**Lakes Regional GMIT Meeting**

**(Grant Management & Implementation Team)**

**June 20, 2023 @ 1:30 PM CST via Zoom**

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|  **Goal of the Grant:** To improve behavioral health outcomes for children and youth (birth through age 21) who meet criteria for SED and their families and who have child welfare involvement. For this project, child welfare-involved families are those for whom a child abuse and/or neglect investigation results in a substantiation or services-needed finding.**Purpose of the GMIT:** Interagency team responsible for management of the grant, oversight of state and local implementation activities, and ongoing communication with the system of care governing bodies. |
| Attendees |
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| **SOC FIVE Staff** | **DCBS** | **Four Rivers Behavioral Health** |
| Tammi Taylor, Lakes Implementation Specialist | Rene Buckingham, SRA | Shelley King**,** LRC |
| Kelly Dorman, Salt River Trail Implementation Specialist | Lauren Patterson, SRCA (West) | Wendy Lay**,** Children’s Services Director |
| Kelly Bradshaw, Two Rivers Implementation Specialist | Jennifer Harrell, SRAA (East) | Ashlee Brookwell, Prevention |
|  | Susan Rudd, CPS Specialist (East) |  |
| **Kentucky Partnership for Families & Children (KPFC)** | Jennifer Polo,CPS Specialist (West) | **Pennyroyal Center** |
| Amanda Metcalf, Family Leadership Coordinator | Amy Ramage, Independent Living Specialist, Lakes Region | Michael Daniel,Children’s Services Director |
| Dyzz Cooper, Youth Leadership Coordinator | Melanie Rose, CQI Specialist | Serena Eldridge, LRC |
| Kayla Harmon, Family Peer Support Specialist | Jennifer Warren, Executive Assistant | Rachael Howard,Children Services Office Assistant/CANS liaison |
| Carmilla Ratliff, KPFC Training Coordinator | Melanie Rose, CQI Specialist | Kimberly Hodges |
| **UK HDI SOC FIVE****Evaluation Team** | **Other Partners** |
| Katie Kirkland**,** Evaluation Analyst | Amy Cox, UK TAP | Tamarsha Beckham, RIAC Parent Rep |
| Jessica Ware,Data Specialist | Brooke Kirk, AOC | Renee Messchaert, Vocational Rehabilitation |
|  | Crystal Dillard, MSU |  |

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| SOC FIVE Continuous Quality Improvement Data, Katie Kirkland, UK HDI  |
| (UK HDI) showed April 2023 data from the CQI dashboard, available for all to access on the SOC FIVE website on the homepage direct link: <https://hdievaluationunit.clicdata.com/b/uDY9pnain9VA>).

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| Lakes DCBS | April 2023 | Percentages |
| DCBS Screeners Offered | 15 |  |
| DCBS Screeners Completed | 15 | 100% |
| Screened in for CANS | 4 | 27% |
| Referred for CANS Assessment | 4 | 100% |

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| Four Rivers Behavioral Health | April 2023 | Percentages |
| Initial CANS Completed | 0 |  |
| Baseline NOMs Completed | 0 | N/A |

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| Pennyroyal Center | April 2023 | Percentages |
| Initial CANS Completed | 0 |  |
| Baseline NOMs Completed | 0 | 100% |

* Of the four screeners, the referrals were sent to non-SOC FIVE providers
* We are almost at our goal for NOMs (40 remaining baseline NOMs to reach our goal)

**\*Reminder CANS will continue, but NOMS will not after the grant ends on September 30th** |
| Action Items | Person Responsible | Deadline |
| N/A |  |   |
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| Racial Equity Change Team (RECT), Leslie Hughes Burgess |
| Leslie was not able to present to the team about using broaching as a technique to understand the impact of race and culture on clients. However, Tammi asked the providers how they approach discussing race and culture with their clients.During the intake process at Four Rivers, individuals are asked about their race, culture, and gender identity. The goal is to create an open and safe environment where people feel comfortable sharing. Wendy Lay stated that they can always do better interacting with clients when it comes to cultural issues. Pennyroyal also takes a similar approach with clients, prioritizing their safety and encouraging them to discuss race and culture if they feel comfortable doing so.Discrimination is not limited to race or ethnicity. It can also involve factors such as social class, body size, disabilities, and the concept of intersectionality should be understood.**Lakes Region DCBS RCCW Update, Renee Buckingham**The RCCW has requested updated data for the entire state to confirm that the counties targeted are still relevant. Renee stated the Cabinet (DCBS) has been trying to ensure that the staffing in each region reflects the needs of their clients. In addition, they have added questions to the staff interview process to gather information regarding race, economic status and equity. DCBS also monitors the diversity of employees to ensure that they have adequate representation. |
| Action Items | Person Responsible | Deadline |
| This discussion will continue next month; please plan to share | RGMIT | July GMIT |

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| Disparities Dashboard, Katie Kirkland, UK HDI |
| Katie discussed disparities within reassessment rates of those who enter SOC FIVE services and receive the National Outcome Measures Survey (NOMs). The UK HDI team added data from the 2nd Quarter of 2023 to the disparity dashboard and regional-level data. Updates to the action plan were shared. * The comparison group (for identifying disparity) was updated using DCBS in-home data to match the population of focus within the catchment area.
	+ Demographic distribution is relatively similar to prior reports of baseline NOMs, though some representation has shifted slightly; we are getting fewer baselines with missing data.
* Whites are overrepresented in reassessment groups compared to those starting services, but this disparity has been reduced. Whites made up 89% of Reassessments and 77% of baseline NOMs. Hispanics are more prevalent in 6-month reassessment. Blacks were overrepresented in discharges before reassessment eligibility.

