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Objectives for the Month

Objective: Management

Objective: Accountability oversight of funded agencies

Objective: Community outreach

Hours worked each week- 40

Holiday Hours- 8

Sick hours-

Vacation – 24

Office Hours- Monday through Friday

“A community where all children of 19 years and less and their families of Lafayette County can reach their full potential in a supportive and nurturing environment.”- LCCSF long-term goal

Over the course of the past month the Executive Director continued to work towards the goals of the LCCSF Board identifying areas of consideration among the board, promoting LCCSF within the community and looking at the overall well-being and safety of the children of Lafayette County. Identifying objectives throughout the month help the Executive Director approach areas in which to work on behalf of the board. Those objectives were; Management, Accountability oversight of funded agencies, and Community outreach. Throughout this past month the Executive Director received agency reports and combined information to create an annual report/report card, conducted two agency site visits, attended the Director's meeting in Columbia, attended the HCC General Membership meeting, prepared for project connect, and took care of all day to day operations.

Agency Service Reports

January 31st agencies submitted mid-service and year-end reports. Throughout 2018, 306 children received services through our agencies that have entered into contracts with LCCSF through the funding cycles. This number is not inclusive of the agencies that provide services through the monthly funding requests. We anticipate approximately 400 children to have received services over all. In addition to 306 children receiving services, 42 families were reported to have been served. 7,798 hours were invested into these individuals through direct services. As we continue to gather data, we anticipate over 8,000 hours to have actually been delivered. 185 community members were impacted through community outreach events.

Outcomes

All agencies reported to have achieved goals, contributing to outcomes, hoped to be achieved through services. Outcomes show us what the program will achieve through implementation of goals. It answers the question “how will this service/program make a difference”. While goals and outcomes are important to achieve, obstacles are commonly faced. Obstacles do not define a failure of the program but allow for agencies and funders to identify and gage the needs of the children and the community. These obstacles can show a larger problem that a community may need to address. Take for example transportation barriers. Clients in need of services may have the opportunity to schedule with a service provider. However, in many rural counties, the service provider may be located in another town which is miles away. Numerous families do not have access to public transportation, which puts access to the service out of their reach. At times, appointments are scheduled but families are not able to reliably make their appointments, which does not allow for goals to be reached. So, the question must be asked, “why are these clients not meeting their goals?”

Agency Site Visits

February 5th, the Executive Director and board member, Laura Scott, attended a site visit with Easterseals Midwest at the main area office. February 13th, the Executive Director and board member Daryl Augustine, attended a site visit with Wellington-Napoleon school district. The purpose of conducting agency site visits is to ensure accountability of funds and evaluate services delivered. It is important that the board understand the inner workings of an agency and have a good understanding of the services that are delivered to our county children. At the site visits the Executive Director and present board members are given a tour of the agency. Discussion of program sustainability and maximization of funding also takes place. The ED reviews service reports and invoices, and ensures that service recipients are within age and geographical location, as defined by the RSMo statutes. If there are program obstacles, the ED discusses these with the agency and reports to the board. Both agencies fulfilled requests at the site visits.

Directors Meeting

Friday February 8th, the Executive Director attended the quarterly meeting of the Children's Services Fund Directors, for the entire state of Missouri. This meeting is held at the Boone county government center in Columbia, Mo. The purpose of meeting is to collaborate with other county funds, discuss data and strategic planning, learn about programs and activities taking place, and share information useful for smooth processes among the board of directors.

Agenda items for this meeting were: barriers to care, legislative session (internet retail sales), St Louis County strategic planning and residency document and county introductions for new director Kathy Macken (Clay). Kathy Macken represents Clay county CSF and was in attendance for her first directors meeting. As a courtesy, the directors shared about their county, staff, and functions of their board.

Time was spent discussing Medicaid requirements for billing within the school districts. Several school-based providers have been disbursing very detailed paperwork for parents to fill out. The paperwork changes are suspected due to the Medicaid requirements however, it is becoming a barrier to children receiving the services they need. I was able to share with the group that they should be able to advocate

for some changes with Compass Health paperwork, as we were facing the same barriers, and Compass was able to adjust to the needs of the school.

St Louis county shared their newly organized strategic plan. This information was gathered through a contracted consultant who interviewed individuals, held community stakeholder meetings, reviewed performance measurements, reviewed literature and survey distribution. An assessment report was created which drove the board's decision in regard to a strategic and implementation plan. The St Louis board was able to identify a reactive investment approach which led to some underfunding of areas of high need. Also, of significant investment in other areas. St Louis county operates at about a \$45 million-dollar budget. St Louis county also borders St Louis city, which has their individual CSF. They have faced many obstacles with funding due to bordering area codes. Emily, Director for St Louis county, created a document that outlines the area code funding requirements for her county. This documentation was shared with the group of directors.

Annie, Franklin county, shared about her plans for children's mental health week. May 9th an event will occur called #ring4hope. This event will be done in partnership with the systems of care, DMH, and NAMI. At 1:30 pm, the hope is that everyone will ring a bell to bring awareness to children's mental health. It was asked of the group that we all support this effort. Child Advocacy Day will also be coming up on April 2nd.

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday February 12th, the Executive Director attended the HCC General membership meeting in Lexington, Mo. The purpose of this meeting is to collaborate with other agencies within the county and share about events and information. The speaker for this month's meeting was the director for the Jeremiah 2911 project.

Jeremiah 2911 project is an organization whose mission is to obtain new merchandise from retailers and distribute it to food banks and community organizations. A presentation was shared about the project and

how agencies can get involved. Many retailers, like Walmart, do not put returned items back on the shelf and will throw them away. One example of good materials going to waste was given: an accident occurred where Levi jeans were on the cargo. Rather than donating the perfectly good items to a clothing closet or agency, the company decided to dig a hole at a landfill and bury the items as trash. The project makes arrangements to pick goods up, such as these, and distribute to those in need.

Looking Forward

January and February have proven to be trying months with the weather! Schools have struggled to keep children in school due to the ongoing severe weather. The monthly meeting with Compass Health and the school districts has had to be rescheduled many times due to the weather. This Friday February 22nd, is HCC's Project Connect in Lexington. This will be an opportunity for service providers to share their services with community members. LCCSF will have a table, with resource list and information to distribute. The ED will continue to conduct site visits this month and encourages board members to attend as well.

Dates to Remember:

02/22/2019 – Project Connect Lexington
03/01/2019 – Northland Prevention Conference
03/06/2019 – Meeting at UMC Odessa
03/12/2019 – HCC General Membership meeting
03/19/2019 – Mental Health Board meeting
03/20/2019 – LCCSF Board meeting
03/29/2019 – LOI for funding cycle 2 due

Respectfully submitted,

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