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**Consortium Mission:** The Eastern Iowa – Western Illinois Trauma Informed Care Consortium provides a comprehensive trauma-informed community for individuals, children and families through outreach, education, training and support.

**Consortium Theory of Change:** The understanding, treatment and reduction of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) leads to improved long-term well-being for children and families.

## "Consortium Connection Meeting Minutes"

January 22, 2015

### **Program:**

Welcome and Introductions

**Meeting Format:** The format of the Consortium Connection meeting was reviewed. At each meeting the ongoing and upcoming work occurring in each of the 5 Strategic Focus Areas will be reviewed and open for discussion and feedback from members.

**Search Update:** The Consortium Search pilot was completed in late December. This pilot survey was designed to capture information about how youth experience the supportive relationships they need to thrive. Partner agencies were able to assist with the submission of nearly 500 matched adult-child paired surveys. Search Institute is now compiling the data and developing a community report for the QC area. This report will be available to all in the community.

**2014 Community Report:** The Consortium completed a “2014 Community Report” to summarize the work of our initiative over the last year. A copy of the report is available on the Family Resources and Child Abuse Council websites.

**Winter 2014 “now What?” Report:** “now What:” is a project of the Prevention Team of the Consortium in partnership with Prevent Child Abuse Iowa. This report summarizes this Team’s work after a community assessment of child abuse prevention in the Quad Cities was completed.

### **Focus Areas:**

Community Education – The Consortium Education Team has moved to a model of providing trainings upon request. Several trainings have been requested by

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several different types of organizations including: schools (k-12 and collegiate), substance abuse providers, medical groups.

This group is developing a “Train the Trainer” program to ensure we have adequate trainers for the community. Trainers will be required to attend trainings, co-teach and teach on their own for “approval.” The goal will be to identify individuals with an expertise in a variety of areas to pair them up with the appropriate audience (early childhood, higher education, medical, law enforcement, clinicians, etc.).

Child Abuse Council is hosting their annual “Children Exposed to Violence” conference on March 19, 2015. Registration is open and can be found on the Child Abuse Council webpage at: [childabuseqc.org](http://childabuseqc.org)

Family Empowerment – The Consortium is focused on supporting local youth and family voice. Support can be shown during the upcoming legislative events for family and children’s issues at both the IA and IL Legislative events.

Scott County and Rock Island County also have System of Care, Family Panel Groups. Consortium membership is encouraged to request feedback from these groups when making key service decisions that impact youth and families. The Consortium is actively represented at these meetings each month and our work is reported out to the Provider Panels in both states on a monthly basis.

Scott County Kids, System of Care Family Panel is hosting their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual “Smashing Stigma through Hope and Opportunity” conference. The Conference is for Family Members of youth who are experiencing mental health issues. The Conference is being held on May 23, 2015 at the Rogalski Center. Registration flyers will be out soon.

Community Competency – The Organizational Competency Team is wrapping up the first cohort of agencies who completed the “Creating Cultures of Trauma-Informed Care” assessment tool. This group will assess the value of the working through the process together as a group and make recommendations to the Consortium.

Discussion about upcoming legislative activities indicated a need for providers to ensure they are doing their due diligence to educate lawmakers on community

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needs and impacts of decisions and policy. We are discussing with local lawmakers the importance of “wise investments and smart policy” that supports children and families. Attendance at the 1/23/15 Annual Legislative Breakfast and the 1/24/15 IA Legislative Forum is encouraged.

Messaging & Marketing – The Messaging/Marketing Team held a focus group in December to gather parent/caretaker feedback on how to begin to discuss ACEs. Data from focus group will be utilized to begin development of a community messaging campaign around the ACEs and TIC. Information from the Search study will be important feedback to direct this work.

Mechanisms for Change – Christine and Angie represented the Consortium in early December at an ACEs Forum organized by the University of Iowa, Institute for Clinical and Translational Science. At this meeting the primary groups working on moving ACEs and TIC into the community discussed how to move our work forward in a collective and stronger way. Planning for a larger event (to be held this spring or summer) is being considered as well as developing a state-wide leadership structure. ICTS will continue to take the lead on coordinating our efforts.

**What Action Steps will be taken before the next meeting? N/A**

**Next Meeting Date: March 26, 2015 from 12pm to 1:30pm at United Way. Lunch will be provided.**

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