

4/18/22

Mental Health Sub Committee

Attendance-

Cyndi Smith

Abigail Adair

Bobbi Palmer

Elizabeth King

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Beverly Schoonover (community member)

Nicole Moffat (community member)

- The sub committee identified that a mental health evaluation needs to be completed and acted upon within the first 30 days that a child is identified as a child in need of aide. Foster Parents need to be held responsible for supporting taking a child to the mental health appointments.
- The family as a whole should be receiving family therapy.
- Infants-3 years should be receiving circle of security therapy with their parents.
- More frequent skin to skin contact visits for infants and parents.
- More training for foster parents to address “crisis” behavior situations and how to deescalate.
- Work to provide training to rural areas for BHAs.
- Prior to removal, safety plan.. follow up services, wrap around services to prevent removal.
- Assisting agencies/entities with establishing 1115 waiver services (becoming eligible to bill Medicaid) to incorporate more preventative measures for youth and families.
- Potential “crisis homes” for foster parents to utilize for youth to attempt to deescalate prior to hospitalization/residential.
- Assisting foster parents in obtaining FASD diagnosis. Referring youth for the FASD eval at first sign of in utero exposure or FASD characteristics.

