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Hi Jill,

I spoke with Dan Hammill about adding the Parent First project on the Behavioral Health Committee agenda on Monday. It is time sensitive and relates to a funding application endorsement from the committee. Ten minutes should be sufficient but I will take what I can get. Would you consider the possibility of squeezing it in, please? Below is an explanation and Parent First Pilot Project abstract to forward prior to the meeting if that is possible. Thanks.

To: Behavioral Health Committee Members,

Brigid Collins is applying for a Molina Community Initiative \$100,000 Multi-year Grant. This would for the most part fund the \$230,000 Parent First three-year pilot project serving parents and children who experience a parental incarceration episode. At our Monday meeting I will be asking for the committee to endorse the project and act as the projects advisory team. The proposal wording regarding this is:

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The Whatcom County Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force Behavioral Health Sub Committee endorses this project and will serve as the projects advisory team. Other partnerships in this pilot include the Accountable Communities of Health (ACH), the North Sound Behavioral Health Administration Services Organization (NSBH-ASO) and the Parent Child Assistance Program (PCAP). In addition, Brigid Collins leads a multidisciplinary team through its Nationally Accredited Children's Advocacy Center in Whatcom County. This team is established through Memorandums of Understanding and official Whatcom County protocols. The team includes medical providers, law enforcement, prosecutors, child protective services, and therapists. Brigid Collins has led this team in Whatcom County for nearly 30 years. Parent First is currently in the process of informing the Incarceration Prevention Task Force partners regarding the service intervention protocols, measurable outcomes, data collection standards, and budget. Specifically, there is the need to develop referral and linkage protocols with the jail, probation, juvenile detention, child protective services, law enforcement, and prisons. Project development will continue to build on existing services and collaborations. Impact measures, evidence based practices, and sustainability are priorities during the program design and implementation activities.

PARENT FIRST BUDGET NARRATIVE

OUTPUT

Serve 40 families twelve-month pilot. Each parent (80) will receive case management (up to 26 hours each); parent coaching (up to 16 sessions each); \$500 of emergency assistance funds per family.

OVERVIEW

- Molina funding will support families in the project not eligible for PPW services which are already secured for three years. We are asking Molina to consider the possibility of supporting the pilot as a multi-year project as well.
- North Sound BH-ASO allocated an additional \$100K for case management and emergency assistance in October 2019. \$75K of that will be dedicated to Parent First case management and \$5K for emergency assistance for mothers eligible for PPW services.
- The Department of Commerce Office of Crime Victim Advocacy re-authorized nearly \$750K of contracts in July 2019 for case management and emergency assistance. \$5,000 will be used on this project for case management and \$5,000 will be used for emergency assistance.
- The Department of Children and Families contracts for approximately \$100K for parent coaching. \$5K of those funds will be dedicated to eligible families in the pilot.
- \$13K from RiverStyx Foundation is secured for project planning, oversight and overhead. United Way re-authorized \$65K in July 2019, \$10K will be dedicated for parent coaching. \$8K from foundations has yet to be secured.
- Private donors fund scholarships for income vulnerable families seeking parent coaching at the Brigid Collins Parenting Academy. \$5k will be dedicated to parents in the pilot project.

INCOME

\$100K Molina - PENDING

\$95K Government (North Sound BH-ASO/\$80K; DOC-OCVA/\$10K; DCYF/\$5K) - SECURED

\$23K Foundations (\$13K RiverStyx; \$10K UW) – SECURED

\$8K Foundations - UNSECURED

\$5K Scholarships - SECURED

EXPENSES

\$190K Salaries/Benefits - 2FTE case managers, 1FTE parent coach

\$1K Training - trainer cost for community training activities

\$20K Emergency Assistance Fund – up to \$500 for each family

\$20K Oversight and Overhead – @10% oversight, evaluation, and overhead

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