**Vision Council Notes**

**May 8th, 2023**

**Attendees:**

Ana Clymer

Ashley Velez

Devon McClurken

Jen Royer

Kathy Thompson

Kristie Oliver

Kristina Seier

Linda Dettmann

Stephanie Hernandez

Tachelle Dowell

Tonya Blasen

**Meeting Purpose:** To continue momentum toward creating a system where “Families & Children in Iowa are safe & secure, healthy & well in their communities.

**Meeting Results:** Welcome participants. Participants are aware of work being done across workgroups. Make action commitments that sustain the work. Discuss the future of the Vision Council.

**Results:***Shared understanding of work connectedness*

Discussion of efforts across workgroups:

**North Star Workgroup:** Ashley has connected with Courtney of the Institute of Community Alliances (ICA) to discuss the complexities of coordinated entry. Contact information will be captured for Continuum of Care (CoC) representatives to share with Parent Partners as education on getting connected to housing resources and tenant responsibilities. As well as the necessity of being in contact with their CoC to qualify for vouchers and other housing resources. What is the best way to share this educational material? Would it be a flowchart with a map of service areas? Who is our target audience?

We know that [Waypoint](https://www.waypointservices.org/what-we-do/housing-homeless-services/tenant-academy-1) offers education through their tenant academy which is a nine-hour free offering. As well as an understanding that the 48-hour window when contacting CoC services may be longer due to an increase in request for housing services. Housing data that this group has observed came from 2018 and have met with ICA to discuss pulling more recent data, but what would we like to measure and for what purpose? We are awaiting data pull of vouchers and tracking of families after reunification from other members. What would we like to do with this information going forward?

Discussion with our housing expert shows that many goals established by the Vision Council are too unrealistic to make happen within the time frames that were set. We need to reset our goals to make them realistic with attainable steps for members to work on.

**Older Youth Workgroup:** There has been one meeting for the Healing Centered Engagement Book Club, held on May 3rd. There were about eight in attendance with a mix of power dynamics. No breakout rooms were utilized during this meeting. There were attendees outside of the Vision Council which provided a larger pool of perspectives. There is also a lot of material to get through within the allotted time between each pivot. The leaders of the book club were not able to attend the Vision Council meeting, and this group is curious about how to create more engagement with the book club?

Congregate care agencies continue their work with Dr. Hess and the Six Domains, with the first focus being centered around team engagement and collaboration. Integration of Healing Centered Engagement (HCE) language has been put on hold until further exploration of HCE has been established. What would HCE look like in these spaces? How can we integrate it into training, (i.e. that it is the ‘next step’ of trauma-informed care)? What else can this group do to further results in partnership with HCE, or in adjacent?

**Substance Use Workgroup:** The START model contract has been signed and there will be eight planning committee meetings to decide pilot project details occurring twice a month. The first meeting is scheduled for May 18th. What can we do as supporting partners? What else can this group focus on in the interim that will relate back to this group’s goals?

There has been further discussion surrounding the CVI survey within HHS trainings. This group would like to know how it is being used and what the outcomes are from utilizing within trainings for workers. How do we measure this? How can we partner best with HHS to discuss what the survey can tell about mental models and measuring change?

What can our members with lived experience and direct care work do to move things forward? How can we best utilize their expertise and knowledge of the real implications/changes of what we are discussing?

**The Coalition will end facilitation of the Vision Council effective July 1, 2023**. This group discussed different options of what the future would look like. This group reviewed the results of the Vision Council Effectiveness survey completed anonymously by current members. This group found it interesting that 60% of those that responded stated the work with the Vision Council correlates with current work projects, however 60% of respondents also stated that this adds to their plate. Of these additions to respondents’ plates include time to prepare and participate in meetings, action commitments not aligning with work, and staying up to date on notes and projects. When Results Based Accountability is used to fidelity, the action commitments and work should come alongside work commitments. What was also of interest were the three most impactful areas of the Vision Council: Connections Across Systems & State, Results Based Accountability and Resource Sharing, as well as that 44.6% of respondents will continue projects after the Coalition has stepped down from facilitation. What would members like to see changed to remove additions to their plate and acting on commitments that come alongside their work?

Many members in attendance discussed needing to revisit the original [Vision Council Arc of Action](https://cfcs.memberclicks.net/assets/VisionCouncil/VC%20Call%20to%20Action%20%26%20Accountability%20.pdf) document for members to review due to not being a part of the group when these goals were established. What goals align with current work? What would be most helpful to continue connections with those working in different systems? Is it bi-monthly full meetings? Do workgroups meet in addition to these meetings? How will connections continue outside of meetings?

The Coalition has the capability to create a community of practice on their website that would be a public forum to leave comments and attachments. First, this group would like to establish accurate commitments from members, including removing those from the list of members that have not or no longer attend(ed)/participate(ed) in this work. Once this has been achieved, a date for the next Vision Council meeting can be set to observe the Arc document and what changes this group will initiate to work best with the active members that we have, and work towards the vision: *Families & Children in Iowa are safe, secure, healthy and well in their communities.*

***Result:*** *Create individual actions to continue momentum of the work*

**Action Commitments**

* Kristina is committed to following up with Andrea and Kayla regarding feedback of the Healing Centered Engagement book club and attaining more engagement. She is also committed to sending an email to establish who is actively engaged in Vision Council work and updating the list of members.
* Ashley is committed to creating a shareable document of education around housing options for tenants and coordinated entry contact information to share with Tachelle/Parent Partners and others as audience is identified. She is also committed to following up with SHIPA in regard to housing information and how education is shared out.
* Linda is committed to continuing to update this group on the START model as it moves forward within HHS.

**Ongoing Action Commitments**

* Mary Beth is committed to discussing with Four Oaks’ housing team about educational materials to share with NSWG and learn about coordinated entry alongside Ashley.
* Cody is committed to asking (HHS) how we keep track of families after reunification and how are we asking.
* Kyle is committed to acquiring voucher data.
* Those committed to the Healing Centered Engagement book club: Mary Beth, Chris, Kristie, Kristina, Kayla, Tachelle, Kyle, Andrea, Anne, Ana, Katie (non-VC member), Andrew, Robert, Jen, Lori, Devon, Stephanie, & Kathy H.

\*Those that are interested in joining may contact Kayla Powell or Andrea Dencklau

This group is going through a period of great change. We are committed to establishing what works best with the members we have, agreed upon goals, and next steps to keep movement.

**"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed individuals can change the world. In fact, it's the only thing that ever has." -***Margaret Mead*