CPMT Meeting 8/16/22

Members Present:

Jessica Amankrah – CSA, Katie Heritage – NWCSB Chair, Jon Martz – DSS, Jerry Stollings – DJJ, Michael Hirsch – WCPS, Cheryl Cullers – Chair of the Board, Matt Robertson – Finance Director, Jeff Driskell - WCSO

Members Present Online:

Kent Houchins – Private Provider

Members Absent:

Lonnie Phillips – Parent Rep, Leea Philips, Crystal Cline - FRPD

Call to Order:

Ms. Heritage called the meeting to order at 2:00PM and the minutes and agenda were both approved unanimously.

Financial Report:

Mr. Robertson stated that most of the spending is in by this point and that every should have received the updated report. Furthermore, that we are on projection with the budget transfer that was approved months ago to be off by approximately $2,000 but given the 2.1 million budget it's a non-issue.

Old Business:

Ms. Heritage opened about the policy that everyone had adopted and was going to be reviewed by October. Ms. Amankrah stated that she had met with the FAPT team because CPMT had asked them to review the manual and will be sent a rough draft in September to have a final draft by October. Furthermore, a virtual FAPT policy has been adopted since a virtual platform was being utilized. Mr. Martz has sent CSA the policy that DSS was working on, and is still looking to touch base with everyone.

Mr. Stollings asked which portion of the policy he was looking at and Ms. Amankrah stated that he was going to write the policy around the Family Team meetings requested by the assistant Commonwealth Attorney, in lieu of FAPT.

Mr. Martz stated that he pulled information from 41 localities from VA and only one of them had written a policy. Mr. Hirsch then stated that the County has a good track record thus far and has never had to ask the Board of Supervisors for any money and expressed enthusiasm for the new policies and that we were in good shape overall.

In terms of Restorative Youth Services, Ms. Amankrah stated that she sent an email after the last FAPT because she had not heard back from Dr. Fitzsimmons about their insurance status but have now sent a policy with a $2 million aggregate policy and was sent to the County Attorney's office to be signed and executed.

Up next was the Rate settings for Special Education and Ms. Amankrah has received them from all of the special private day schools and spreadsheets showing how the rates will be calculated. They won't be paid on that scale but will be used as a CSA cost analysis to see what the Special Day services would receive and how it would impact the CSA budget as well as the schools.

Mr. Hirsch stated that it's all part of the work group that is contemplating the move Special Education being removed from CSA and how much it will cost in Special Education dollars. Ms. Amankrah stated that the localities will have to know what the match will be because the VA Department of Education's match is different than CSA. Mr. Hirsch then asked what the options does the locality have, if any, and how we as a locality will manage (i.e. a duplicate systems for schools and for the rest, or do we have the option to continue with a more unified process with administrative and fiscal support from the schools). Ms. Amankrah stated that she as unsure of the next step with that but will be brought up at the upcoming conference. This then developed into an open discussion amongst all members regarding these options and how it's been done in the past and how it could look moving forward with either option.

Ms. Heritage then commented on the new position for CSA and Ms. Amankrah stated that interviews are scheduled for August 25th and had a surprising number of applicants and will take over the minute taking duties for future meetings.

New Business:

Restorative Youth Services was brought up first in terms of their late bills. Ms. Amankrah stated that it would be better to table that for closed session and everyone agreed.

Next was the new DSS initiative for kids up to 21 not in Fostering Futures and Ms. Amankrah stated that they were surprised that there was going to be a new initiative where kids who age out of foster care are eligible for the room and board portion of $735 for 6 months and does not have to be consecutive and that it is a DSS cost. Ms. Heritage asked if there were many would be eligible. Ms. Amankrah stated that there have been a few that have aged out that would qualify but there are not a lot of kids who do Fostering Futures but thinks it's a good idea.

Next was a discussion on two satisfaction survey versions and Ms. Amankrah stated that she provided copies for vendors and copies for parents and that they can be edited as needed but they are now available for feedback from all members present.

In terms of Community services needs, Ms. Heritage stated that there was talk of a mentoring program. Major Driskell commented and encouraged a discussion on a Big Brother/Sister program and mentioned the programs currently used in Frederick County. Mr. Hirsch then stated that is very active in Winchester and the ARC if Warren and Warren Coalition brought them to WC and provided them 25K in seed money and offices to establish a big brother program here, but this was approximately 6 or 7 years ago. They decided to abandon the project because they could not get recruits. Major Driskell then stated that recently one member of a community advisory council who had apparently had some funding that needed to be spent on something that is tied to the program. In terms of clients for this kind of program Ms. Amankrah stated to access CSA funding that it would have to be brought before the FAPT team. Ms. Amankrah advised that it would be a volunteer case, that DSS and DJJ are the only agencies that can require services and cases. Major Driskell stated that there is a lot of

enthusiasm for mentorship from both Fire and Rescue as well as the Sheriff's office and is eager to get this program going again. Ms. Heritage asked if there was a contact for the Sheriff's youth program "Badges" and asked if they would be willing to come here and discuss it at the next meeting and everyone responded favorably to that and this led to an open discussion on the needs and requirements for having a program like this in Warren County, where the funding comes from, staffing, volunteers, and so on.

In terms of the Brown Bag for the Drug Court presentation there was no clear update, but Mr. Martz stated that "Beth" will not be back in Warren County for some time. However, based on the most recent correspondence there is good news for possible donations and potential venues and public events and platforms. Due to the upcoming workload, it was decided to push back the Drug Court presentation, and Ms. Amankrah asked everyone what a good topic would be for September. Mr. Hirsch suggested that they do something on self-care and focus on case managers to have presentations as a workshop. He then suggested that a behavioral coach can come in and work with the staff and have strategies to take care of themselves. The meeting will be scheduled for September 28th at noon for the next Brown Bag.

Pending Items:

Ms. Heritage confirmed with Ms. Amankrah that all pending items were still deferred.

Closed Session & Adjournment:

The meeting then went into a closed session at approximately 2:41 PM and ended at approximately 2:58 PM and all cases as presented were approved and the meeting was adjourned right after.