



WV Center for Children's Justice

Brainstorm Meeting
April 22, 2020
3:00 PM
Teleconference

Meeting Called By: Andrea Darr, WV Center for Children's Justice

Minutes: Lisa Carmelia, WV Center for Children's Justice

Attendees: Suzy Ardila, Manatee County School District, FL
Janet Allio, School Nurse, Kanawha County Schools
Kevin Barney, PRO, Morgan County
Debbie Bonasso, WV SHIELD, WV FRIS
Felicia Bush, Harmony Mental Health
Lisa Carmelia, Administrative Coordinator, WV CCJ
Rebecah Carson, Director of Centralized Intake, WV DHHR
Kelli Caseman, THINK Kids
Tracy Dorsey Chapman, Victim/Witness, US Attorney's Office SDWV
Andrea Darr, Director, WV Center for Children's Justice
Bonnie Dunn, WV Healthy Grandfamilies,
Adrienne Elder, HWC Coordinator for Oklahoma
Kelly Gorman, HWC Coordinator, Maryland
Joni Greenberg, School Counselor, Berkeley County Schools
Audra Hamrick, Public Health Practice & Service Learning, WVU SPH
Karen Harriman, Liberia, Inc
Jenny Lancaster, Terzetto Creative
Brittany Master, Greenbrier County, Community in Schools
Amanda Merck, Salud American, San Antonio
Chad Napier, Director WV HIDTA
Margaret O'Neal, United Way, Charleston
Robert Peters, Esq. Zero Abuse Project
Nathan Scott, Florida Department of Health, Drug Free Manatee
Amanda Spencer, WV DHHR, BCF, Policy Specialist
Melissa Threadgill, Office of the Child Advocate, Plymouth, MA
Keith Thomas, Coordinator of Student Support, Cabell Co. Schools
Linda Thompson, Drug Free Manatee, Florida
Robyn Venoy, Hopewell Health Systems, HWC Coordinator in Ohio
Courtney Whitehead, Director of School Counselors, Mon Co. Schools
Sara Whitney, Investigator, Putnam Co. Prosecuting Attorney's Office

Meeting began at 3:00 pm and adjourned at 4:00 pm

Purpose of the Meeting: The WV Center for Children's Justice/Handle with Care Program is receiving inquiries about how HWC can connect with children and families during the COVID 19 Crisis. **How do we reach children at risk and provide resources when they are not in school?** There is great concern for the health and welfare of children stuck in isolated and potentially unsafe situations. We are facilitating an in formal ZOOM meetings every other Wednesday to connect professionals around the state and county to brainstorm on innovative ways to connect with children.

Themes that have emerged: (cumulative list)

1. HWC notices are still vitality important as most of the notices go to essential school staff who have contact with kids through the internet (School iPads, Schoology, and apps). *many children do not have access to the internet
2. Food distribution is a good and *sometimes the only* point of contact to reach kids and families.
3. We need to promote the 211 resource.
4. Referrals to CPS have dropped sharply. We need to reach out to the new faces of mandated reporters.
5. Telehealth is extremely beneficial in very rural areas.

Ideas/Information/Concerns:

Robert Peters attorney with the Zero Abuse Project

- The Zero Abuse Project and Liberia, Inc have created personal safety videos for kids. The target audience for the videos are the kids. There are four videos:
 1. Wellness and Body Safety for Middle and High School Students
 2. Online Safety for Middle and High School Students
 3. Wellness and Body Safety for Elementary Students
 4. Online Safety for Elementary Students
- Anyone can and are encouraged to post and share these videos. Here is the link to the videos suite bit.ly/2Ka7a20. They are also on the home page of the Handle with Care website. www.handlewithcarewv.org

Adrienne Elder from Oklahoma and Margaret O'Neil with the United Way in Central WV

- Oklahoma distributes 911 information on yard signs at food distribution routes. They also give out cards with the information on it. This was started by parents who needed help and wanted to get the word out.

- United Way of Central WV is interested in partnering with our group and replicating this in WV. The posters are in draft form and should be finalized and distributed by the end of the week. Amanda Harrison, Executive Director in the Office of Child Nutrition at the WV Department of Education, is also willing to help with distribution at the School Feeding sites.

Mandy Mote, HWC Coordinator for Pleasants County

- Pleasants County is utilizing Facebook Social media and encouraging kids and family to stay connected with pictures.

