



Family Council All Member Meeting

Family Council Members: Alexandra Anderson, Tateana Bailey, Brittany Coleman, Mayce Drake, Kristina Dreher, Mindy Dolan, Kari Hastings, Ariana Lawless, Ashley Omlor, Jess Wilson, and Jenn Wright.

Date: February 20, 2024.

Attendees

Council members present: Alexandra Anderson, Brittany Coleman, Mindy Dolan, Kari Hastings, Ariana Lawless, Ashley Omlor, Jess Wilson, and Jenn Wright.

Agenda

1. **Guest Speaker:** Beth Bray Knecht, Executive Director/ Board President Hoopston Multi-Agency Service Center, INC
2. **Group Activity.**
3. **Review Group Agreements.**
4. **Discussion of Mental Health/Wellness Check-ins.**
5. **Regional Mental and Behavioral Health Landscape.**
 - a) **How many mental and behavioral health providers are available in the Region**
 - Our Region has the following mental and behavioral health providers in our area.
 - 2 Hospitals
 - 5 Pediatricians/General Physicians
 - 27 Physicians
 - 1 Community Mental Health Center
 - 271 Mental & Behavioral Health Providers
 - 15 Board Certified Behavior Analysts
 - 2 Home Visiting Programs
 - b) **Where in the Region are the mental and behavioral health services and supports located?**
 - Most of the mental and behavioral health services are located in Danville, with only a few in rural areas.
 - c) **Who is missing out on the opportunity to connect with mental and behavioral health services and supports due to their location? Why?**
 - Families in the rural area could be missing out due to no transportation.



- d) How does the number and/or location of providers impact caregivers, children, and families?
 - The region does not have very many providers that see young children and only a few of these providers see families with Medicaid.
- e) **What experiences have families/caregivers had with the referral process for mental and/or behavioral health services?**
 - The referral process takes a long time and families have to follow up with the process to be able to be seen in a reasonable amount of time.
 - The top three places families reported getting referrals for mental and/or behavioral health services:
 - Doctor/Pediatrician
 - I didn't get a referral, I just looked for help on my own
 - Early Intervention Staff
- f) **How do wait times for mental and behavioral health services impact families in the Region?**
 - Some families have to wait so long that they finally give up.
- g) **What experiences did caregivers share in the survey that should be highlighted/discussed?**
 - On average, families reported waiting several months from referral to receiving mental and/or behavioral health services.
- h) **What questions do Council members have for mental and/or behavioral health providers, agencies, organizations and/or non-profit organizations?**
 - The council had no questions at this time.

6. Next Meeting.

Before the next meeting...

- Follow up with Laken if you missed the meeting.