

HHS Ad Hoc Committee on Out of Home Care Meeting Minutes

DATE: May 4, 2018

TIME: 9:00 am

PLACE: Wood County River Block, Health Dept EOC

PRESENT: Adam Fischer, Al Breu, Dawn Schmutzer, Tim McNaughton, Brandon Vruwink, Tom Buttke, Beth Ferdon.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jodi Liegl, Craig Rasmussen

Meeting called to order at 9am by Chairman Fischer.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: motion by Buttke to approve minutes, second by Breu. 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.

Elections: Adam Fischer, Chair; Al Breu, Vice Chair; Lori Slattery-Smith, Secretary.

Juvenile Justice Case Review: Craig presented two cases currently active in Wood County. One was a youth who had no prior history with the department. First offense was at 16 years old. The case has a good prognosis even though first offense was intense. Second case was a youth with a long history with the department starting at the age of 11. This youth had 38 referrals within four years. Craig stated that the complexity of the cases has increased. Many have a family history of AODA and mental health issues.

Possible Residential Treatment Facility in Wood County: Beth went through the handout. Handout is attached. After review, the fiscal feasibility of this is not within our scope. One of the main issues other locations have had is retaining staff.

Discussion: Question of what can the County/Human Services do to help prevent youth from needing out of home placement. Discussion around intensive in-home services was had. Family Services in restructuring to include an Intensive Services Unit. These staff will try to intervene earlier.

The idea of a crisis stabilization unit vs a RCC was discussed.

Assign Tasks: Gather more information on what an 8-bed Crisis Stabilization facility would look like at Norwood. Is it sustainable? State has in budget for one 8-bed facility and will fund it fully. No rules set yet.

Next meeting: May 15, 2018 at 12pm (noon), Courthouse, Safety Conf Room.

Adjourned: meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Recorder: Dawn Schmutzer