

DUNN COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COLLABORATING COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Dunn County CJCC Family Treatment Court

(FTC) Oversight and Planning Work Group

Held on January 23, 2020 in Judicial Center, room 1402

1. Call to Order

2. Call of the Roll:

- a. Chair Kris Korpela; Judge Jim Peterson; Judge Rod Smeltzer; Attorney Chris Mayer; FTC Coordinator Derek Smith; Criminal Justice Coordinator Sara Benedict; TOP/Treatment Court Coordinator Jenae Brantner; Arbor Place Director Jill Gamez; Child Protection Manager Lori Radcliffe; Child Protection Manager Carrie Anderson; Integrated Treatment Specialist Lindsey Field; CPS Social Worker Melisa Berg; CPS Social Worker Kayla Johnson; Clerk of Courts Katie Schalley; District Attorney Andrea Nodolf.

3. Approval of minutes of the September 30, 2019 Meeting:

- a. Andrea Nodolf made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Lori Radcliffe seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

4. Public Comment:

- a. None

5. Staff Reports:

- a. Coordinator Smith informed the group that he has been spending time logging progress notes for FTC participants and preparing pre-court staffing notes for the Operational Team.
- b. Coordinator Benedict informed the group that the Request for Proposal (RFP) had been sent out which included services that would benefit FTC such as parenting programs, transportation services, visitation services, and peer support services. Director Korpela informed the group that the only respondent was Lutheran Social Services.

6. Program Update:

- a. Coordinator Smith informed the team of several program statistics including active participants, breakdown by gender, admission rate, average participant age, average age of onset of drug use, primary drugs of use, average time from program admittance to first treatment session, time from referral to admission, time in program, and level of participant progression in the FTC phase system.

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7. Program Feedback and Observations:

- a. Judge Smeltzer discussed how cases are chosen to be referred to FTC and recommended it may be beneficial to wait to admit a family to the program until after there has been a dispositional order. Director Korpela responded that research show that the sooner a family can get engaged with services, the better the outcomes tend to be and the program admission criteria only requires that a CHIPS petition has been filed.
- b. Lori Radcliffe announced that parents are offered treatment even before they are referred to FTC so waiting until the dispositional hearing would not prevent a parent from accessing treatment immediately.
- c. Attorney Chris Mayer expressed her concern for waiting to admit parents to the program especially in the case of removals as she would like to see those parents be enrolled in the program while they have the immediate motivation of getting their kids back as opposed to waiting until the dispositional hearing as that time may lessen that motivation as they may become comfortable without having their kids in their care.

8. Discussion on Incentives and Celebrating Successes

- a. Director Korpela informed the group that several incentives were purchased with the additional start-up funds from the first year grant money.
- b. Coordinator Smith informed the group what the different types of incentives were that were purchased such as gift cards, gas cards, treats, and children's items such as toys, crayons, and coloring books.
- c. Director Gamez discussed some of the incentive they use for individuals who are participating in treatment at Arbor Place and what some of the behaviors are that are rewarded with those incentives.

9. Family Treatment Court Sponsored Activities for Participants

- a. Tabled

10. Discussion on FTC Meeting Structure and Frequency

- a. Tabled

11. Next Steps for Family Treatment Court Oversight and Planning Work Group

- a. Tabled

12. Next Meeting Date:

- a. May 6, 2020 at 12:00pm
- b. September 2, 2020 at 12:00pm

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13. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted:

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