



May12, 2020 Consortium Meeting Minutes

Attendees: H.R. Jung, Kent Laudeman, Sharon McBride, Jana Humphreys, Margaret Goldsmith, Chloe Mattiford, Margaret Jessop, Ben Thomas, W. Jones, Sarah Mak, John Pinter, Angela Fitch, Jim Baxter, Eilleen Kalman, Olivia Schneider, Sheryl Decker, Kimberly Green Reeves, Derrick Patty, Christine Pochert Ringle, Clark Power, Dezha Moore, Brenda Matuszkiewicz, Courtney Marek, Maribel Sida, Brian Mounts, Kelly Aberli, Ashley Williams, Amanda Torres, Debora Prati, Emily Robinson, Oliver Davis, Maggie Gibney, Joshua Long, Joshua Diehl, Chris Nowicki, Beth Temple, Sharon Szymanski, Amanda Torres, Robin Vida, Mary Himschoot, Theresa Horn, Melissa Gard, Kate Lubbers, Sharon Burden, Denise Peters, Humberto Delgado, Mary Fran Brandenberger, Elisabeth Jackson, Kim Sims, Savino Rivera, Bunmi Okanlami, Stephanie Steward Bridges, Peggy Appleby, Velshonna Luckey, Dalila Huerta, Olivia Western, Terri Zornig, Kathy Walker, Stuart Greene, Guy Fisher, Naomi Adams, Sandi Pontius, Desylnne Roberts, Yvonne Larrier, Derrick Perry, Jackie Beverly, Sara Maloney, Ike Shipman, Becky Zakowski

- 1. Nurse Family Partnership:** Olivia Schneider, Outreach Coordinator with the Nurse Family Partnership opened the meeting with a presentation about the NFP, which is a program housed locally with Goodwill Industries. Indiana is the state with the 11th highest infant mortality rate in the nation, and there are disparities, with African American babies being more than two times more likely to die in their first year of life as Caucasian babies. SJC has an infant mortality of 7.5 infant deaths per 1,000 births. This program attempts to combat those rates; NFP is a community health program that empowers first time mothers and families to raise a healthy baby, achieve their life goals, and break the cycle of poverty. It is a national model in 41 states; every \$1 invested saves over \$5 in long term costs for high risk families and there are many varied positive outcomes for families in the program. This free service pairs first time mothers with an RN who does home visits from before the baby is born through the first two years of the child's life. Telehealth is being used to maintain social distancing during Covid restrictions. Case management is also provided to connect families to resources. Participation is completely voluntary and open to low-income women who are less than 28 weeks into their pregnancy and reside in St. Joseph, Elkhart, and LaPorte counties. No age, health, language or immigration requirements. Can contact Oliva via nfp@goodwill-ni.org to make a referral.
- 2. Breakout Room Discussions:** Attendees were randomly sent to a breakout room for 15 minutes of smaller group discussion. Questions for discussion: 'What needs are you seeing amongst the people you serve and interact with now?' and 'Is there anything that's evolved in your work during the Covid-19 era that has surprised you?' When breakout rooms closed, representatives from groups shared the following as needs: food insecurities, challenges with correction facility practicing social distancing, students falling behind academically (especially concerning in Empowerment Zone schools), compassion fatigue, youth missing needed community connection, frustration with e-learning, worries about losing technology equipment made available through schools over the summer (will this interfere with telehealth?), empty shelves at stores due to food hoarding, need for diapers and wipes with inadequate supplies available, increased WIC clients, financial crisis, expect more child abuse but less reporting is happening due to children not being in school/ around those who typically watch out for children/ abuse, the emotional health of young people, inability of young people to take the Covid-virus seriously, need for utility and rent assistance, lack of a good mechanism for organizations to gather information from their constituents regarding their needs, the digital divide and how it impacts access, people not accessing services though they are available, social isolation across the lifespan, access to clientele, helping youth adjust to life in quarantine, access to childcare, essential workers being ineligible for government resources such as stimulus money, affordable

childcare, especially in the summer, ability to use digital resources, convincing people to use the resources and navigate the digital platform, effects of isolation on mental health, need for grocery delivery services for seniors and single mothers, college students inability to have direct experience during this time, youth getting tired of being home, family tensions and helping families when the needs don't warrant CPS yet still require help, lack of health insurance, some not liking telehealth, social workers learning to provide services via online only, challenges with ongoing unknown and the stress it causes, stress from being furloughed, more work for those still employed, learning how to do services online, thinking about when to return to work, keeping the building and staff safe when people return, addressing the needs of urban youth.

In general, feedback about the breakout room experience was positive, and SJC Cares will plan to continue to use this Zoom feature during consortium meetings. In addition, 'Agenda-free' SJC Cares meetings on Mondays will alter their format so that each week will focus on a different topic for discussion.

