



CHILDREN'S TREATMENT & RECOVERY SERVICES COMMITTEE

April 13, 2023

Attendees: Marc Smith, Third Tradition, Jennie Sill-KernBHRS, Cristina Castro-KernBHRS, Jessica Torres-KernBHRS, Jason Giffard - KernBHRS, Jeff Burdick-BPD, Belinda Vieyra-KernBHRS, Jennifer Williamson-CSV, Beverly Ralston-Svaleng-DHS, Mary Lucas-CSV, Maria Aleman-KernBHRS, Vivian Reyes – KernBHRS, Corina Vasquez-CGC, Brad Davis, KernBHRS, Barbara Paradise – CCS,

Recorder: Jessica Torres

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Accomplished.

2. **Approval of January 12, 2022, Minutes**

Cristina Castro

Maria Aleman

3. **Public Comment**

None

4. **Presentation – Marc Smith**

Third Tradition is one of CSOC contract providers that works closely with the TAY team. It started in 2019 and is a sober living community that has 10 houses with 66 beds.

TAY has 9 contracted beds with 3 TAY youth per house.

Third Tradition follows a 12-step model; at intake the program is explained, and staff identify the youth's substance of choice, the youth are notified they will have to attend a minimum of 5 meetings per week.

There is an acclimation period of 30-45 days that is given to the youth so they can get to know the program, staff and have the ability to acclimate to their surroundings and identify with other youth in the program.

- The goal is to have the youth build repour with other residents and staff. Once the youth have completed the program some continue to stay connected with the community.
- Third Tradition focuses more on the behaviors and breaking the substance use habits.
- Currently the program is 90-days with the possibility of it being extended for another 90 days.
- The youth that complete the program have had their programs extended and eventually transferred to a sober living facility.
- There has been a total of 101 clients with 52 completions since 2019.
- Majority of TAY youth that are initially put in the program do not have prior history of SUD services, and are in denial regarding their substance use. Due to the atmosphere at Third Tradition and sharing information about the bigger picture may help with the success rate and the youth realize they are empowered to reach out for help.





5. Department Reports

Children's System of Care (CSOC) Report

- The Parent Child Interactive Therapy Grant has been submitted and KernBHRS is currently waiting for the results.
- KernBHRS and contractors will be implementing a new EHR beginning July 1st. Training will begin in May and June.
- Starting July 1st rate reform will occur and will change the fiscal environment and how services are reimbursed.
- KernBHRS Children's System of Care has created at Training for Zero Suicide aiming for youth ages 0-5.
- The Foster Care Team is working on ways to increase referrals for children ages 0-5 years old.
- Youth placed at STRTP's have been given surveys to complete to help build outcomes and help shape the quality of services provided. The surveys are completed and KernBHRS is currently awaiting feedback from the surveys.
- TFCO Training was completed, if there are any foster homes that would like to be trained e-mail Jason.

Substance Use Disorder System Report

- No Update.

6. Items to be brought to the Board

None.

7. Provider Issues

None Reported.

8. Future Presentations

- Student Services Act with Superintendent of Schools
- CGC – Parent Empowerment Program
- CSV – WIC
- CSV – Community Health Center Integrated Mental Health
- DHS – Family First Prevention Service Act
- Parent for Children – The Neurobehavioral Approach – Susie Baker

9. Other

None.

10. Next regular meeting:

July 13, 2023, via TEAMS at 3:30 pm. Meeting adjourned.

Items Distributed:

Minutes for January 12, 2022, regular meeting.

