**MINUTES OF THE LOCAL ARE NETWORK 2**

**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**November 7, 2023**

**Present:** Katie Karns, Sue Thom, Janice Crow, Michele Draper, Vickie Rose, Holly Kotner, Katie Bangs, Linnea Hodge, Kiesha Fromm, Kristin Stewart, Stacia Penrod, Tonya Taylor, Tonya Hardy, Paige Webb

**Welcome/Introductions:** Stacia Penrod welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

**Approval of October 3rd Meeting Minutes:** Holly Kotnermade a motion to approve last month’s meeting minutes and Michele Draper seconded it. All aye.

**Updates:**

* Janice & Michele w/ Birth to Five IL – Needs assessment was published in July. Seated new members on the Action council as well as the Family council, they have chosen two recommendations out of the 10 that we are writing action plans and smart goals for. Will be looking into Early Childhood Mental Health starting in February. Looking to partner with people who can help with that.
* Stacia Penrod – Made some changes to the agenda so it’s less EHD based and more generic based for everyone. We do have lots of job postings currently. We have had lots of position changes. Trying to build up our intern programs. Crisis numbers have increased as well as community-based youth services program and SASS. Looking for more counselors to help out.
* Tonya Taylor – Schools are staying really busy right now. Community partnership grant has the rec center for the high school kids and a math tutor that is available for Eldorado High School students. Helping Hands is helping with clients where funding is lacking. If you have an Eldorado client in need please reach out.
* Vickie Rose – working with individuals with disabilities. Community Reintegration Program is going now, if you know anyone who needs help getting out of a nursing home facility and into an apartment, please send a referral.
* Linnea Hodge – YAMS Group still happening, will be November 30th this month. We will be discussing Self Care during the Holidays. Will be starting Botvin groups for both High School and Transitioned Age, more info coming soon.
* Katie Bangs – Project Aware Grant in Gallatin Co. budget being worked on currently. Galatia is partnering with us now; we now have a clinician and FRD there now. Harrisburg Schools received IL Dept of Public Health Grant.
* Holly Kotner – SI Support holding a free laundry day at Angie’s Wash and Fold in Carmi from 2-6pm.
* Tonya Hardy – Have a position open for an FRD in Carrier Mills. Holiday PACE will be on Thursday afternoon at Eldorado High School.

**Monthly/Quarterly Goals/Needs:**

* Birth to Five IL will be reaching out for resource directory that will be out in February.
* Currently looking for a GED Tutor for the Support Deck GED classes.
* Angel Tree at EHD is taking about 50 names, if you would like to sponsor one feel free to reach out to Katie Karns.
* Art Club at Eldorado Schools is collecting money and putting together Thanksgiving baskets.

**Upcoming Community Events and Trainings:**

* A Dickens of a Christmas will be happening again this year on December 10th. You can visit noweldorado.org for more information.
* Looking into coming up with another LAN event for Child Abuse Prevention month or something else. Will be sending a survey for 2024 ideas as well as gauging interest/commitment levels and ideas of others to bring in.

**Presentation:** No November presentation. TriWest presenting in December.

If anyone has any flyers or information that you would like to have sent out in the LAN e-mail announcement or would like to present, please send that to Katie Karns at kkarns@egyptian.org by the third Monday of the month.

\*\*\*The next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2023\*\*\* *Minutes by Katie Karns*