

Clay County Collaborative Administrative Group Minutes

Thursday, 19 March 2008 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Probstfield Center for Education, Board Room

In attendance: Terry Atherton (Arc of West Central MN), Jane Arendes (The Village Family Service Center), Donna Baker (Lakeland Mental Health Center), Shelley Ford (Clay County Family Court/MN Dept. of Corrections), Gary Groberg (Churches United for the Homeless), Lanette Krinsky (Children's Mental Health LAC), Bernie Lipp (Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton ISD #2164), Barry Nelson (Moorhead Healthy Community Initiative), Pam Ness (Lakes Country Service Coop), Larry Nybladh (Moorhead ISD #152), Joe Pederson (Lakes and Prairie Community Action), Rhonda Porter (Clay County Social Services), Carolyn Strnad (IIIP work group), Dawn Tommerdahl (Collaborative Coordinator), Guests: Christy Goulet and Anthony Alleano

Rhonda welcomed the group and we did a round of introductions. Minutes from the 2/20/08 were unanimously approved. (Joe/Gary) Today's agenda was unanimously approved as proposed. (Shelley/Lanette)

Nuts & bolts

✦ There were no questions about the financial report and updated FY08 budget.

Motion to approve \$500 in April for petty cash to pay for parent stipends passed unanimously. (Larry/Pam)

✦ LCTS update: We will discuss IV-E candidacy referrals at our next meeting when Jane is present.

✦ There were no discussion of the program updates and Coordinator's report.

From last time: Donna informed the group about the school-linked mental health grant that Lakeland applied for. They requested more than \$900,000 for a 3-year period for their 9-county catchment area. CTSS services would be made available both in the schools and off campus. In Clay County, the program would serve elementary schools because that was the age that was identified by the group that had been working on school-based mental health. Donna reported that the last word from DHS was that applications were under review.

Rhonda reported that Clay, Otter Tail and Wilkin Counties received a state grant to provide crisis services to children under 18. She's waiting to hear about a grant submitted for respite for children receiving Rule 79 case management.

Work plans: There was no discussion of the work plans.

Motion to recommend to the Executive Committee of the Governance Board to approve FY09 work plans as submitted by the work groups unanimously carried. (Barry/Donna)

Discussion

- Presentation by Christy Goulet and Anthony Alleano: Their office on Roberts Street in Fargo (basement of Cultural Diversity Resources). Christy and Anthony have started a youth intervention program for the West Central Regional Juvenile Center. Students from YES (Recovery School and others) attend classes on a weekly basis. Target population is Native American students and families – to support and empower them but they also work with other cultural groups. Seven classes are currently offered – cultural preservation is at the core of what they do. Families pay for classes on a sliding-fee scale. Anthony teaches the class at WCRJC. He addresses PTSD in a group setting with youth. Traditional ceremonies are made available to the students, and they learn that responsibility and a code of conduct go along with living in a way that is true to traditional culture. Students set goals in school and other areas. Data collection is

an essential part of programming. Lack of male involvement has had a big impact on young people so part of the program is to involve men as role models. Christy and Anthony also do staff training (cultural sensitivity, etc.) Call 701.365.0769 if you'd like more information.

- Joe gave a presentation on the cost of living in Clay County. He is in the process of updating the figures and will send us a copy when the powerpoint has been updated.

Because time ran out, we will discuss the following items in April:

- Further discussion of Search Institute results (Barry Nelson, Moorhead Healthy Community Initiative aka Healthy Communities Partnership)
- Further discussion of Bridge to Benefits website (www.bridgetobenefits.org)

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 16, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Location: To be announced

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Tommerdahl
Collaborative Coordinator