**NCAPF Board Meeting October 26, 2018**

Lisa called the meeting to order at 11:15 AM

**Present: Judy Martin, Emily Kluver, Lisa Knoche, Todd Bartee, Paul Nelson, Shelly McQuillan**

**Excused: Mary Beth Hanus**

**Staff and Consultants: Betty Medinger, Kathy Stokes, Wendi Schulz, Brenda Weyers (Marketing and Communications presentation only), Barb Jackson (evaluation report only)**

**Guests: Lisa Jurrens**

**Minutes**

Todd submitted two grammar changes to the July minutes. Motion to approve with these changes. Approved.

**Budget**

Emily shared a grid with the awards to date. No expenditures are shown since no payments have been made yet, though the first quarter reports were due on Oct. 15th and are being processed.

Statutes. DHHS is not likely to move forward with the bill proposal Emily submitted to DHHS. This would allow board to award funds for TA. The legal team’s current interpretation of statues is limited to programs only now, though the Board has always used funds for other purposes. Emily will schedule a meeting with Director Matt Wallen to try to come to agreement on how to handle. Board will need to decide how to handle if no change will be made to statutes. Lisa added that Board support for Bring Up NE would need to have this provision too.

Family First. Board may be able to support new EBPS through grants or technical assistance in the future. A CDF summary was reviewed. It provides for significant change in how child welfare is funded. Reimbursement in the past was to support children in foster care after they have entered. New is the ability to request funds for prevention services for children that are involved with the system but not yet removed from the home. In the future, funding may be directed to primary prevention services (before involvement in the system). Guidance from federal partners hasn’t been received yet. States must write a plan if want to be involved and it must be approved. Betty is involved. Children’s Bureau is expected to release a list of approved EBPS. Oct 21, 2019 is the target date to begin. CFS applied for and received grant for kinship navigator programs (Emily’s oversight). This means a program that supports relatives who are raising children OUTSIDE the child welfare system, e.g., foster homes. Many grandparents are raising their grandchildren. We hope to set up ways to support them. May include ways to help them access services. In NE, kinship does not require the biological family, just someone the child has a relationship with. Another new item is the requirement to collect and prevent child deaths; NE may have enough investment is this already and will determine. Consider including as a standing annual item on one NCAPF meeting agenda. Jennifer Severe Oforah could present. NE has national attention for this.

Betty said there are many teams working on aspects of Family First. She shared a handout on one of the teams with many external providers that she is co-leading: DHHS data being gathered and reviewed. Of note is that a very high percentage of parents that were previously involved in the CW system now have a child in the system (42%). Correlation with drug abuse is also high. Neglect is the main type of child abuse and neglect. Target populations include pregnant and parenting youth. Three target populations selected: candidates for foster care due to a parent with mental health/substance abuse issues which cause neglect; younger parents with children 0-5 that have experienced trauma; and children with high risk for adoption/guardianship disruption which is usually around age 12. Lisa J said a good deal of the latter is due to prior early childhood trauma which then effects the child in a way that becomes unmanageable later. Also looked at existing EBPs available in the state and who they target. Teams are sorting and starting to score and prioritize. They will try to determine how to spend new money if it becomes available.

The Board discussed this information in relation to potential future focus and investment in the prevention portfolio, including target populations and communities with capacity and interest.

**Board Development**

Emily reported that NC received a grant to strengthen the Community Response system (focus on primary prevention) in Douglas county. Children’s Bureau awarded A 2.7 million grant on a competitive basis as we were will poised through Bring Up NE and had good data. NCAPF board, Governor, judges in Omaha area and many others provided letter of support. The board’s next Community Response meeting will be on Oct. 2nd and board is invited. Paul is interested. Emily will also send invitation to Mary Beth and Lisa. The project goal is to institutionalize a primary prevention system to build Protective Factors and offer services proven to keep families safe and intact. It may focus on specific zip codes or populations. Protective Factors for certain interventions are being reviewed. DHHS hopes to develop a cost benefit average (ROI) over the years.

Shelly has just come from the NE Hospital Annual Conference where the featured speaker is a survivor of a San Francisco golden Gate bridge suicide attempt. He didn’t have an attachment to his parents and had undiagnosed mental health issues. Ogallala is now working with Rooted in Relationships which helps address insecure attachments. She shared a handout with more information. An assessment will be offered to parents with newborns. They need to work through HIPPA and other requirements & issues. They would like a coach to work with moms and dads or significant others. Partners include the Ogallala Community Hospital, Ogallala Public Schools, ESU 16, Head Start, DHHS, Region II, Keith County Chamber, and many others.

**Program Report**

Kathy shared a written report on PIWI, PCIT, COS-P and Community Cafés. Many grantees are involved in training new PIWI facilitators and supporting new PCIT therapists, and several communities are engaged in marketing and recruiting participants in both.

Kathy also summarized efforts on a new Families Thrive curriculum (Promotive and Protective Factors) for Expectant and Parenting Youth which is being done in partnership with the Center for the Study of Social Policy.

**Marketing and Communications Update**

Brenda shared printed information from Learfield. It included audience demographics by age, income and gender (for the radio ads). The information also included their breadth of coverage across the state. Their numbers and ours show how listeners use online searches. The options for 2019 included one similar to last year and another to include more younger parents. Learfield can do audience targeting.

Lisa J says foster care organizations are having success with Facebook. May consider Instagram and Twitter too.

Brenda will ask for a proposal for a different, larger buy. She also shared the information from the July meeting that included the number of times listeners heard the spots, etc.

Emily has shared that CFS is interested in knowing if we are reaching young parents.

**Evaluation Report**

Barb walked through the Evaluation Report via Zoom. Board members asked questions and made suggestions for edits. Kathy will make the edits and send to Barb who will complete the final version.

**COS-P presentation**

Barb Dewey is a COS-P facilitator and does some non-traditional classes. With new funds available last spring, they looked at need and matches. One eample is Mt. Zion Church where Sudanese families are having difficulties with their children. Other examples of classes include women who had been in substance abuse treatment, women in work-release in Lincoln and Omaha, and parents at a meat-packing plant in Lexington. It didn’t work well to have caseworkers recruit participants, so facilitators will do this now.

In the past and with other funding streams, Barb used COS-P with her kids and foster kids and it positively influenced their relationships. She has constantly run a foster-adoptive parenting group (that participants pay at least half of the cost) and emphasized the importance of recognizing and responding well to kids’ emotional needs. Lincoln’s Community Health Endowment recently awarded funds to support classes in targeted neighborhoods in Lincoln. One focus is parenting teens and other is Spanish and Arabic with translators. Emerging needs include COS-P to help DHHS staff and other organizations that serve high-need, system-involved families as it promotes self-care and builds relationships for internal teams.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM

**Next Meeting: Friday, January 18th**