

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2014  
Conference Call  
2:00PM – 3:00PM

**DHS Staff Present:** Lisa Bender

**Committee Members Present:** Amy Alvarez, Alayna Clancy, Alison Boelman, Kevin Frey

**Committee Members Absent:** Renae Jones, David Palmer

**ICAPP Contractors Present:** Prevent Child Abuse Iowa—Amber Russell, Steve Scott

### Introductions:

- Meeting was called to order and introductions were made to the new (and former) ICAPP Director, Amber Russell

### Recap of 10/7/13 meeting and review of minutes:

- Alvarez motioned to approve the minutes from 10/7/13, Frey seconded. Minutes stand approved.

### CAPAC Updates:

- ***Presentation to the Council on Human Services in November***
  - Scott reported out to the group on the discussion that occurred at the November Council on Human Services meeting. At that time the HS Council received the CAPAC Annual Report and discussed highlights of ICAPP (Iowa Child Abuse Prevention Program).
  - Scott noted that one member recognized the issue with the Protective Factors Survey (PFS) in that participants tended to rate themselves very highly, even at pre-test. With these high baseline scores it is difficult to see a significant increase at post-test. In addition, it was noted that often times parents/caretakers may believe everything is going well before an intervention begins, only to realize after, how much they didn't know.
  - However, despite these challenges, council members were truly engaged and interested in learning more about the program's efforts to enhance protective capacities and reduce risk in families.

### ICAPP Updates/Highlights:

- ***Tax Check-off***
  - Scott reported that the deadline on 3/15/14 to determine if the "Check-off Child Abuse" will automatically continue on the Iowa tax filing form (as one of the top 2 in donations) or if will have to go before the legislature again for consideration (if it places in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>)
  - Scott noted presently the check-off campaign is in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, but only \$1,288 above the Firefighters and Veteran's Trust Fund.

- **Program Demographics**
  - Scott went over YTD ICAPP participant demographic data and noted various trends in the data, including:
    - Over a quarter of participants are persons of color and/or Hispanic
    - Significant number of low-income households
      - 45% of participants less than 20k
      - 30% - less than 10k
    - Significant # of homeless, shared housing
    - Nearly half receiving financial supports – WIC, SNAP, Medicaid
- **Ongoing Issues/Changes in Programming**
  - Russell noted some of the viability concerns she is seeing with councils who are struggling to maintain their independent status. An example she gave was Polk Co.'s Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC). This group recently decided to dissolve and to be absorbed by Blank Children's Hospital (i.e. Iowa Health Foundation).
  - Russell also noted a need to change reporting mechanisms for sexual abuse prevention programs as, for the first time ever, we are seeing more programs with an adult focus vs. a child focus and this includes both parents and other adults who work with youth. The form previously asked for data on the numbers of parents served, but a more adequate option would be the number of adults served.
- **SFY 2015 RFA**
  - Bender noted the RFA has not yet been released publically, but should be soon. Bender also shared some of the problems encountered due to recent changes to DAS procurement policies (i.e. no individual who is not a state employee can issue a procurement opportunity). Therefore, the RFA will have to be a more formal process than was initially intended when the option was written into contracts last year.
  - Bender stated that the group could have an additional phone call in late April if members feel it is necessary to review the RFA and that she would send out the RFA link to CAPAC members when it becomes available.
  - It was stated the group would try to pull together again for a face-to-face meeting the 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> full week of May in order to review the application process and the results and to make recommendations for contract renewals. Bender will send out a Doodle poll to schedule this.

## **Prevention Updates:**

- **ACEs Work**
  - ACEs Modules – Scott and Russell reported that their agency has been working to develop interactive learning modules for practitioners to introduce ACEs study and findings (Adverse Childhood Experiences). These modules should be available to the public soon.
  - CAP Endorsement Process – Scott and Russell reported that their agency has also been working, with support of funding from IDPH, on an endorsement project for child abuse prevention professionals. The

certification would require service providers to have at least 2 years in the field and an additional 140-160 hrs. of learning, prerequisites, etc.

- CAP Conference – The annual Child Abuse Prevention Conference is being held this year in conjunction with the Iowa Family Support Conference April 14-16. Scott noted that the conference is currently maxed out at 475 registrations.
- ***Community-based Response to ACEs***
  - Scott and Russell noted that 6 communities were accepted to participate in the Community-Based Response to ACEs Project. Activities to date for these community participants include:
    - A 2-day training held in November on the Community Readiness Model developed by the Tri-Ethnic Center for Prevention Research, Colorado State University.
    - Communities were then paired up to conduct interviews of key respondents, transcribe interviews, and score these interviews based on the Community Readiness Model interview tool.
    - Communities will soon be provided a final report to share outcomes within their communities and to plan next steps in their community efforts to address child abuse/ACEs through prevention.

**Next Meeting:** TBD