

Mental Health Advisory Committee Minutes  
June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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**Members present:** Janet Williams, Kimberly Churchill, Lloyd Erbaugh, Noemi Garcia, Luke Hennen, Dawn Plonski, Georgie Satermoen, Anita Simons.

**Others present:** Steve Brown, Barb Dahl, Michelle Faith, Danielle Fox, Julie Harmon, Lorie Reller, Julie Siegert.

**Minutes:**

Meeting called to order at 4:00pm by Janet Williams

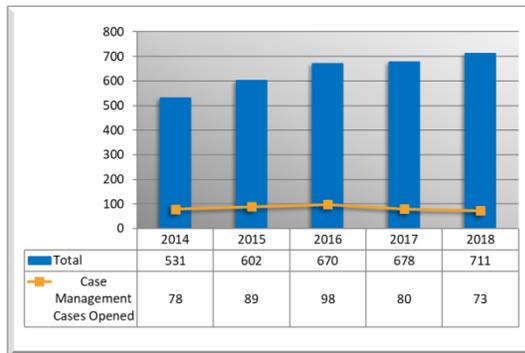
Introductions made by those present

May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Minutes approved

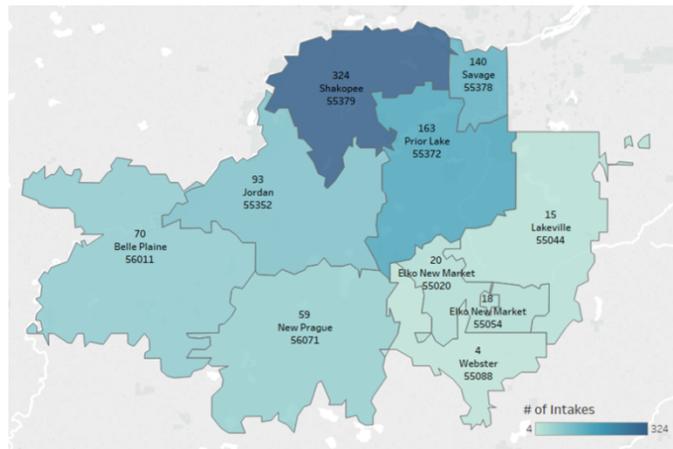
Next LAC meeting will be August 27, 2019 at the Workforce Center in room 257

**Children's Services - Child Welfare Trends, Presented by Steve Brown and Suzanne Arntson**

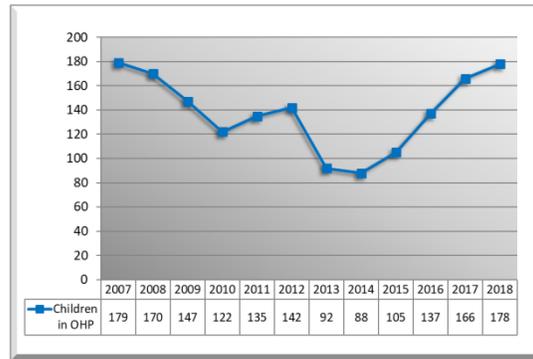
- Number of initiated child maltreatment assessments



- Slight increase due to Social media with young children and families.
- Intakes accepted for assessment and/or investigation in 2018
  - Belle Plaine - 70
  - Jordan - 93
  - New Prague - 59
  - Elko New Market - 38
  - Webster - 4
  - Shakopee - 324
  - Prior Lake - 163
  - Savage - 140
  - Lakeville - 15



- Number of Children in out of home placement

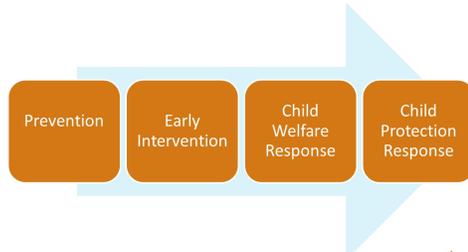


- Currently at our highest with social media increase

- **1, Strategic plan to end child abuse and neglect**

- To support Scott County’s mission to “Advance safe, healthy and livable communities through citizen-focused services” though implementing a community-driven strategic plan to end child abuse and neglect across the following priorities: cultural competence, affordability, service array, service coordination/integration
- Foster America fellow - Heather Wilson, 18 months January 2019-June 2020

