



Human Service Council (HSC) Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 27, 2014

WELCOME: The SCHSC meeting started on Thursday, March 27, 2014. The following 17 people introduced themselves. Annie Randolph (ACCESS), Siplele Quezada (Ames Community School District), Marion Kresse (Boost Together for Children), Arti Sanghi (Central Iowa Retired Senior Volunteer Program – RSVP), Craig Sosby (Community and Family Resources – CFR), Kaitlyn Hofeldt (Story County Decatorization/ CPPC), Shari Atwood (CyRide/Ames Area MPO), Rachell Talbott (Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa), Ashley Zadow (Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa), Sarah Constable (HIRTA), Stephanie Simbric (ISU Police Department) Julie Saxton (Life Connections), Amber Schaefer (Mainstream Living), Melissa MacDonald (MICA), Deb Niehof (National Alliance on Mental Illness of Central Iowa - MICA), Elise Murchison (Lutheran Services in Iowa/Early Childhood), and Nikki Lullman (Story County Community Services), Geri Durner (YSS).

PROGRAM: Stephanie Simbric with Iowa State University Police Department provided a program on Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) in Story County. SART strives to provide the first response to ensure a consistent, compassionate and professional initial contact for victims and improve the likelihood of successful prosecutions. SART was formed in 1997 in Story County but Stephanie has been in her current role for 6 years. SART is truly a unique way of providing support to victims of sexual assault within Story County. Once a SART agency is contacted, a Registered Nurse with SART training, a Sexual Assault advocate (ACCESS), and Law Enforcement will be deployed to the location and provide assistance if wanted by the victim. SART helps to provide all survivors of sexual assault ages 13 and older - health care, law enforcement, advocacy and judicial systems. However, it is up to the victim to decide which resources they want to use. SART gives the ability to choose, back to the person and respects their decisions while allowing them to know their options. In Iowa, a survivor has 10 years to ask the County Attorney's Office to pursue a criminal case. SART helps to protect the physical evidence and preserve it if the survivor wants to prosecute at a later time.

SART Team for Story County Includes:

- Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support (ACCESS)
- Medical (Mary Greeley, Planned Parenthood, Story County Medical Center, ISU Thielen Center)
- Law Enforcement (Ames Police Dept., ISU Police Dept., Story County Sheriff's Office, Nevada Police Dept., Huxley Police Dept., Story City Police Dept.)
- Story County Attorney's Office

When a victim calls in to a SART agency, only the following information is required:

- Date of Occurrence– If assault was more than 120 hours ago, no rape kit is needed as physical evidence is no longer viable.
- Location of Sexual Assault – appropriate jurisdiction of law enforcement will be sent

- Victim Age – Medical services are provided for ages 13+. If under 13, victim will be sent to Blank Hospital in Des Moines
- No name required – completely anonymous.

Assistance from ACCESS professional is completely confidential. The victim can talk freely and the court cannot order ACCESS to provide information in court. Law enforcement and medical will testify but help from ACCESS is just for the victim.

Questions?

1. **How many cases does SART serve a year?** Approximately 60/year. 2/3 of the cases use the services with most using 2 of the services. 30-40% of the cases are ISU students.
2. **How many examiners are there in Story County?** About 6 are available.

BUSINESS MEETING: Sipele Quezada called the business meeting to order at 12:06 pm

Approval of February 27, 2014 Minutes: Deb Niehof indicated that her organization needed to be reflected as NAMI instead of MICA under the Welcome section. Additionally, under NAMI's Agency Spotlight, there were changes, highlighted in red, to the second sentence of this paragraph suggested by Deb Niehof to read as follows:

“She shared that NAMI provides support, information and advocacy for ~~mental illness~~ **families with mental illness individuals living with mental illness and their family members.**

Additional changes were suggested by Nikki Lullman to the fourth sentence as follows:

We don't do therapy. ~~The~~

No other changes were suggested. The minutes were moved for approval with the suggested changes from members by Nikki Lullman and seconded by Julie Saxton. The February 27, 2014 meeting minutes were approved.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Treasurer, Arti Sanghi, reported a balance of \$1,233.76 in the account with 26 membership agencies. A member asked why was membership needed for the organization. Shari Atwood commented that the membership basically paid for certain things throughout the year such as the website, December networking luncheon as well as any grants. For a Membership Registration form, go to <http://storycountyhumanservices.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Membership-Registration.2013.pdf>

ASSET PANEL: No ASSET representatives were in attendance for an ASSET update.

