



**NE Family Youth System Partner Meeting Minutes
NE FYSPRT
September 15, 2022**

Introduction

Increasing Tribal/Diverse Community/Family/Youth Involvement

Becky Hammill, NE FYSPRT Convener

The NE FYSPRT met on September 15, 2022. Becky Hammill convened the meeting via Zoom and welcomed 17 attendees with six family, tribal and youth members, and 11 system partners. Ashley James, Youth Tri-Lead, Davina Akiu, System Partner Co Tri-Lead, and Gail Kogle System Partner Co Tri-Lead were present. Davina began the meeting by sharing the acknowledgement that we are living and working on land that originally belonged to the Tribes.

General NE FYSPRT Business

Becky shared with the members that Liz Lafrance had applied for the Family Tri-Lead position. All members voted in favor of Liz's appointment as NE FYSPRT Family Tri-Lead.

Contract/Compliance – Community Education/Regional Issues/Work Plan

NE FYSPRT REGIONAL ISSUES

A. Needs Assessment – Becky Hammill, Convener

Becky had shared with the members the draft needs assessment and asked for input. The NE FYSPRT members recommended the following changes:

- Ensure that the needs of the rural communities are referenced
- Add a text line for gender rather than bullet points
- Add County to the demographic
- Add a question about telehealth – mode of receiving services needs to be: in person/telehealth, etc
- Add a box for comments

The plan is that the survey will be electronic and agencies will share the link with their clients. NE FYSPRT staff will compile the results to present to the group for the finalization of the work plan for 2023.

B. Contractual WISE Data Report

Davina Akiu, System Partner Co Tri-Lead

Davina indicated that all agencies are full for the most part. When openings occur, they are filled quickly due to the waiting list. If families have a specific agency they prefer, they should contact that agency directly. Sometimes,



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families are accepting a WISE placement because there is such a waiting list for other, less intense services. However, if the child/youth is not in need of WISE services, it can be overwhelming to the individual and their family.

B. Regional Issues

The group discussed transition age youth who can't live independently and there is no appropriate assisted living facility/group home for younger adults available. There's an identified need for resources for younger adults who need to live in a community setting. Excelsior has some beds available for individuals age 17 ½ to 21 but they are full most of the time.

There are very few resources for children age 9 and under who have severe behavior problems. The BRS program is sometimes available, but DCYF is involved in referrals to BRS. There is also a need for resources for children younger than age 6 who are violent. There's no where for them to go instead of going to school that's not inpatient.

Homebuilders is for ages 7-8 and Kootenai is available for youth age 12. CRC has only one bed available, the rest are reserved for hospitals, etc.

It's important to provide the WISE booklet of resources to staff and families.

Meeting Evaluation/Next Meeting

Members attending today's meeting were asked to complete the NE FYSPRT evaluation.

The next meeting will be October 20, 2022 via Zoom. The link for the needs assessment will be sent out to providers soon. Please share the link with your clients.