Kevin Barney is a PRO Officer in Morgan County, WV:

- In Morgan County the school counselors are creating a list of children that they have not been able to reach, and he is making home visits to check on them. Children without internet and phone contact are first on the list.

Janet Allio, School Nurse Kanawha County:

- Kanawha County has developed an electronic referral form for kids to use if they need assistance.
- They are also trying to get Wi-Fi and iPads out to the kids that need them.

Amanda Merck, Salud America, San Antonio, TX

- One school district learned Microsoft Office Suite had a free app-building platform. They built a Student Interactions Tracker app in just one weekend. The app tracks interactions with all students at SAISD, including those with Handle with Care notifications. Teachers, counselors, nurses, and principals can track interactions with students by mode; such as phone call, Google Classroom, Zoom, Skype, Classtag, and more. There is also a dashboard with drilldown capabilities. For example, the dashboard can show daily percent of student interactions by grade and all interactions made by counselors. It is updated every day at 4pm. <https://salud-america.org/how-schools-continue-handle-with-care-for-kids-amid-closures-coronavirus/>
- *Courtney Whitehead let everyone know WVDE has said that the Microsoft TEAMS and share applications are FERPA, CIPPA, COPPA and HIPAA compliant.
- One school district is having the Middle and High School fifth period teacher call everyone in their class every day.

Joni Greenberg, School Counselor and HWC Coordinator for Berkley County Schools

- Recently teachers and staff in Berkeley County had to turn in a list of students that they have not reached so school social workers could check on them with porch visits.

Felicia Bush, Executive Director, Harmony Mental Health

- Harmony Mental Health serves children in Wood, Wirt, McDowell, Tyler, Wetzel, Jackson, and Kanawha Counties.
- They are still seeing 70% of their school-based clients through telehealth.
- Schools are great about getting devices and hot spots to kids.
- They are also still able to do supportive counseling with the kids.

- The most challenging children working in telehealth are the younger ones (pre k) but the parents are joining in and turning it into a family session. Kids are teaching their parents their coping skills and parents are learning skills to help them with their children.

Dr. Kiti Freier Randell, Pediatric Neurodevelopmental Psychologist from Southern California

- Kiti reached out to their local hospital, Loma Linda and suggested the priority COVID testing for kids going into care. They recognized the need and have put it into place.
- Pediatric centers and hospitals are in severe financial crisis.

Debbie Bonasso, WV Foundation for Rape and Information Services

- There are several groups that work in the field of child sexual abuse that are interested in creating and promoting information, education and resources that will address child safety and help protect them during this COVID 19 crisis. They would like to create a website with comprehensive resources and start a social media campaign around child safety and protection.
- FRIS is working with a group of Adolescent Health Coordinators to develop a virtual training academy for professional development around social emotional learning and child protection. This will begin May 20 for a four-part series.

Scott Nelson, Linda Thompson, and Suzy Ardila, Drug Free Manatee, FL

- Suzy is the new HWC coordinator in Manatee County schools.
- They are reaching out to local philanthropies; people still want to give.
- Neighborhood watch is turning into keep an eye on the kids in your neighborhood. Many neighborhoods are using Facebook to connect and help their neighbors in need.
- Schools are sending lists of resources directly to the kids through Schoology.

Chad Napier, Director WV HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) (via email)

- There has been an uptick in overdoses in the last 5-6 days.

Barry Ball, WV Methodist Church:

- Lists of local resources are being added to their food distribution boxes. (by email)

Michele Shaffer, Senior Trooper, WV State Police

- Has filmed a video for HWC social media reminding LE to continue to send notices.

Adrienne Elder, HWC Oklahoma

Adrienne discussed a co-responder model to domestic violence and mental illness. The officers on this call commented that that would not work here. Officers are alone and do not want to be responsible for civilians. Here are some links to the model she was referring to:

SAMSHA webinar on co-responder model:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-net9xEotXc&feature=youtu.be> (CIT model)

Co-responder model:

<https://www.minnpost.com/metro/2019/01/how-co-responder-teams-are-changing-the-way-minneapolis-police-deal-with-mental-health-calls/>

<https://www.coablog.org/home/2019/7/9/joining-forces-3-opportunities-for-better-law-enforcement-human-services-collaboration>

Andrea recapped:

- We will send the link out for the SHIELD video suite of videos.
- Amanda Merck will send us the info on the student tracker app.
- Need a list of ways for school staff to connect with kids.
- Andrea will get info about quick response teams for DV.

