



**CHILDREN'S TREATMENT & RECOVERY  
SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**July 13, 2023**

**Attendees:** 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, Noelia Irvin – KernBHRS, Karen Friedman – KernBHRS, Guadalupe Ayon-Villanueva – KernDHS, Jose Espinoza – KCSOS, Ana Mena – KernBHRS, Valerie Sumpter - KernBHRS

**Recorder:** Jessica Torres

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Accomplished.

**2. Approval of April 13, 2023, Minutes**

Jason Giffard

Cristina Castro

**3. Public Comment**

None

**4. Presentation – Jose Espinoza**

The Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) is a partnership between KernBHRS and KCSOS. It helps improve the timely access to Mental Health Services for underserved populations: Foster youth, Homeless youth, and youth from low income families

Outreach is provided in the community to help give resources to families and help with the stigma regarding Mental Health Services

The MHSSA Team will work with the school district staff to ensure rapid response to support the youth with their academics, behavior, and social and emotional health.

The students are screening with the Biopsychosocial assessment (BPSA) in addition to the PHQ9, GAD7 and Columbia Suicide Rating Scale (CSSRS) to identify mental health symptoms.

Project facilitators help with case management and ensures linkage is occurring to a Mental Health Team.

At the end of the 2023 there were a total of 289 referrals, staff located at 10 sites, with most of the referrals being received by the Middle Schools.

Substance use is the leading reason for student referrals.

The MHSSA Team is looking at expanding the Substance Abuse services to the youth.

**5. Department Reports**

**Children's System of Care (CSOC) Report**

- The CSOC System has implemented SmartCare as of July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Payment reform occurred on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- CSOC was awarded the Evidenced Based Community Defined Evidence Based Practice Grant for proposal for Parent Child Interactive Therapy Model.





- CSOC is in the process of completing the Child Crisis Residential Program Grant, the goal is to help stabilize youth and prevent hospitalization.
- KCTFCO will be holding a training on 7/15/23 from 9am-5pm with 8 participants attending.
- DHS is working on a Complex Care Plan that will aide with the more acute complex youth. KernBHRS will partner to use TFC homes to support these needs.
- KernBHRS has been completing site refresh at multiple sites and open houses for will be held 7/14/23 from 9am -12pm.

**Substance Use Disorder System Report**

- No Update.

**6. Items to be brought to the Board**

None.

**7. Provider Issues**

None Reported.

**8. Future Presentations**

- CGC – Parent Empowerment Program
- CSV – WIC
- CSV – Community Health Center Integrated Mental Health
- DHS – Family First Prevention Service Act

**9. Other**

None.

**10. Next regular meeting:**

October 12, 2023, via TEAMS at 3:30 pm. Meeting adjourned.

**Items Distributed:**

Minutes for April 13, 2023 regular meeting.

