

LINCOLN COUNTY BEST BEGINNINGS COALITION

Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2017

Lincoln County Best Beginnings Coalition Meeting

Thursday, January 19, 2017

4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Lincoln County Courthouse – Commissioner’s Office

North County Annex in Eureka via video conference

- Call to order
- Approve Minutes
Minutes for the last meeting were taken by Toya and will be approved via email.
- Organization Self-Introductions and Announcements: What’s going on in our organization and community?
 - Lincoln County Health Department – Riley Black, RN was present and reported that the department is working on SANE, now giving immunizations, and working on death reporting and STD reporting to the state
 - Northwest Community Health Center – Nicky Willey was present and reported that the clinic will begin the Centering Pregnancy program within a couple of months.
 - Tobacco Program – Amy Fantozzi was present and reported doing work with tobacco in pregnancy; she will also be doing a drug and alcohol quiz at the school soon. She is also attending the Best Beginnings state meeting next week in Helena.
 - Families in Partnership – Hy Boltz was present and reported that they have openings in their program and have been providing services through their home base visiting program for children 0-3 and pregnant women. They are also gearing up to get their parenting classes going through their family resource center. He also reminded everyone that they have the car seat program as well. Finally, he told the group that they are planning on moving their Early Childhood Fair to August and wondered what everyone thought.
 - Child Protective Services – Kathleen Sheffield was present and states she continues to provider her parenting classes through CPS.
 - Megan Pchrokarov – She told the group about the Libby MOPS (mothers of preschoolers) program. She participated in this program previously before moving to Montana and has worked to get the program started here. “MOPS” is a support group for mom’s with preschool age children. They meet on the 2nd Friday of each month from 5:30-8:00 and have dinner and fellowship. There are also childcare services available at the event to give the mom’s a break.

- Kootenai Valley Head Start – Ken Foss was present representing the head start and the public preschool. He stated that he they are working very hard with children to have them Kindergarten ready.
- Sunburst – Kirsten Dewitt was present and shared that they work with children as young as 3 years old, they also provide an after school program for older children as well as a skill building group. They now have a child play therapist and are working on forming a parenting group.
- Libby Public Schools – Craig Barringer was present and reported that he recently attended the National P3 Conference and that they continue to provide school related items to CPMC to be given to new born families when they leave the hospital.

- Logo and Promotional Items
Amy brought a few examples of these items to the meeting, there were pens and onsies for the group to see. The coalition is also planning to purchase water bottles and other items for the child/health fairs.

- Membership and Confidentiality forms
Amy reminded everyone to complete and turn in their forms.

- Projects 2017 – volunteers needed for workgroups
 - Trifold Brochure
 - Pregnancy Resource GuideThese will be created this summer

- Trauma-informed Training update
 - ACES training – Amy spoke to Ann Glimm (8th grade teacher) and she is putting together an ACES training soon so this group may want to consider a different type of training program.

- Public or Council Member Comment on items not on the agenda

Next Meeting – February 16, 2017