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| <b>Meeting Title</b>       | <b>West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (WVDHHR) Quarterly Child Welfare Collaborative</b>  |
| <b>Date</b>                | Wednesday, November 17, 2021  |
| <b>Time and Location</b>   | 10 a.m. – noon // Web Conference Only   |
| <b>Dial-In Information</b> | Dial: 1-646-876-9923<br>Meeting ID: 938 2929 9150   |
| <b>Web Conference</b>      | <a href="https://berrydunn.zoom.us/j/93829299150">https://berrydunn.zoom.us/j/93829299150</a>   |
| <b>Attendees</b>           | <p><b>WVDHHR:</b> Laura Barno, Commissioner Cindy Beane, Tahnee Bryant, Cammie Chapman, Interim Commissioner Janie Cole, Lisa Ertl, Elizabeth Hardy, Jim Jeffries, Andrea Mitchell, Jackie Newson, Interim Deputy Commissioner Kent Nowwiskie, Commissioner Jeffrey Pack, Tony Richards, Rebecca Roth, Deputy Secretary Jeremiah Samples, Nikki Tennis, Cassandra Toliver, Joshua VanBibber, Jim Weekley</p> <p><b>U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ):</b> Beth Kurtz, Sue Mortensen</p> <p><b>Stakeholders:</b> Amelia Boehme, Barb Broaddus, Ben Nemeth, Brittani, Cara DeAngelis, Charlotte Patterson, Chelsea Dunaway, Claudia, Debra Grant, Jessie Ice, Gabe Conley, Hannah, Jacki Englehardt, Jessica Dianellos, Jim McKay, Jonathan Pinson, Josh Booth, Joshua Hanna, Julia Kesler, Julianne Yacovone, Kathryn Baxter, Katrina Harmon, Laurie McKeown, Lisa Kukoff, Lisa McMullen, Logan Arnold, Marissa Sanders, Myia Welsh, Peggy Johnson, Rachel Kinder, Susan Fry, Shanna Gray, Sharon Carte, Shawna White, Sheila Kelly, Steve Tuck, Summer Hartley, Tammie Rizzio, Tammy Bittinger, Tyler Jacobs, plus five attendees via telephone</p> <p><b>BerryDunn:</b> Lisa Roberts, Annie Messinger, Pete Tiernan, Lauren Trovato</p> |

### Agenda Items

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| 1.     | Welcome   | Kent Nowwiskie |
| 2.     | Prevention Services Presentation and Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Review – Laura Barno</li> <li>Bureau for Behavioral Health (BBH) Prevention Definition and Services Review – Tahnee Bryant</li> <li>Bureau for Public Health (BPH) Home Visitation Services Review – Jackie Newson</li> <li>Bureau for Family Assistance (BFA) Early Care and Education Services Review – Lisa Ertl</li> </ul> | WVDHHR         |
| 3.     | Meeting Conclusion  | Kent Nowwiskie |

