

Taylor County Interagency Minutes
February 23, 2017

- Debra Simmons – 1st Five
 - 17 clients
 - High leads, social/behavioral issues
- Amber Knauss – Parent Partners
 - Needing more partners
 - 15 current families
- Angie Larson & Taylor Lynch – MATURA Head Start
 - Heath Care Institute March 2nd in Creston
 - 4 year program
 - Focus on when to go to ER or walk in
 - Child care offered gas/travel assistance
 - Book and supplies
 - Food & prizes
- Brittany Garey – Southwest Iowa Families
 - Offering parenting classes in Clarinda
 - \$50 per session
 - Project Suitcase
 - Bags and supplies for those aging out of foster care system
 - 20 kids in BHIS
 - Doing supervising visits for DHS
 - Getting trained in Mothers & Babies curriculum soon
- Ruth Bolinger – AmeriHealth Caritas
 - Value added programs
 - Must complete HCP visit and assessment to qualify
 - Focus on Fitness
 - Lied Center coming on in March
 - Auto family membership but child has to go 12 times in 90 days
 - May utilize 3 years in a row
 - HISET Program
 - Weight Watchers
- Joan Gallagher – Taylor County Public Health
 - Maternal Child Adolescent Health program
 - Home Health
 - Environmental Health
 - Emergency Preparedness
 - Starting 2nd round of dental screening and varnish at Daycares/preschools
 - 1st round of sealants at schools being completed
- Brandy Powers – Tobacco Prevention
 - Presented on why Point of Sale matters when it comes to Tobacco use. Point of sale means where the products are being sold. Billions are spent to have tobacco products discounted, advertisements and products in prominent locations, and promotional allowances to retailers. Studies have shown the more times a youth frequents a retailer where tobacco is sold, the higher the risk they are so using tobacco. Tobacco marketing effects those trying to quit and youth likelihood to experiment.
 - There are also new products being sold in KS: nicotine soaked toothpicks, nicotine chew, and nicotine inhalers.
- Shelley Moheng – Turning Point Crisis Stabilization House
 - Short term crisis house
 - For those who aren't doing well at home but don't need in patient care, no court committals
 - Volunteer, up to 5 residents, co-ed, 18 years old +
 - Given permission to take patients out of region

- “no wrong door” policy, referrals from anywhere
 - Goal is to get to patient within 1 hour to conduct screening
- Patient cannot be violent
- Average stay 3-5 days
- Not on substances or on sex offender registry
- At discharge, follow-up with individual for a year and set up crisis plan
- Counseling provided during stay
- Purely grant funded, trying to become accredited
- Staffed 24 hours

Next meeting: April 25th noon at Taylor County Courthouse Basement