

State Interagency Team (SIT) Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/22/15

Attending: Alicia Hanrahan, Deb Quackenbush, Charlie Biss, Pam McCarthy, Cheryle Bilodeau, Amy Danielson, Diane Bugbee, Laurel Omland, Marion Paris, Kathy Holsopple

Regrets: Barb Joyal

Agenda Items	Discussion Points	Decisions/Actions
<p>Debrief and discuss next steps from LIT Extravaganza:</p>	<p>Examples of feedback from LIT Extravaganza:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need enhancements grants • Would like to have CSP leaders have this information, not just LIT • Would like an annual LIT training • There are resource concerns from the regions • How to best collect data about unmet needs that come out of CSP and then give information to AHS and AOE • Would like changes to CSP etc forms • How will 264 Board move some of this information forward? • Well prepared • For some it was a little basic • Good small group activities • Would like data from the regions • Liked learning from others • Much better than i expected • Concerned about lack of parent reps and participation from various regions <p>Discussed option of sending out a monthly email to LIT coordinators...to keep the communication moving-options: separate newsletter or include in the IFS newsletter.</p> <p>It was suggested that Cheryle talk to the ACT 264 Board on how they want information/communication...Cheryle will do that tomorrow...will talk to them about SIT and then next steps</p> <p>LIT materials were provided to the participants...do we think that any of the local LITs will use the information to train their own LIT?</p> <p>There is a meeting scheduled with Cheryle, Carol, Pam and Kathy to discuss having more Parent Reps at the LIT meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach to the LITs • Follow up on a couple of LEA/LIT regional issues • Follow up on NCSS as they talked about revamping their LIT system • Cheryle will start sharing SIT meeting notes with the LIT Coordinators and 264 Board <p>Cheryle will send LIT Coordinators and Act 264 Advisory Board agenda topics from each SIT meeting and then SIT notes (except any confidential information about cases that are brought) will be posted to the IFS website.</p>

Moving Act 264 information to IFS website	Discussion about what do we do once we make the switch...what happens with the links on other pages? Do we keep them up or take down?	It was suggested to keep the links there and put a link to IFS in the old places...agreement that we need to keep a link to the IFS website.
DVHA hospitalization rates	<p>The average length of stay for a student who is hospitalized at the Retreat is 14 days. When a child is at the hospital, they are considered <i>acute</i>. There are kids who aren't meeting Level of Care/<i>sub-acute</i> and are waiting for a to be placed...home, foster care, residential...DVHA is saying if the student isn't meeting level of care, then the Retreat shouldn't charge the higher level of pay. The Retreat is appealing the change in rates to DVHA as they are losing money.</p> <p>Based on this, the Retreat has told families that they need to pick up their children (since they are not being paid the full amount for the sub-acute kids) and that if families do not come and get them, the Retreat will contact DCF. VFFCMH are reporting that families are being "threatened" to come and get these kids or we will contact DCF. What are the options?</p> <p>Would like to develop a diversion-type program in the south</p>	
Meeting locations after IFS leaves Williston		January, February at 208 Hurricane Lane in Williston and starting in March back in Waterbury
Case Presentation for next SIT meeting	Call from LIT Coordinator in Burlington. Anticipating a student returning from residential in December. A program will need to be developed.	Will convene as needed
OTHER: How do we deal with an appeal process at SIT?	<p>SIT does not make the decisions as we don't have any decision making authority...Human Service Board makes the decisions. A discussion can happen through SIT as well as recommendations...no decisions</p> <p>If an agency has a situation under appeal, the representative from that agency should make SIT aware that there is an appeal in process.</p>	
Update on Turn the Curve	A smaller group had a recent meeting with Dru Roessle to help frame the information collected.	

Our Vision:

1. Increase the number of youth who are in family settings
- AND**
2. Increase family engagement for youth who are placed in residential towards improving caregiver readiness

We must make sure that caregivers have supports and services for when youth transition out from the residential facilities. We also need to identify how everyone can access family work.

The smaller group is working on organization...having some focus groups with stakeholders and keeping everyone in touch with the discussions. Currently in the planning stages on how to move forward and include all of the different entities, including the family voice piece.

CRC has expanded the data that has been collected which will prove to be useful moving forward