

King County Kinship Collaboration Steering Committee Meeting

July 22, 2009

Present:

Shirlee Garrett, Caregiver Representative
Katheryn Flake, Caregiver Representative
Ginny Adams, Aging & Disability Services
Pat Seay, DSHS - CSD
Lyman Legters, Casey
Scott Steuby, Childrens Administration
Barb Wiley, KCKC Project Coordinator

Gregory Townsend, Senior Services
Brittany Blue, KCKC Administrative Assistant
Richard Brooks, RAYS
Mandy Williams, Atlantic St. Center
Edith Elion, Atlantic St. Center
Jim Theofelis, Mockingbird Society

Announcements

- Mockingbird Society has filed a lawsuit against state re: Need for foster care kids to have legal representation vs. volunteer advocates. The plaintiffs are youth from Stevens County.
- Copies of our kinship video are now available.

Costs

- Thank you to the organizations who signed up for this year to cover stipends. We ended up having 3 additional meetings than what we planned at beginning of year. So assistance is needed in covering the last three meetings caregiver stipend payments of \$150 per meeting for a total of \$450 to cover July, Sept. and Nov. meetings.
- Casey has been paying for meeting food but would like to apply its money towards the Pilot Site. Therefore:
 - Steering Committee snacks need to be covered at \$50 per meeting for a total of \$100.
 - Full group meeting lunches are in need of coverage in the amount of \$250 per meeting for a total of \$750 for the rest of the year.
- Senior Services has agreed to cover half of the total food costs (\$850) in the amount of \$425
- \$300 is still needed to purchase food for the kinship BBQ in July 25th (Casey covered this cost.)
- A total need of \$875 for the remainder of the year. The goal is to have each of the non-major funders of the collaboration split the cost evenly. Barb will send out an ask to all Steering Committee members (since Encompass, UJIMA, Kent Youth and Family, and Odessa Brown were not present). Mockingbird Society, Atlantic St. Center and RAYS will be part of splitting cost.

Pilot Site

- Edith reported out from the Pilot Site Committee. She has agreed to chair this committee in the interim.
- She presented a proposal from pilot site committee to change hours starting in September to Tuesday 12 - 3 pm where a kinship resource volunteer will be present. In addition twice a month there will be lunch and learns.
- If the process/overall program is not built into the formal structure it is hard to duplicate and create a lift and drop model, especially from a financial standpoint. There may be some basics that are common to each site but the programming may be different based on demographics.
- We still need to prove the concept. And create a scenario that will allow us to expand the vision, model, and increase funding.
- There is a need for reports, evaluation, outreach.
- We need to revisit the “role and responsibilities” document that was created a year ago. There needs to be some clarification on what the specific duties are pertaining to the pilot site coordination, staffing, and whose responsibility it is to carry out those specific functions.
- The organizations represented at the pilot site committee meeting want to be an effective part of the site and feel like they will be more engaged and stay around the table if they are responsible for some aspect of the pilot site coordination.
- An ask should be made to the RDC to come to a pilot site committee mtg.
- Concrete numbers are still needed of what has been used to operate the center out of the RB Family Center and going forward there needs to be some tracking of time and money.
- Atlantic St. Center presented a budget of \$14, 345 to run and operate the pilot site until the end of the year. The budget was approved by the following vote: 9 are yes, 0 are no, 1 abstained.
- In regards to the proposal re programming for the pilot site from Sept to December 2009, let the record reflect that 10 are yes, 0 are no, 0 abstained.
- Group would like feedback from advisory council on hours and programming and the specifics of the programming to be worked out at the pilot site committee.
- The proposal reflects a reduction in hours.

Resource Development Committee

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ginny (ADS) brought info on the United Way Grant: New Solutions which are small grants in the amounts of 5-20K. First round deadline was July 6th but this is an avenue that the collaboration should consider exploring. |
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<i>Next Steering Committee Meeting: Sept., 23rd 9am -11am at Atlantic St. Center</i>
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