3. **Mobile Covid Testing Update:** Kimberly Green Reeves shared an update about Beacon Health System's Mobile Covid Testing Service. The purpose of this program includes acknowledging that health disparities exist, especially in communities of color; making testing available to the underserved, and to provide testing to those with no insurance or primary care physician. The goals of the program are to provide a screening, conduct a free covid test, and provide education about protective factors and community resources. Testing is for individuals who have symptoms, but a physician's order is not required. The service is in St. Joe and Elkhart counties. Sites rotate. Statistics were shared. The first testing was done April 15 and will continue at least through the month of May. Cloth masks are provided for all who visit the mobile testing site. There have not been a large number of positive tests. Locations are determined via word of mouth and with input from the county health departments and the State Department of Health, as well as with help from Beacon's analytics team to determine potential local 'hot spots'. Updated information about where to find the unit is available on Beacon's website. St. Joe Health System and South Bend Clinic are also providing testing locally. Insurance enrollment assistance information is provided. SJCHD is partnering and providing contact tracing for anyone who tests positive.. The state department of health has an interactive map on their website that shares testing locations. Each health system has a hotline and individuals can also call 2-1-1 for more information.
4. **Census Update:** Jackie Beverly reported that self-response deadline has been moved to October 31. Low-response tracts are the highest priority and Jackie will be reaching out to SJC Cares members who provide services in some of these areas for help. The worst response area in SJC at this time is the area immediately south of the University of Notre Dame because the students who reside in that area are gone due to e-learning/ Covid restrictions. Even though they are not physically residing in their student homes right now, they still must report from there. Census count and the resulting funding is more important than ever, response is critical.
5. **SJC Cares Update:** SJC Cares received a Project Aware grant available to Indiana Systems of Care. The purpose of this grant was to increase school's awareness of System of Care. SJC Cares partnered with School City of Mishawaka with the initial plan of providing self-care kits to teachers; this plan changed in March when parents became the primary e-learning coordinators for their children. On Monday May 18 SJC Cares will be distributing 500 family care gift bags to families during lunch distribution with the help of volunteers from SCM, SJC Cares, and

Oaklawn. SJC Cares also received funding for the second round of the grant and plans to do something for teachers then. SJC Cares provided a virtual Parent Café pilot and two groups who participated, SB Empowerment Zone and SBCSC FaCE Program, are offering virtual parent cafes in the coming weeks. SJC Cares is assisting with those Cafes, we do not have plans to offer a Café ourselves at this time but we remain committed to them. The Cross System Review Panel has not convened since February but we can offer them virtually, so referrals for the panel are being accepted. Oaklawn will resume offering ACE Interface monthly over Zoom, with the next session being Wednesday, May 27 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Register via Oaklawn's website on the community page. SJC Cares can also promote other organizations offering ACE Interface and other programs via our Facebook Page. Margaret Jessop, PhD is offering a free 'Parenting in the New Normal' class on May 19, registration information will be shared after the meeting and on SJC Cares FB page.

6. Member Announcements:

- a. SJ County Health Alliance will be meeting Thursday, May 21 at 8:30 a.m. Guest presenter is Drug Czar Doug Huntsinger, all are welcome
- b. Oaklawn is open, has remained open throughout the crisis and provided many services via Telehealth. There is currently no wait list to begin services. Questions please reach out to Emily Robinson.
- c. GC Scored is offering two services: The Listening Oasis Wellness Space which is free and confidential social and emotional wellness counseling online; Access via listeningoasis.com. or everypiecematters.com.
- d. Connecting Kids to Coverage-IN has 5 licensed Indiana health insurance navigators available to do enrollments over the phone and electronically. Contact less navigation through HIPPA compliant technologies. Call or email me for more information. Email: kwalker@indianarha.org Ph: 812-870-4056; schedule appointments online at www.indianaruralhealth.org/CKC-IN
- e. The YMCA is willing to work with any community partners to try to address the school age childcare needs for employees.
- f. Veterans can be referred to 311 for South Bend and Veterans Community Connections run by Goodwill.
- g. Mosaic has LGBTQ+ virtual points of connection, with a trans group and a nonbinary group. Email bthomas@mosaichha.org for more information.
- h. Reminder to request an absentee ballot! Submit application by May 21 and return ballot before noon on June 2. And Vote ye son the referendum questions to support funding for mental health and SEL resources for students, among other things. If anyone wants to write a letter of support, let Dalila Huerta know.
- i. All of the LGBTQ Center's support groups are virtual, Youth 12-18 and adults 18+ email hr@thelgbtqcenter.org for more information.
- j. GCScored would like to have their resources and services added to and included in 211, 411 and 311 listings – contact ylarrier@gcscored.com
- k. Five Star Life is Offering the following right now, please reach out if you are interested: Free Stream from home Social and Emotional Learning Lessons - FRONTLINE HEROS , Five Star Life is offering FREE programs at Summit for the kids of the essential workers who have been meeting our needs during this time - Free Webinars focused on preparing for the fall out for students and educators and the Social and Emotional needs of students, Designing programming to meet the

needs of students before going back to school. www.fivestarlifeline.org
klubbers@fivestarlifeline.org

- l. The next Suicide Survivors Support Group by the Suicide Prevention Center will meet by zoom at 6:30pm on the last Tue of the Month (May 26th). Contact Kent Laudeman at [klaudem@uhs-in.org](mailto:klaudeman@uhs-in.org) or tel 574-314-5426
- m. SJCPL staff are available to fill out and submit unemployment filings over the phone for people without computer/internet access
- n. SBEZ's first Zone Parent Cafe will be this Wednesday at 7:30pm. If you know of any Zone Parents who might be interested in participating or if you are eligible to be a Table Host, please email dmoore@sbez.org!
- o. AARC just received a new two-year prevention grant from DMHA, starting July 1. We are continuing to partner with Oaklawn, REAL Services, LGBTQ Center, and adding a veterans piece through the Recovery Cafe at the Upper Room.
- p. Dr. Bunmi Oklanlami is representing palliative care at IUSB and hopes to reach out to many attendees to have a chance to speak to groups about palliative care and gaps in our community. There are disparities in palliative care and the more disparate the community, the less access there is to palliative care.
- q. Big shout out and congratulations to SJC Cares member Maggie Gibney on graduating from IUSB with an MSW.

Next SJC Cares Meeting Tuesday June 9 at 8:30 a.m.