- Continuum of Child Welfare Responses



- Implementation structure –



- Stakeholder Advisors meet quarterly, next meeting is end of July

- Steering Committee Members

- Represent
  - Parents and Families
  - Foster Parents
  - Community providers: Faith-based, early childhood, DV/SA, physical and mental healthcare, Cultural-based

- Schools
  - Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC)
  - Law Enforcement
  - Courts and Attorneys
  - Scott County Board
  - County Agency Leadership and staff: Child Welfare, Public Health, Community Corrections
- Guiding Principles
  - Children should remain with their parents/families whenever possible.
  - Parents, extended family, friends and communities play key roles in keeping children safe and supporting families.
  - Interventions must be tailored to the unique cultural needs of children and families.
  - Government cannot and should not independently lead work on ending child abuse and neglect.
- LAC Discussion
  - Look at access to mental health
  - Broad choice – multiple options
  - Identify the need
  - Education classes/parenting classes
  - Online website of resources
  - Having the church get more involved
  - If agencies worked together to communicate services offered
  - Change the stigma of child welfare
  - Advertise with community events.
  - Connect county/schools/hospitals about families in crisis
- Potential engagement opportunities for the LAC in supporting this work
  - Participate in sub-committees
  - Help target outreach for stakeholder advisory meetings
  - Promote community awareness campaigns, material dissemination, leveraging professional and social networks to engage more and diverse partners.
  - Consider options for community-based service delivery and expansion
- **2, Birth to five interventions (B25)**
  - B25 CP interventions
    - *Dedicates* experienced child protection workers to support families with children ages 0-5, and 1+ caretakers dealing with chemical dependency
    - *Shifts* practice to build capacity for caseworkers to spend additional time with families to encourage parental treatment and recovery
    - *Expedites* referrals for children experiencing delays
    - Builds relationships with chemical dependency treatment providers
    - *Works* with extended family in their understanding of the signs and symptoms of use to support long-term recovery and safety planning
  - B25 Multidisciplinary team
  - Pilot with St. David's Center for Child and Family Development
    - Attached Bio-behavioral Catch-Up (ABC)

- Fostering relationships
  - About Fostering Relationships
    - A promising strategy that shifts traditional paradigms within supervised visitation by:
      - Bringing birth parents and foster parents together during visitation for skill-building and continuity of appropriate parenting techniques
      - Understanding that foster parents are a support not a substitute for birth parents
      - Creating space for children to feel safe and to ensure their needs are being met
      - Supporting consistency for child(ren) regardless of placement, easing child regulation during points of transition
- **3, QPI - Quality Parenting initiative**
  - Quality parenting initiative
    - Statewide launch – Fall 2017
    - Scott County Launch – May 2019
  - What is Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI)
    - Focus on improving outcomes for children in the foster care system. All children deserve excellent parenting.
    - Approach to strengthen caretaker’s parenting skills to support children
    - Comfort calls between foster and birth parents within 48-hrs of placement
    - Fostering Relationships
- **4, Children’s Mental Health**
  - Eligibility
    - Case management – Presumptive eligibility
    - Residential treatment screenings
  - Case Management
    - Assessment, Planning and linking to services
    - Family preservation and placement prevention
    - Crisis assistance planning/ coordination
    - Respite
  - Challenges
    - Severity and complexity of needs
    - High number of adopted children
    - Availability of services – psychiatrist, in-home supports ( PCA, CTSS, Mentoring); crisis bed options
    - Residential treatment waitlists
    - Child protection involvement
    - Legal involvement
- **Potential engagement opportunity for LAC**
  - Consider identifying a current/recent parent of a young person receiving CMH services to serve on LAC
  - Consideration how we can increase efforts to minimize youth from crossing over into the legal system.

### **Final Draft Objectives – Thoughts?**

- ***Community and individual health:*** Through strategic partnerships, citizens will have convenient and reliable access to an expanded array of services and activities.
- ***Housing:*** Partners will come together to support expanded housing resources, recognizing that housing is a community foundation.
- ***Children:*** Strong families and community partners will come together supporting children in having safe, healthy, and successful lives.
- ***Infrastructure:*** Private and public partners collaborate to develop a foundation promoting economic and employment opportunities.
- ***Performance:*** Identify and implement changes to service delivery leading to improved outcomes.

Janet Williams thanked everyone for the hard work and input and this is a topic that will be on future agendas for more discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm

Minutes by Kasey Theis, Scott County Health and Human Services