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| 1.     | <p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The conversation today will focus on the availability and increase in availability of prevention services statewide.</li> </ul>  |
| 2.     | <p>Prevention Services Presentation and Q&amp;A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Review – Laura Barno <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Laura Barno provided an overview of the FFPSA.</li> <li>○ The FFPSA was enacted in 2018, thus providing Title IV-E funding for family support services for four years.</li> <li>○ All programs provided must be evidence-based.</li> <li>○ Laura talked about three services approved through title IV-E funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Parents as Teachers</li> <li>▪ Healthy Families America</li> <li>▪ Functional Family Therapy</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Laura explained the various levels of support that each service provides.</li> <li>○ The Office of Drug Control and Policy funds the Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams (START) is being evaluated to be added to the five-year prevention plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CPS workers are embedded in the county offices that provide small group or individual services.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ What specific prevention services are available for children in foster care who are pregnant or parenting? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The two in-home visitation programs/all services funded under FFPSA are available for foster children pregnant or parenting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Bureau for Behavioral Health (BBH) Prevention Definition and Services Review – Tahnee Bryant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tahnee Bryant provided an overview of the BBH prevention services available.</li> <li>○ Prevention can be defined as, “the action of stopping something from happening or arising.”</li> <li>○ BBH prevention programs mainly provided through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).</li> <li>○ Prevention programs can be implemented in settings such as schools, workplaces, and communities.</li> <li>○ <a href="https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/prevention">https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/prevention</a></li> <li>○ BBH has the following prevention efforts in place: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prevention Lead Organizations</li> <li>▪ Substance Abuse Block Grants</li> <li>▪ Strategic Prevention Framework Partnership for Success</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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|        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs</li> <li>▪ Suicide Prevention</li> <li>▪ Expanded School Mental Health</li> <li>▪ Regional Youth Service Centers</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There are three levels of prevention in the Continuum of Care: universal, selective, and indicated.</li> <li>○ Effective prevention programs focus on communication, resilience building, problem solving, improved decision making, positive peer relationships, and family support.</li> <li>○ BBH follows the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) that includes assessment, capacity reviews, planning, implementation, and evaluation.</li> <li>○ The three approved evidence-based programs at this time are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Positive Action</li> <li>▪ Life Skills</li> <li>▪ Ripple Effects</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Expanded School Mental Health (ESMH) refers to programs that build upon the core services typically provided by schools.</li> <li>○ Tahnee reviewed the ideal outcomes from the ESMH services.</li> <li>○ Find more about Expanded School Mental Health at <a href="https://wvesmh.org/">https://wvesmh.org/</a>. Find the current announcement of funding availability (AFA) at <a href="https://dhr.wv.gov/BBH/funding/Pages/Current-Funding-Announcements.aspx">https://dhr.wv.gov/BBH/funding/Pages/Current-Funding-Announcements.aspx</a></li> <li>○ Within the Regional Youth Service Centers are the following services/support options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Family Coordinators, Regional Youth Intervention Specialists, Regional Youth Coordinators, First Episode Psychosis (FEP)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Within each school, who takes the lead on an ESMH approach? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It is a collaborative approach, but the grantees are responsible for reaching the goals within ESMH.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Find more about the BBH Office of Children, Youth, and Families at <a href="https://dhr.wv.gov/BBH/about/Children%2cYouthandFamilies/Pages/default.aspx">https://dhr.wv.gov/BBH/about/Children%2cYouthandFamilies/Pages/default.aspx</a></li> <li>○ Find more about Prevention Lead Organizations at <a href="https://helpandhopewv.org/prevention-in-your-region.html">https://helpandhopewv.org/prevention-in-your-region.html</a></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bureau for Public Health (BPH) Home Visitation Services Review – Jackie Newson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jackie Newson provided an overview of the West Virginia Home Visitation Program (WVHVP).</li> <li>○ Community and family buy-in is vital to the success of the WVHVP.</li> <li>○ To better support families, WVHVP offers curriculum and training, an understanding of the impact of trauma, warm handoffs to other models</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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|        | <p>when aging out, multiple screenings, and a shared vision of strengthening communities and supporting families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All BPH services are voluntary for families.</li> <li>○ BPH focuses on strengthening families through parental resilience support, knowledge of social connections, knowledge of parenting and child development, concrete support in times of need, and social and emotional competence of children.</li> <li>○ BPH works towards several different benchmarks which has led to the creation of a strong continuous quality improvement team.</li> <li>○ BPH values community partnerships.</li> <li>○ Jackie reviewed the screenings that are completed for each family.</li> <li>○ Jackie shared data that demonstrates the positive effects of WVHVP services.</li> <li>○ COVID-19 has provided some challenges, but BPH has continued efforts to provide a continuation of services to families.</li> <li>○ WBPH will be exploring an in-person/virtual hybrid model going forward.</li> <li>○ WV Medicaid covers parent child interaction therapy under family psychotherapy with the member present. We do not dictate a particular model, theory, or therapeutic technique. The clinician has the flexibility to choose what best meets the child's needs.</li> <li>○ Due to the natural nature of the programs, 30% of referrals receive services and this aligns with the national rates and some programs have waiting lists.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bureau for Family Assistance (BFA) Early Care and Education Services Review – Lisa Ertl <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lisa Ertl provided an overview of the BFA Early Care and Education Services.</li> <li>○ There are 22 Starting Points Family Resource Centers (SPFRCs) across 24 counties.</li> <li>○ The programs offer families a variety of opportunities including Child Care Services and After School Programs, Parenting classes, along with food and any household needs.</li> <li>○ Each local Family Resource Center (FRC) offers specialized programs for the surrounding community.</li> <li>○ The Office of Early Care and Education (ECE) oversees three In-Home Family Education (IHFE) programs at 13 sites.</li> <li>○ IHFE programs encourage parent-child interaction, development-centered parenting, and family well-being.</li> <li>○ IHFE programs provide health and development screenings, parent group connections, and parent and child resources.</li> <li>○ TEAM for WV Children sponsors and supports programs to prevent child</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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|        | <p>abuse and neglect statewide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The programs offered through TEAM for WV Children include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Our Babies Safe and Sound</li> <li>▪ Circle of Parents</li> <li>▪ Children’s Trust Fund Development</li> <li>▪ Partners in Prevention</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Link to the Family Resource Center and the map showing which counties the FRCs serve <a href="https://dhr.wv.gov/bcf/Services/Pages/Community-Resources.aspx">https://dhr.wv.gov/bcf/Services/Pages/Community-Resources.aspx</a></li> </ul>  |
| 3.     | <p>Open Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jim McKay asked if there are any legislative goals around prevention for the upcoming legislative session in January. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Prevention Day during the legislature is January 12, 2022.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Laurie McKeown shared that the Family Resource Centers have been instrumental during the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>• In the next six months, there will be an implementation of the Sister of St. Joseph Health and Wellness Foundation grant to help communities understand the many ways they can support families and help parents meet their needs.</li> <li>• Learn more about LEAN on Me in West Virginia at <a href="https://pcaaz.org/leanonmeaz/">https://pcaaz.org/leanonmeaz/</a>.</li> <li>• If any attendees have ideas for future agenda items, please reach out to Kent Nowviskie or Annie Messinger.</li> </ul> |
| 4.     | <p>Meeting Conclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next quarterly meeting in February 2022 will be scheduled and shared soon.</li> </ul>   |