RESOURCE GUIDE: Sipele explained phone calls were being made to obtain a volunteer to put together the paper resource guide. A members asked what happened to the online guide? Sipele explained that that online guide was not financially feasible and was dropped when there weren't resources to keep the guide operational. Therefore, the next action will be to create the guide and keep it going with RSVP volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS:

WEBSITE & CALENDAR: Shari Atwood relayed that there were instructions on how to post your SCHSC member events to the calendar (http://storycountyhumanservices.org/?page_id=14) This calendar is to promote your organization's events to the public. The instructions are on the back of the agenda or members can e-mail satwood@cyride.com to get a copy of the instructions sent to them.

STORY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION BROCHURE: Shari Atwood relayed to the group that there was a Story County Transportation brochure that listed all of the transportation resources within Story County that were open to the public. The brochure may be viewed online at www.ridehirta.com/sct.pdf. This link can also be placed on your websites as a resource for your clients. Shari reminded organizations to ask their clients the question when booking appointments "Do you have transportation to your next appointment?"

PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION PLAN APPROVED 3/25/2014: Shari Atwood relayed that the Passenger Transportation Plan was approved on 3/25/2014 by the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. In an effort to save trees, the document was not shared via hardcopy with the group. The digital document is attached at the following URL link: <http://www.cityofames.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=16117> Amendments can be made over the next five years if deemed necessary by any of the contributors.

NEW BUSINESS:

NEW ASSET PANEL REPRESENTATIVE – PANEL 2: Discussion was made that Mark Kubik, the current Panel 2 member will end his three year position in ASSET this month. Shari Atwood listed off which agencies are in Panel 2 for Basic Needs Services. The representatives are non-voting members of ASSET providing information and perspective to ASSET based on their specific knowledge of the service area they represent. These representatives do not recommend funding. Sarah Constable, with HIRTA, nominated herself for ASSET Panel 2 Representative. Kaitlyn Hofeldt with CPPC/Decategorization motioned that Sarah Constable be the next Panel 2 ASSET representative. Geri Durner with YSS seconded. The motion was approved.

NEW STORY COUNTY HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY OFFICERS (CO-CHAIR & SECRETARY):

Discussion was made that the end of term for both Sipele Quezada and Shari Atwood are over at the end of May and that new officers needed to be nominated and approved. Both Sipele and Shari discussed their duties of their roles and expectations of the two-year terms. After much discussion, it was concluded that a Nomination Team needed to meet per the bylaws. Therefore, the outgoing Secretary (Shari Atwood) and Co-chair (Sipele Quezada) and new ASSET Panel 2 Representative (Sarah Constable) will meet to prepare the slate of new officer to present at the annual meeting in May.

LOCATION CHANGE: (CAME BACK TO AFTER SPOTLIGHTS WERE CONCLUDED):

Sipele announced that St. Andrews Lutheran Church agreed to host us for the March 2014 and asked the group what they thought of the new location. Everyone seemed to be accepting to the new location. Sipele stated that more and more presenters for SCHSC want to present via Powerpoint as opposed to handouts. In the past few months, the Collegiate United Methodist Church has indicated they would rather not have us utilize this equipment at their location. Additionally, the set up of the Annex is becoming difficult for the SCHSC officers to turn on the heat and set up tables on occasion. St. Andrew's location is much warmer, already have tables set up for meetings and can be arranged in whatever manner suits the group and the use of their digital equipment is welcomed. They also have a full functioning kitchen for any luncheons we may desire.

Sipele thought we should have a motion to approve of the new location beginning in April 2014. Elise Murchison made the motion for approval. Arti Sanghi seconded the motion. The Council desired that thank you letters be sent to St. Andrews for the new opportunity. Another member stated that a thank you should be sent to Collegiate United Methodist Church for the opportunity to meet and collaborate over the past several years as well. Shari Atwood acknowledged and would draft the letters..

