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• Making the business case for population health strategies
  • Adjudicated youth, foster youth – strategic and proactive
  • This was a test program with the screening tool
  • Public Health (PH) screening tool
  • Not anonymous – Clinic staff has ID
  • This does not require a separate parental consent
  • Youth can either hear it or read it in either English or Spanish. Consists of 32 questions. Takes about 10 minutes to complete. Web-based, can be taken on computer or smart phone.
  • Both the quantitative and qualitative approach are used to gather information
  • Information is owned by Building Healthy Futures so it is protected by HIPA
  • Focus groups do require a separate parental consent to participate
  • Strategies:
    • Food insecurity
      • Food bank
    • Supportive, Caring Adult you feel connected to – Every employee is responsible for 14 students
      • SBHC behavior health staff provide training
      • Part of performance plan with administrator
    • RISK = Vulnerabilities (Threats x Prevalence) x Cost = RISK
    • We need to be mindful of being careful of how the data gathered is used
      • How can we (OYS) help you (the project leaders) with your project?
      • Do we really need the data? No, we just need to know what comes from the data so that we can help develop strategies.
        • How do we identify kids early? e.g., How can risk factors be determined in kindergarten?

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• Discussion Regarding Presentation - Members
  o Questions from Members
    • What schools? Northwest and Bryan High. South will be a replication site.
    • School referred
    • Clinical and health based approach
    • What if a high “at-risk” youth is identified? The schools have been coordinated with to help handle the support. Immediate response questions are the homicide and suicide responses.
    • Do parents want to know the answers? Yes, they do.
    • What do you need; what barriers do you face (for this model)?
      o Reach out to FQHC, Charles Drew, One World
    • How can we help you with strategies? When you’re ready, we are here.

• Decision Making – Members
  o Assign Homework (as applicable)
    • Meet with FQHC – Gene Weiss, CEO - Kenny and Andrea (Kerry K. volunteered to talk to them; introduce group and mission)
    • Melissa Comine, OPS – another good contact
    • Review notes from June and get ready to talk about ideas

• Information Sharing & Opportunities for Engagement – Members
  o Concept of Restorative Justice, Jim Jones, Lancaster County, Oasis program – is it something Prevention wants to pursue?
  o Work with Concord. SBA work group is already opening a dialogue.

• Public Comment
  o 2 trainings coming up
  o Foster care play

• Adjourn

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 20th

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