

## HHS Ad Hoc Committee on Out of Home Care Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** January 16, 2018

**TIME:** 1:00pm

**PLACE:** Wood County River Block, Health Dept EOC

**PRESENT:** Adam Fischer, Brad Kremer, Lori Slattery-Smith, Dawn Schmutzer, Tim McNaughton, Brandon Vruwink, Tom Buttke.

**EXCUSED:** Beth Ferdon

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bill Clendenning, Stephanie Wanserski, Doug Machon, Jodi Liegl

Meeting called to order at 1:01pm by Chairman Fischer.

**Public Comment:** Chairman Fischer noted that the Governor has announced the closing of Lincoln Hills youth prison. He met with Rep Kulp & Spiros and they noted the date may be moved from 2019 to 2018 for the closure and transition to an adult prison.

**Minutes:** motion by Buttke to approve minutes, second by Slattery-Smith. All ayes. Note: minutes for the Ad Hoc meetings will not be in the Supervisors dropbox, they will only be available on the County website.

**Review data collected:** Discussion of survey data presented. Respondents were 26 of the 38 Family Services staff. Discussion around AODA services (cost, waiting list, willingness to use services provided) in regards to youth and parents occurred. Discussion around treatment vs prevention: barriers, mentoring, parental training, therapy, skill building, what workers need to be successful, lack of structure and socialization, peer pressure. Reasons for out of home placement reviewed. Basic overview of Alternative Response Model given by Brandon. Partnering with others within Wood County, such as YMCA, Boys & Girls Club and faith based entities within the community.

**Assign tasks:** Research what the Alternative Response Model would look like for Wood County. Research how the closing of Lincoln Hills will affect the county; how will regional correction centers be utilized by county. Research what education, coaching and mentoring of youth and parents looks like now and what it could be changed into.

**Motion:** Kremer made motion for HHSC recommendation, seconded by Buttke: Mentoring of youth and parents is a major concern and needs to be addressed.

**Next meeting:** February 20, 2018 at 12pm (noon) in the Health Dept EOC room at River Block.

**Agenda items:** review of all data provided, Alternative Response Model.

**Adjourned:** meeting was adjourned at 2:53pm.

Recorder: Dawn Schmutzer