

Southern Carroll County Early Childhood Coalition

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Participants: Jennifer Selfridge, C3PH; Cathy Livingston, Children Unlimited; Adam Kenney, White Horse Recovery; Deb Bunting, SAU 49; Katie Foster, New Futures; Teri Ann Cox, Wolfeboro Children Center; Schelley Rondeau, Central NH VNA; Caleb Gilbert, C3PH

Meeting Notes

Schelley Rondeau, Central NH VNA: Have continued home visits throughout the pandemic with Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). Saw an increase in baby births in April, with a quick turnaround for discharge from the hospital. Doing some telehealth visits, but mostly in-person. Keeping home visit supplies in the home at minimum. Did provide services to individuals that did test positive for COVID in the past. Has resulted in some procedural changes. Families expressed a desire to meet in-person throughout.

Teri Ann Cox, The Children Center in Wolfeboro: Challenging time – remained open in March, took a pause in April, encouraged families to stay home. Dropped from 163 to 25 children enrolled. The brief closing allowed for the Center to regroup. Financial challenges – PPP Loan has helped to carry employees thanks to the loan. Restarted with 30 children as the Emergency Child Care Center after the pause (provided care for essential worker families). Some staff chose not to return. Schools closing early caused early opening for summer programs. Now can provide services for any working families, not just essential. Currently at 60 children, with 70+ enrolled for summer. Following and going beyond guidelines (nurse providing screenings before entrance). Some concerns for childcare across the state. The pandemic started a dialogue on importance of childcare services. CCRSP application has been submitted (\$25 million for childcare providers in the state from the CARES Act). Currently 8 staff laid off. Containment approach to isolating rooms, in case a positive test should occur in the center.

Katie Foster, New Futures: Legislature is back in session virtually, condensing bills, as opposed to hearing many specific bills. Many bill hearings have been put off until next year. New Futures is collecting survey responses from families and providers. Good response so far. Starting a telehealth campaign to help codify these telehealth changes due to pandemic (reimbursement rates)

Here is the link to the surveys:

Parent Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NF2NPBV>

Provider Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NFWH73C>

Deb Bunting, SAU 49 Outreach Counselor Ossipee/Effingham: Has been working with the Life Ministries Food Pantry in Wolfeboro. Also helping to distribute meals at Ossipee Central School to 160 students on average. Messaging is needed about continued meal distributions throughout the summer. Some high-risk families may have missed out on meals distribution this past Monday (perhaps did not know that meals were still being distributed?). Trying to disseminate other items for families (dental supplies, activities, etc.). Concerns about Domestic Violence and dip in DCYF referrals. Also concerned about devices for at-risk/isolated families. Utilities/rent moratorium lift poses some concerns as well. Masking

concerns – wearing all day, interacting with children, (Wolfeboro Children Center used a lot of preplanning).

Caleb will send out link to Memorial “reopening training” when YouTube link becomes available.

Adam Kenney, White Horse Recovery Center, MH counselor for children and adults: Remote is difficult for children clients. WH will be reopening on 6/15. Adam will still be seeing clients virtually, but will be running an in-person IOP starting 6/15. Concerns about complacency amongst his clients and the general public regarding COVID safety guidelines. Some populations telehealth works well, others not. Some WH counselors will start seeing clients in person. Mutual mask agreements will be discussed with clients being seen in-person.

Cathy Livingston, Children Unlimited: Trying to figure out PPE procedures/protocols for in office. Experiencing some growing pains related to PPE. Reopening on 8/31/2020 for childcare services. Also using telehealth with families. Works well for some, not for others. Screening is mandatory for staff upon entering the building. Continuing food distribution in partnership w/ SAU 9. Also including supplies, activities, etc.

Jennifer Selfridge, C3PH Substance Misuse Prevention Coordinator: Working to develop a substance misuse prevention workplan and include strategies that address early childhood. She will be in touch with the group.

Caleb Gilbert, C3PH Public Health Advisory Council Coordinator: Building Resilience MWV is hosting a Facebook Live Event on Domestic Violence/Sexual Violence this Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 4:30pm (link here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/563563781017815/>) – applicable to the entire county although it is an MWV group.