

Children's Services Council

Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Board Subcommittee

Q1 Meeting @ Health Department in Sebring

7505 S. George Blvd, Sebring, FL 33870



MINUTES

January 22, 2019

Members Present: David Acevedo, Amanda Tyner, Carly Wohl, Sgt. Anthony McGann, Allison Montgomery, Candace Barnes, *Luzed Cruz*

Others Present: There were no members of the public in attendance

I. **Welcome**

Luzed Cruz opened the meeting, self-introductions were made by all present.

II. **Completed Accreditation 2018**

Luzed advised the group that the National Children's Alliance officially awarded the Center with accreditation at their June 2018 Board Meeting. Our next accreditation site review will be in 5 years, circa 2023. We will continue the work that has been done in the last year and ensure compliance with the standards in the interim.

III. **Funding Opportunities/Grant Solicitation**

The CAC has submitted for a grant opportunity via the NCA for Program Improvement of TF-CBT Services at the CAC. Peace River Center recently moved all their services to Avon Park and there is not a MH professional currently on site at the CAC. With that in mind the CAC's intention is to initiate its own MH program by employing a licensed therapist on site. Carly Wohl inquired if the BOCC was supportive of this, Luzed reported administration is abreast and is in support. Allison Montgomery with DCF voiced the need for therapists in Sebring and the county overall. Candace Barnes with PRC stated that over the years PRC has seen a decline in referrals and stated that adding MH professional services to our community would be great. The CAC is presently exploring an MOU with Children's Home Society as well to provide services. PRC's intent with the move to Avon Park was to consolidate all of their services, improve customer experience.

In preparation for a MH program at the CAC, members present reviewed the current ROI and deemed that more research was needed. Candace with PRC will be sending a sample ROI and Carly Wohl was also to do some research on the matter to bring back to the group. Luzed will request samples from other Centers in Florida.

IV. CAC Protocol Review

- a) Mental Health Protocol: Members present felt the protocol was acceptable. In the section titled, Additional Responsibilities of the MH Provider it was noted that naming PRC as the agency responsible for providing a clinician at the MDT Case Reviews may not be necessary and suggested a generic verbiage be placed there. However, Candace Barnes is willing and able to continue to serve in this role as needed. Luzed will continue to review and bring back to the group with any changes for final approval.
- b) MDT Protocol: Due to time restraints; it was decided that Luzed would be meeting with the agencies listed in the MDT Protocol to review their respective sections in the protocol and then bring a draft to the next Advisory Board meeting in April 2019.
- c) Case Tracking Protocol: unable to review at this time due to time restraints.

V. Interagency Agreement Review:

Luzed updated the group that contact has been made with some agencies to add their agencies to the IA. The county's legal team is working with the CAC to draft an updated IA for 2019.

VI. Child Abuse Prevention Month: April 23, 2019

The CAC will be hosting events during CAP Month and will be sending details to membership in late March. Members are encouraged to participate in all events during the month and ensure their respective agencies are involved as well.

Next meeting April 23, 2019 @ 11:00 AM

Luzed Cruz, Executive Director
Children's Services Council of Highlands County