Dalluhn and Etonde Awaah of LaCroix-Dalluhn Consulting. The committee felt strongly that they could bring what the group needs now and where the group wants to be in the future.

The original budget for this position is \$50,000. The consulting team redid their initial budget to meet the CMHC budget.

Questions/comment/discussion from the group:

- This is a 2-person firm, the owner and staff. They have done a lot of work in the community in collaborative efforts. The committee liked that they wanted to get to know the group. They have a strong sense of a basis of how to do the work. They were also strong in terms of equity and are willing to have those hard conversations.
- Laura LaCroix-Dalluhn and Etonde Awaah talked about how to meet stakeholders where they are.

- They may be in the community, but they will also support the work of the group and not necessarily do the work of the group.
- They would like individual time with anyone that is willing to sit down with them during the first quarter.
- They are excited about coming in on the group level for System of Care.
- Will the budget of \$50,000 cover the scope and scale of the work? The collaborative asked for 1000 hours. If it is over/under the Executive Committee, as their supervisor, will have those conversations with them.
- The budget is for January-December 2020. The committee would like to ask for additional funds for mileage and for the new coordinators to work with Curt during the transition. In addition, there should be funds for any additional costs for Curt's time. The committee is asking for an additional \$10,000 to cover that.
- One recommendation was to provide the Governance committee with a resume before the meeting, and the recommendation.
- The goal would be to begin to work with the new coordination team after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Eric made a motion to approve LaCroix-Dalluhn Consulting as the new coordination support team for CMHC. Stacy seconded, approved. Stacy made a motion to approve the additional \$10,000 funding to fund ancillary expenses as the new coordination team works with Curt during the transition. Krista seconded, all approved.

PCLG Funding increase request

- The PCLG did some new things this year, like coffee and conversations. This gave them an opportunity to get to know people and talk about resources/issues/support. Nice dialogue with other parents also brought new catalysts and additional parents attending support groups.
- Did a wrap that was well attended.
- Had a presence at the MN State Fair.
- Main increase in budget is an ask for training and events. It has been great for outreach.
- Hoping to reduce barriers as they reach out to more people.
- Jody made a motion to approve the increase in funding for PCLG. Krista seconded, approved with one abstention.

Alliance update

The Family Service Coordinators met to weeks ago to discuss the future of the Alliance. Curt also discussed this with Ann Boerth at DHS to ask that Hennepin County allow the Alliance to be disbanded. Curt is putting together language to bring that to the Finance Framework meeting in December.

The Alliance has about \$28,000 left in its account. The ask is that those funds remain to be used for training and evaluation. The Family Service Coordinators did vote, at their meeting, to disband the Alliance and keep the remaining funds for the purposes stated above.

Committee reports/updates

PCLG update

- Support group continues to be strong.

School-based

- School based conference was a couple of weeks ago. Really good showing. Sixteen agencies were approved for funding from CHMHC for the conference.
- Discussion about article about hospital admittance
- Meeting with grant manager for school linked mental health at DHS.
- Mark has convened leaders from school districts to talk about mental health in schools, which is one of their top three priorities.

Providers

- Group hasn't met

DOCC

- Everything is going well with their work. Julie Atella met with them to start to gather data for the annual summary which will be out in February/March. Starting to work on 2020 plan with some changes based on what the county needs.

Evaluations

- Not much to report, still in transition stage. Starting to think about plans for 2020 and have a lot of ideas for fun/interesting things within the System of Care model.

Celebrating Curt

Thanks for the leadership and guidance.

Adjourn

Liz made a motion to adjourn, Krista seconded.