Recommendations from HWC Brainstorming meetings: (cumulative list)

1. Handle with Care notices need to continue *especially* when school is out.
2. Use food distribution points of contact children and families and to disseminate information.
3. Promote the 211 Resource.
4. Every child should receive at least one contact weekly from a school employee.
5. School nurses need to continue to check in with kids on medications and/or have chronic conditions.
6. Prioritized COVID testing for children needing placement and the runners coming back into care.
7. Promote the National Suicide Hotline.
8. Develop an informational flyer for the new faces of mandating reporting.
9. Electronic student assistance referral forms are a great way for students reach out to school staff when they need help.

The next meeting will be at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, May 6, 2020.

RESOURCES SECTION

WV SPECIFIC RESOURCES:

WV Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-352-6513

[WV 211 for resources in your county](#)

[WV Department of Education info about feeding site locations for students](#)

[THINK Kids COVID 19 Resource page](#)

[WV Food Link to access food in your area](#)

[WV Department of Education info about schools](#)

WV First Responder contact info by county

<https://go.wv.gov/wv help/>

[Help and Hope WV resources for those struggling with substance use and mental health disorders](#)

[24-hour helpline for West Virginians who need help with addiction or mental illness.](#)

NATIONAL RESOURCES:

[CHILD HELP: NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-800 4 -A -CHILD \(1-800-422-4453\)](#)

[CRISIS TEXT LINE: Text HELP to 741741 to reach a Crisis Counselor](#)

[DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE: 1-800-799-SAFE \(1-800-799-7233\)](#)

[NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE: Call 800-656-HOPE \(1-800-656-4673\)](#)

[DARKNESS TO LIGHT HELPLINE: 1-866-4-LIGHT \(1-866-367-5444\)](#)

[NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE: 1-800-273-TALK \(1-800-273-8255\)](#)

[NATIONAL HUNGER HOTLINE: 1-866-3HUNGRY or 1-877-8HAMBRE or text "food" to 97779.](#)

COVID RESOURCES:

["Responding to Child Abuse During a Pandemic: 25 Tips for MDTs"](#)

[Liberia, Inc. WV Coronavirus Survival Kit](#)

[Mind Wise how to build protective factors during the COVID 19 Crisis](#)

[Protection of Children during the Coronavirus Pandemic \(v.1\)1 from the Alliance for Child Protection and Humanitarian Action](#)

COVID RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF:

[Teaching Through Coronavirus: What Educators Need Right Now, Teaching Tolerance](#)

[National Center for School Mental Health COVID Tips and Resources](#)

[Using Social and Emotional Learning to Help in Times of Stress: Coronavirus Disease 2019 – Hull Services](#)

[When planning next school year – from Paradigm Shift Education and Dr. Eric Rossen.](#)

[Counselor Check in request forms from Monongalia County](#)

[Student Crisis referral form in Cabell County](#)

COVID RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS:

[Parent/Caregiver Guide to Helping Families Cope With the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\), The National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#)

[How to Support your child’s resiliency in a time of crisis – American Academy of Pediatrics](#)

[Helping Children Cope with Coronavirus and Uncertainty – Harvard Graduate School of Education](#)

[Helping Children Cope Emotionally with the Cononavirus, American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress](#)

[Talking to Children About COVID -19: A Parent Resource – National Association of School Psychologists](#)

[How to Talk to your Kids about the Coronavirus – PBS](#)

[Trauma informed Parenting during COVID19 with Tracy Leanord](#)

[Khan Academy, a free, world-class education for anyone, anywhere](#)

[Mind Wise Tips for Parents: Supporting you child during the COVID 19 Crisis](#)

[Mind Wise Tips for Parents: Self Care during the COVID 19 Crisis](#)

[Mind Wise ACT at home for Parents](#)

[Mind Wise ACT at home for Middle School](#)

[Mind Wise ACT at home for High School](#)

OTHER RESOURCES:

[Safety plan template/ Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#)

[How guide to relationship mapping at school](#)

[Spoon theory](#) a creative way to explain to healthy family and friends what it is like living with a chronic health condition

[Mind Wise weekly mental health challenge](#)

COPING SKILLS FOR KIDS RESOURCES:

[BrainPop video on the Caronavirus](#)

[Coping skills toolbox](#) (this is amazing)

[Coping skills for kids breathing](#)

[Miss Kendra's list and child safety activities](#)

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