The action plan includes unpacking "other" discharge status responses with providers on touch-base calls, adding an open-ended question to the NOMs survey, and sharing the disparities dashboard at touch-base calls. * The CANS-Cultural Factors Domain identifies linguistic or cultural issues for which service providers need to make accommodations, such as providing interpreters, finding therapists who speak the family's primary language, and ensuring children and youth can participate in cultural rituals associated with their cultural identity. Healthcare disparities are differences in quality, affordability, access, utilization, and outcomes between groups. It is important to remember that race or ethnic group membership may primarily influence health outcomes.

Next steps include considering the use of CANS, and regional/provider-level data, continuing to discuss at quarterly touch-base calls, and discussing other questions or comments. |
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| Update on Lakes Region Grant Event  |
| The end of year grant event will be held during August’s RGMIT meeting in person at Lyon County Conventional Center. There will be two sessions available for morning and afternoon to allow more attendance with office coverage or other scheduled meetings. Peter Mutabazi is the guest speaker for the event. Mr. Mutabazi is the author of “Now I am known.” He is a street kid turned foster/adoptive dad. The event will hopefully provide community partners a time to network and enjoy seeing everyone face to face, as well as provide inspiration to be the ONE who makes the difference in the life of a child/family. Lunch will be catered by The Joint BBQ. There will be a photo booth for teams and other partners to enjoy, as well as a popcorn machine. If you would like to participate in a resource booth to advertise services/programs, please let Tammi know. The theme for the event is *"Be the ONE… it takes one person to make a difference."* |
| Action Items | Person Responsible | Deadline |
| Please plan to meet in person for the SOC FIVE event | RGMIT | August 15th |

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| Visioning |
| Lauren Patterson is the lead for the workgroup addressing transportation barriers in the region. Lauren held a meeting with workgroup members on 05/18/23. Sabrina Bishop is the lead for the community Valarie Frost sent an email; the next meeting is scheduled for June 26 at 1-2 CST.  |
| Action Items | Person Responsible | Deadline |
| Please reach out to Tammi or Valarie with any questions about visioning for the region.  | RGMIT | ongoing |

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| Agency Updates  |
| **DCBS** * The new commissioner is Lesa Dennis. (Jennifer Warren)
* The Cabinet has been working hard towards the 18 month Strategic Plan.
* Implementing Alternative/Differential Response which seeks to be less adversarial than traditional child protective services by separating incoming referrals into more than one track. (Renee)
	+ Low-risk DCBS referrals will be offered preventative services rather than a traditional investigation.
	+ This new system is also associated with poverty vs. neglect.
* A high acuity youth specialist has been hired for the region. This is due to the increased number of children/youth not having a placement option. DCBS staff were having to stay in the office or hotels with these children/youth until there was a placement plan determined/located.
* KY RISE app was launched at Youth Empowerment Conference last week. The app includes links to resources, events, and contacts to help clients navigate resources. (Amy)

**Four Rivers** (Wendy)* Seeing many youth and families in crisis and many who fall on the spectrum, addressing these needs remains challenging.

**Pennyroyal** (Michael)* No updates at this time (Michael)
* There was a question asked and discussion about the merge between Pennyroyal and Four Rivers. At this point, there have been no changes.

**AOC** (Brook)* Training in Hopkins County (Friday from 10-2 at New Covenant Church in Madisonville) to discuss the Lyons Club program focused on social and emotional learning. Scholarships are available for youth interested in attending.
* Ashley Clark is the new Executive Officer for AOC.

**KPFC** (Amanda)* KPFC just held its 17th annual Youth Parent Conference over the weekend. Multiple families and youth attended the workshops and the dance on Saturday.
* We also warped up our statewide Nurturing Parenting series last Monday.
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**NEXT MEETING**: **July 18, 2023 @ 1:30-3:30 CST PM via ZOOM format**

**Notes can be found on the SOC Website**: [(hdiuky.net)](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__socv.hdiuky.net_&d=DwMF-g&c=jvUANN7rYqzaQJvTqI-69lgi41yDEZ3CXTgIEaHlx7c&r=vvdmQRqAiuDcGaPiU7F_XLazHk28PX23BPOJTCMBmeg&m=fH4FapPknOPJXNWyToXVHIflnd3tAQ4AMBaUAshD2-U&s=1GgSvgR-o0dUEsMiwWTPb7MdQFGknVmua3SCSqCSlcY&e=)