Trauma-Informed Communities throughout Allegany County (TICTAC) Coalition Meeting

Monday April 26, 2021 @ 9 am VIA a Zoom Meeting

Present: Helen Evans, Robin Fuller, Abigail Shea, Michelle Rickicki, Casey Jones, Haylie Scheer, Gwen Cooper, Suzanne Krull, Bob Starks, Lindy White, Vicki Grant, Ann Weaver, Jon Chaffee, Danielle Kielar, Ann McNeill, Scott Hallock, Belinda Knight, Simone Hendee, Brian Schmitt, David Chambers, Carrie Whitwood, Anne Miles and Heather Kruger.

Called to Order: 9:01 am

Adjournment: 10:17 am

1. **Introductions/ Sign-In/ Welcome New Members**
   * Minute taker – Heather Kruger
2. **Approval for the March 2021 Meeting Minutes**

* Belinda noticed a correction under the committee updates. There was no meeting scheduled for the Executive committee.
  + Vicki Grant motioned to approve the minutes from the March 2021 meeting with Brian Schmidt providing the second motion to approve. All in favor.

1. **Coalition In-Service: Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Overview**
   * The sexual abuse and exploitation of children rob the victims of their childhood, irrevocably interfering with their emotional and psychological development. Ensuring that all children come of age without being impacted by sexual trauma or exploitation is more than a criminal justice issue, it is a societal issue. Despite current efforts, the threat of child sexual exploitation remains very real, and can occur in the home, on the street, over the Internet, in the U.S., or overseas.
   * David Chamber (program manager at the Child Advocacy Center) spoke a little about an upcoming awareness training on human trafficking.
   * Serves Allegany and Cattaraugus county (safe harbor counties) safe harbor NY is a program that implements a system-level approach within existing child welfare and allied youth-serving systems, including Runaway-Homeless youth programs (RHY), Probation, Persons in need of supervision (PINS), youth bureaus, and other partners.
   * Tina Funt is the executive director and founder of the Courtney House, which is a safe house for children.
   * How the multidisciplinary team responds to child abuse? OCFS website has most of the material that will be covered also.
   * 1st part of the training is: Awareness and Knowledge.

* 2nd part of the training is: Identifying Survivors
* 3rd part of the training is: Trauma Informed Care
* 4th part of the training is: Supporting CSEC and Trafficked Youth
* 5th part of the training is: Having conversations with Youth about sexual experiences
* We will be hearing more from David Chambers regarding this topic. If anyone has any questions he can be reached at [David.Chambers@Alleganyco.com](mailto:David.Chambers@Alleganyco.com)

1. **Old Business**
   * Co-Creating Well-Being Grant Update-
     + Progressing well with the grant, has a scheduled meeting.
   * Committee Updates/Planning
     + Trauma Care Resources

* Provider surveys went out. The disbursement of the survey needs a regional touch and needs to have continuous updates.
* It was suggested to remove Allegany County from the 1st line on the survey.
* Possibly mention how long the survey will take to fill out. This might help determine if people do the survey or not.
* It was suggested that the line where Company is maybe put Organization instead.
  + - Education
* Identify what we want to do. What outlets do we use? Who, What, When and Where. Add people to our training list.
* Made an introductory letter to hand out. Get a website going.
* Train the trainer models (TST, Resource parent curriculum)
* Still have some money to use
* There will be a Community Café training coming up. It trains parents to be leaders in their own community. If interested get in touch with Belinda Knight.
  + - Executive
* Did not have a meeting in March.
* Possibly setting up 4 meeting dates ahead will have 1 each quarter.

1. **New Business**
   * + National PTSD Month – June 2021
     + Mental Health Awareness Month – May 2021

1. **Member’s Choice**

* The FB page Allegany Hope promoted prescription drug take back day and child abuse awareness for the month of April. Allegany Hope WNY (FB Page) and [Alleganyhopewny@outlook.com](mailto:Alleganyhopewny@outlook.com)
* Alcohol awareness was in April, did an article about the dangers of combining Alcohol and Marijuana.
* May 9-15th is National Prevention Week.
* Fatherhood Connection Program- Provide 2 groups per year and can enroll anytime. Father and Fathering men can create a safe place for each other. New group will be starting 04/28/21. The first group graduated 6 men from the program. Reggie Cox is trying to promote this state wide. If interested get in touch with Belinda Knight.

1. **Next Meeting**
   * Monday, May 24, 2021 at 9 a.m. VIA a Zoom Meeting.
2. Adjournment at 10:17 a.m.