

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

MINUTES TUESDAY,
MAY 27, 2014

11:30

JUSTICE BUILDING –
JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 2ND FLOOR

MEETING CALLED BY	Mark Orndoff
ATTENDEES	Julie Evans, Bob Kleker, Tim George, Ed Smith-Burns, Michele Morales, Doug Breidenthal, Lorenzo Mejia, Doug Engle, Beth Heckert, Danny Jordan, Mark Reagles, Bob Lieberman, Joe Ferguson, Stacy Brubaker, Tammi Pitzen

- Mark Orndoff opened the meeting at 11:35 am
- Opening Remarks: Mark welcomed everyone to the May PSCC meeting and round table introductions were conducted.

Agenda topics

MINUTES ADOPTION (APRIL)

MARK ORNDOFF

DISCUSSION	
Minutes from the April meeting have not been completed yet, they will be available at the next meeting.	

PRESENTATION – CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER

TAMMI PITZEN

DISCUSSION	
<p>Mark introduced Tammi Pitzen of the Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC). Tammi expressed the Mission of the Children’s Advocacy Center is to meet the needs of children and families in our community by providing a community-based, child-focused center that facilitates a compassionate, multi-disciplinary approach to the prevention, treatment, identification, investigation and prosecution of child abuse. The CAC provides service to children 0-18 years of age who have been victims of abuse or witness to violent crimes and to non-offending caregivers. Primary services provided include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forensic interviews - Interviews are conducted in a safe, child sensitive environment by specially trained CAC staff, law enforcement and child welfare workers. • Specialized medical examinations – conducted for evidence collection purposes and includes a full head to toe medical exam and referrals for ongoing medical needs. All exams are completed by a specially trained pediatrician who follows evidence based best practice. • Therapy services – specialized trauma informed therapy assessment is completed by a licensed therapist. Group and individual therapy is also available. <p>The CAC utilizes a multi-disciplinary approach to child abuse intervention/investigation. The CAC facilitates a holistic intervention process that provides better outcomes to children who have been abused. All the team players who have a vested interest come together to work cases in a way that allows the child to tell their story once, instead of multiple times.</p> <p>Tammi provided additional statistics regarding child abuse:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 out of 4 girls and 1 out of 6 boys will be victims of sexual abuse before their 18th birthday • 70% of sexual assault in this county happen to children under the age of 17 • 30% of all child sexual assault goes unreported • A child abuse report is made every ten seconds • 4 children die as a result of child abuse and neglect every day • It is estimated that 50 – 60% of child abuse deaths are not recorded as such on their death certificates • About 30% of abused children will abuse their own children thus continuing the cycle. • Child abuse and neglect costs this county more than 124 billion dollars a year. 124 billion dollars was spent on child welfare services in 2008. This does not include secondary costs such as mental health or medical treatment. 	

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Bob Lieberman from KAIROS, a local residential treatment center for adolescents, provided information on a new project – the Young Adult Hub. The Hub is a peer supported and staffed program that provides drop in services to individuals ages 14-24 who are in need of intensive support. There are resource referrals available, leadership groups and a character academy that will be provided.

STACY BRUBAKER, JACKSON COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH

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Stacy provided additional information surrounding a few other projects that Mental Health is currently working on. First, they are working on redefining the residential program. Individuals within these program will be working with Jackson County Mental Health in the homes and will provide new skills for coping and collaborative problem solving. This will allow parents and children with the ability to relate to each other more positively. The second project is the Crisis Respite Treatment Foster Home. This program will provide a calm and supportive environment for youth in crisis. This will be a supportive environment and is a more appropriate alternative than the emergency department at the local hospitals. The stay duration will be 3-5 days and will initially begin with availability to serve 2 youth. It is the hope that this home will provide a safe, comfortable and soothing environment for these youth that are in crisis and in need of services.

Next Scheduled PSCC Meeting: Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 11:30 am

Meeting Adjourned: 12:50 pm