



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Crookston Sports Center Community Room | Crookston, MN

Resource Providers present: Kirsten Fagerlund – Polk County Public Health, Sarah Reese – Polk County Public Health, Denise Gudvangen – Northwestern Mental Health Center, Stephanie Olson – Polk County Public Health, Craig Hoiseth – Crookston Housing and Economic Development Authority, Kent Johnson – Polk County Social Services, Stacey Bruggeman – Riverview Health, Nathan Ellingson – Altru Health, Leah Kent – Crookston High School, Mike Kolness – East Grand Forks School District, Jason Carlson – Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Andrew Larson – Tri-County Community Corrections, Catherine Johnson – Inter-County Community Council, Lisa Loegering – University of Minnesota Crookston Extension, and Shannon Stassen – City of Crookston.

Also present: Melissa Beach and Jessica Spaeth – Compass Business Consulting.

The meeting began at 10:06 am with a welcome and introduction by Melissa Beach of Compass Business Consulting. Resource providers introduced themselves and the agencies they represent.

Resource Group Organization

Beach gave a detailed description of the resource group organization and expected outcomes of the group.

Website Project Introduction

Beach and Spaeth presented the newly developed website polkcountyresources.org. The group reviewed the content worksheet developed to collect content from each resource provider and the proposed sitemap for the site. Each provider was asked to provide their agency's program information, descriptions, contact information and website addresses which will be added to the new site. Compass Business Consulting will provide website analytics when the site goes live. The deadline to submit agency program information is Friday, January 27, 2017.

General Group Updates and Discussion

Sarah Reese – Working on overall community health improvement and communication. There has been an increase in prenatal and waived services. Public health provides services to all income levels.

Stephanie Olson – Increase in New American population – working on integration process.

Nathan Ellingson – Healthcare expectations, concerns and ability to provide access to care to residents, lack of providers in NW Minnesota, looking more at tele-health options.

Jason Carlson – Housing project in Crookston, increasing access to child care, possible regional food hub.

Craig Hoiseth – Homeless population in Polk County is increasing, more housing vouchers are being issued, working on affordable housing.

Catherine Johnson – Employment and training programs available to New American population, working on bridging youth.

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Shannon Stassen – Proposed maintenance code implementation on dilapidated properties will align resources to provide assistance to maintain homes, focus on parks and recreation to improve quality of life – seeking Legacy funding for said purpose.

Stacey Bruggeman – Focus on preventative medicine, immunizations, and education.

Andrew Larson – Increase in numbers in jail, juvenile detention, and probation, cases are more complex, Resources for Reintegration Fair held.

Kent Johnson – Significant need for workforce, foster care families, child care, and mental health services, noted language and cultural barriers with New American population.

Leah Kent – Increase in students unable to complete school year associated with a transient population, increase in mental health needs.

Mike Kolness – Increase in English Learner population, need for understanding cultural differences and the positives of cultural diversity.

Denise Gudvangen – Noted increase in needs for mental health services, inability to accommodate high risk individuals due to lack of beds, new behavioral health home, six county area expansion.

Lisa Loegering – Students with higher needs, sharing assets and resources, student involvement, different groups established to assist with student and faculty health.

Kirsten Fagerlund – Health equity and working on extended processes and policies.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 10:00 am. Location to be determined.

The meeting ended at 11:37 am.

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