AGENCY SPOTLIGHTS:

CPPC/DECATEGORIZATION: Kaitlyn Hofeldt presented information about upcoming Family Fest 2014 to be held April 26, 2014 at the Ames High School Gym from 1 – 4pm. Agencies are to get in their registration forms to have a table at the event by April 1, 2014. Donation Baskets are also being accepted through April 15th. **(See March 2014 Agency Sharing.)**

Kaitlyn also shared that Story County Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC) is accepting applications the 2014 Summer Camp Scholarships. CPPC will contribute up to \$100 for the cost of a camp. The camp must have some educational attribute to the camp but cannot be religious based education. CPPC is also having a Resource Seminar on June 2, 2014 from 5-6:30pm. This will be a lunch/learn seminar. **(See March 2014 Agency Sharing.)**

Kaitlyn also shared that they have infant car seats available but you need to be low-income to qualify. Families can attain one car seat. Please contact YSS, MICA or the Ames Police Department. Seats will be distributed to those families that qualify while supplies last. Booster seats are also available by contacting the Ames Police Department. **(See March 2014 Agency Sharing.)**

Lastly Kaitlyn shared that CPPC will be having a **“MORNING SEMINAR”** on April 1, 2014 at 9am at the Story County DHS – 2nd floor conference room (126 Kellogg Ave.). The presentation will be Parent Partners and breakfast will be provided. **(See March 2014 Agency Sharing.)**

PEOPLE PLACE/LUTHERAN SERVICES OF IOWA: Elise Murchison presented about programs offered through LSI's People Place. People Place is a family resource center offering support for

parents of young children . ABC is where new parents of infants/preschoolers can come learn about age-appropriate topics. MELD is where parents can find out information for children 0-5 years of age. Elise discussed Drop-In Days provides time for parents to go pay bills, make phone calls or do network with others while your children are attended by others. People Place also will provide Crisis Child Care to families up to 72 hours when there are no other options available.

(See Agency Sharing for People Place Brochure.)

NEXT MEETING: Sipele announced that our next SCHSC meeting will be April 24, 2014 at St. Andrews Lutheran Church (Behind Colorado Junction). The address is 209 Colorado Ave., Ames, IA 50014. There is parking on the eastside of the church which leads right into the fellowship hall entrance. The spotlight will be “**Give em the Pickle**” video – a customer service video. Shari Atwood is bringing the video courtesy of the Iowa DOT. The agency spotlights will be Lifeline Resources (Kicks for Kids Program) and United Way (Collaboration Efforts on summer feeding programs).

AGENCY SHARE TIME:

- **Ames Community Schools Homeless Liaison**– Sipele announced that prom is approaching and she’ll be busy for that as well as 8th grade formal! She is looking for summer programming so if you have opportunities, please give her a call.
- **CyRide** – Shari announced that CyRide will have a public meeting for Dial-A-Ride customers of Thursday, April 10th at 5:30pm at Ames City Hall Council Chambers. All Dial-A-Ride customers were sent a letter informing them of the meeting but if there are agencies wanting to know more about ADA door-to-door service, then please attend the meeting.
- **Mainstream** – Amber Schafer informed us that Mainstream is a company that works with individuals with disabilities . They are looking for other opportunities to do other work. She indicated that Mainstream can help prepare food or prepare flyers or other such tasks.
- **Story County Community Services** – Nikki Lullman announced that they are helping with utility bills. MICA’s Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is ending in April so you may want to send clients to SCCS.
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness of Central Iowa** – Deb mentioned that April 15th is Wellness Center. Individuals will be sharing their art, music, etc for whole health recovery and would appreciate an audience.
- **Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa** – Rachelle and Ashley with Girl Scouts announced that the cookie sales are all wrapped up. They’re currently offering camperships and have program books available for anyone looking for a camp program this summer.
- **MICA** – Announced that if clients get a shut of notice to still call MICA.
- **YSS** – Geri shared about their 4th year of TEAM MAZE. It’s 7th graders in Story, Boone and Greene Counties going through 1,000 life size maze going through 12 learning tracks and group activities. They will spend 10 minutes at each activity but learn about “life issues” throughout the process.

End of Meeting 1:05 pm

