



NE Family Youth System Partner Meeting Minutes NE FYSPRT

March 7, 2019

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The NE FYSPRT met March 7, 2019 at Passages Family Support, 1700 S Assembly, Spokane, WA and was called to order by the Family Co-Lead Helen Franklin. Thirty two members and guests representing families, youth, agencies and system partners were present or participated by phone and webex. Becky Hammill, convener, reported that Morgan Gabriel had stepped down as Youth Co-Lead and that Ashley Pennock had accepted the Youth Co-Lead position for 2019. Ashley is the Youth Peer Specialist at Passages and is the Youth 'N Action group leader. Several new youth members who are active in Youth 'N Action were welcomed to the NE FYSPRT.

PRESENTATION

Leon Covington, Threat Assessment Director for Spokane Public Schools, presented the community-wide threat assessment protocol. There are currently 14 school districts participating in this consortium.

Mr. Covington providing information to the NE FYSPRT about steps in the assessment protocol that determine who responds to the potential threat, how the threat is assessed, and then next steps. Each district will have their own threat assessment teams and make determinations in how the teams are convened when there's a report of a potential threat.

Mr. Covington provided historical information about several actual occurrences of school violence and the different aspects of each one. In most, other students knew of the potential threat. He stressed the importance of schools creating an atmosphere of a team between teachers/faculty/staff and students and that the "us against them" mentality is detrimental to students speaking up when a situation arises.

He provided the NE FYSPRT members with resources and support from the consortium and answered questions from the group. Mr. Covington was thanked for a very informative presentation.

ISSUES FOR THE STATEWIDE FYSPRT

Becky indicated that the issues forwarded to the Statewide FYSPRT from the NE FYSPRT remain items of concern. These include: 1) youth released from long-term inpatient facilities when they reach age 18 when they may not be clinically appropriate for discharge; 2) the issue of family members who provide care, housing, etc for children/youth but who do not have custody and thus no voice in decision-making and 3) lack of respite beds.



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YOUTH/FAMILY VOICE

Several of the youth present discussed their high school experiences, the importance of putting yourself in other's shoes, the importance of talking to other students who may be alone, and that it's okay to reach out to others (both other students and adults) if you're alone.

They also discussed the importance of care coordination when being discharged from inpatient services and the need for referrals for followup care, as well as advocates to help the individuals being released to obtain necessary aftercare.

Vincent thanked the youth for their input and for speaking during the threat assessment presentation.

WISe UPDATES

The group reviewed the 3rd quarter BHAS data results/comparisons. It was noted that as needs go down, strengths are going up. There is additional information available on the website:

<https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/behavioral-health-recovery/wraparound-intensive-services-wise-0>.

Fourth quarter information will be uploaded when it becomes available.

Members discussed getting notification of the results of screening when they have referred an individual to WISe. There was also discussion of MCO coordination/education regarding WISe. It was noted that when a PCP refers an individual to WISe, they should receive information back to know the outcome since that's usually the first step for parents seeking support.

Becky volunteered to convene a meeting between the WISe providers, system partners and MCOs

The next NE FYSPRT meeting will be April 4, 2019 at noon, at Passages.