

South Dakota Supporting Families CoP State Team Meeting

October 7, 2020

Brooke Nelson facilitated the opening round with the following present:

Family Members	Family Members w/Professional Roles	State Agency Representatives	Public/Private Partnerships
Brenda Smith Elaine Roberts Beth Haug Elizabeth Welfl Janet Whiting	Tim Reinbold, parent/VR Councilor Deanna Wollman, sibling/SDDC Brian Poelstra, parent/DRSD Jessica Lamb, parent/Augie Access Tania Kostel, parent/Family Support	Arlene Poncelet, DD Council Julie Hand, DHS/DDD Kimberly Percival, DHS/DDD Jaze Sollars, DHS/DDD Julie Johnson-Dresbach, DHS/DDD Linda Turner, DOE Special Ed Melissa Flor, DOE Barb Wetrosky, DHS/LTSS Brooke Nelson, DHS/DDD Dixie Jungwirth, SDDC Augusta Wiese, DHS/DDD Donna Fischer, DHS/LTSS Whitney Bruner, DOH Lisa Tschetter, DHS/DDD Kayla Mitteness, DHS/DDD	KD Munson, RHD Case Mngmt. Kristi Patton, Ability Building Svcs. Rose Mohring, Center for Dis.

Review of CoP Purpose and Core Belief – Kimberly Percival reviewed the core belief of CtLC and the purpose of the Supporting Families CoP as well as the meeting agreements.

Roles:

- Timekeeper –Brenda Smith
- Recorder – Elaine Roberts

- PowerPoint presentation – Kimberly Percival

Brooke Nelson provided an update on the completion of the Asset Map by 15 members of CoP. The group has a variety of skills and passions and are part of 27 different community groups. She encouraged those who have not completed the Asset Map to do so by November 13. A copy will be emailed with the notes from this meeting. It is important that we have this information to best utilize the skills and passions of the CoP as we move forward with action planning.

Julie Hand provided an update on the Continuum of Care Study report. It was conducted by Align, Benchmark and was a gap analysis of the DD system, SDDC and CSP. Focus groups were conducted around the state, surveys online and paper and interviews. Summary included:

- State Capacity
 - Advocacy
 - Behavior supports
 - Day and employment Services
- Communication
 - Individuals
 - Families and guardians
 - Providers
- Provider Capacity
 - Crisis Diversion Services
 - Person Center model
 - Technology Services
 - Resources-manuals, guides
- Transportation
 - Funding
 - Public/Private Partnerships
 - Education regarding transportation covered by Medicaid

Discussion: Q&A

- Is another report coming with the data collected in regard to Family Support? The Division is not expecting another report from Align. The Division is aware of the emergent issues in Family Support as is the CoP.

- Will the report be sent to all the attendees as was stated at the meeting I attended? We were not aware of that statement. Can be found on the DHS website and a link will be shared with the meeting notes (<https://dhs.sd.gov/continuum.aspx>)
- It seems that through the Choices waiver, the CSPs readily get info to families and guardians, but there is less communication through Family Support. Response-the goal is to have direct communication with families through Family Support
- Any addition comments or questions may be directed to Julie Hand – Julie.Hand@state.sd.us

Recommendations from Study

- Request for information regarding regionalized crisis services and have four in-state and two out-of-state responses
- Continue current work that aligns with recommendations that had begun before the study and report were completed
 - Rate Methodology Review
 - Person Centered Practices and Charting the LifeCourse
 - Day and Employment Services
- Determine viability of other recommendations
 - Benefits and drawbacks
 - Impact on system
 - Immediacy of need

Julie explained that crisis services are the highest level of care needed and currently is provided at SDDC. The Division is looking to provide the least restrictive level of care and at times there is need for short term or intermediate services—this would allow move back and forth as need arises.

A poll was conducted regarding the priorities of the recommendations.

- First question- In your opinion, which of recommendation(s) should be the DHS and DDD top priorities (multiple choice)?
 - State Capacity-35%, Communication-65%, Provider Capacity-35%, Transportation-10%
- Second question-Which recommendation(s) have the greatest impact on the ALL and would benefit most from SD Supporting Families CoP involvement? (multiple choice)
 - State Capacity 10%, Communication-70%, Provider Capacity-25%, Transportation-10%

Brooke provided an update on the Guardianship Roundtable which was established after the last COP meeting as part of the COP moving into action to address needs for the ALL.

First meeting occurred on September 24th. We discussed the gaps that were identified at the last CoP State Team meeting surrounding guardianship. Our next Steps:

-Gathering current information regarding guardianship –Identity what we have VS what we need.

-Action plan the projects that the group will be completing in response to the need. The next meeting is October 22.

- **Roundtable Members:**

Brenda Smith –Family Member

Teri Bukowski –Family Member / Benchmark

Brian Poelstra –Family Member/ Disability Rights

Elaine Roberts –Advocate

KD Munson –RHD

Cindy Kirschman –TSLP (Transition Service Liaison Project)

Melissa Flor –DOE

Chelsea Lolley –DHS Guardian Rep

Barb Wetrosky -LTSS

Brooke Nelson -DDD

Kimberly Percival –DDD

Julie Johnson Dresbach –DDD

Carrie Geppert –DDD

Kimberly shared the following upcoming opportunities for members of the CoP:

- The availability of an online Good Life Group to learn more about the tools and CtLC ways of thinking. A short-term group might be for families, teachers, or others who want to learn more about CtLC.
- The upcoming online sessions about the various domains: November 18th - Social & Spirituality, January 13th, 2021 - Healthy Living. You need to register for these sessions to get the link and reminder
- All previous recorded webinars can be found on the DHS website under Supporting Families Community of Practice.