



A network responding to adverse childhood experiences by building resilience

Network Meeting

Minutes

March 9, 2023 on zoom

Present: Ariane Krumholz, CSO; Laurie Loisel, NWDA; Ruth Ever, TIHC; Lisa Goldsmith, SPIFFY; Jenifer Brown, Amherst HD; Chase Giroux, CSO; Elena Cohen, Sen Comerford; Jen Jarrell, Healthy Families; Cara Kempner, NWDA; Kim Tran, Hatfield PS; Kris Hoag, DFC/BUOY; Lily Stow-Alekman, Rep. Domb; Travis Maider, CSO Clinician; Earl Miller, Amherst CRESS; Adele Fantasia; Alene Motta, DFC/BUOY; Amanda Consigli, NEHiDTA; Betsy Shally-Jensen, CDH; Bri Dupras, Easthampton HD; Christa Colly, therapist; Elisha DeJesus, therapist; Community members Jessie, Dave, Stan, Chris R, Kristen Whitmore, Lauren Amarin, Meg Tucker, Nora Finnerty, Pat Boland, Tiffany Rufino; Kara McLaughlin, NPC; Katie Rosewarne, NWDA; Kevawn Lord, Amherst CRESS; Lexi Polokoff, SPIFFY; Maria Pantoja, NWDA; Marisa Hebble; Mary Cowhey, Families with Power; Michael Hussin, Pelham Public Safety; Taylor McAndrew, Hampshire HOPE; Rome Cabrera, Amherst CRESS, Sonia Serrazina, NWDA; Siobhan Powers, NWDA

<p>Chase led a short grounding Intros in Chat</p> <p>DEI exercise as a lead-in to the presentation today</p>	<p>Ruth shared the mission: We are a network of people, groups and organizations that fosters greater communitywide understanding of the impact of trauma including Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), and promotes the healing of individual, group, systemic and historical trauma in Hampshire County. We do this through community education, resource sharing and policy/systems change.</p> <p><i>Think of an urgent situation that required support. Who did you reach out to? What did other people do that helped you? How did it feel?</i></p>
<p>TIHC Updates</p>	<p>TIHC Film Series: “Resilience” was screened last week at the Northampton Recovery Center, with a rich post film discussion. Next in the series is “Broken Places” on Thurs April 13 at 1-3 pm at the Northwestern District Attorney’s office (1 Gleason Plaza, N’ton).</p> <p>TIHC is actively recruiting new members to join the Coordinating Council and also a conference planning team for our next regional conference in 2024. Reach out to Ruth at hampshiretihc@gmail.com.</p> <p>We are moving forward with formalizing a fiscal/admin relationship with the Western MA Training Consortium by creating an MOU. Everyone on both sides is very excited about this next phase for TIHC.</p>
<p>Presentation/Education</p>	<p>Travis Maider, CSO Co-response Clinician: Summary: Although co-response teams have been around for many years, there was a real increase in interest after George Floyd’s murder in 2020 and particularly moving it into rural areas. Travis is a social worker who rides along with Amherst Police and responds to any dispatch calls that come in that seem appropriate or relevant for him to attend. The goal is to divert individuals who are experiencing a mental health challenge or crisis from jail and reduce trauma</p>

	<p>and divert from Emergency Depts by going to the home with a social worker. Travis is also able to provide psycho-education to police on the job, and there are more accurate assessments being done when he is present.</p> <p>Earl Miller, Amherst CRESS Director: Summary: CRESS is not affiliated with either the police or social service agencies; they are funded through the city and employ 10 workers, the majority of whom are BIPOC and/or have lived experience similar to their clients. Currently clients come to them or are referred by providers but starting this summer they will be included with dispatch calls as an option. There is almost nothing they can't/won't do for community members, in line with their mission which has 6 key areas: an overarching sense of optimism; trauma informed; antiracist, unarmed; person-centered and collaborative. Core approach uses motivational interviewing and focuses on "Doing WITH not FOR" people.</p> <p>They have an MOU with the Amherst schools to support students especially outside of the building which could look like driving a child refugee to school this year, offering drumming after school classes, etc.</p> <p>They are building a model of kindness, that is community and people centered and builds trust. Both teams are able to provide follow up, in on-going and meaningful ways.</p>
<p>Upcoming meetings</p>	<p>Next TIHC network meeting is Thursday April 13 1:00-2:30 pm. The film "Broken Places" will be shown, followed by a short debrief discussion. In person, at the Northwestern District Attorney's office at 1 Gleason Plaza, Northampton. Parking in the lot where the train station and Spaghetti Freddy's is. Look for signs on the brick building for entrance.</p> <p>Coordinating Council meeting is Thursday March 23 at 1 pm and anyone is welcome to attend this. Email Ruth for the link and agenda closer to the time.</p>