

Clay County Collaborative Administrative Group Minutes

Wednesday, 25 February 2009 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. West Central Regional Juvenile Center,
Moorhead

In attendance: Terry Atherton (The Arc of West Central Minnesota), Donna Baker (Lakeland Mental Health Center), Randy Bruer (Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton ISD #2164), Shelley Ford (Clay County Family Court/MN Dept. of Corrections), Joan Kirk (Access of the Red River Valley), Lynne Kovash (Moorhead ISD #152), Lanette Krinsky (parent representative), Kathy McKay (Clay County Public Health), Jane Patrick (LCTS Coordinator), Joe Pederson (Lakes and Prairie Community Action), Barry Steen (West Central Regional Juvenile Center), Carolyn Strnad (IIIP work group), Lori Ward (Lakes and Prairie Community Action), Dawn Tommerdahl (Collaborative Coordinator) Guests: Sally Dandurand and Mike McMullen (Department of Corrections/Clay County Family Court)

Carolyn volunteered to chair the meeting in Mark's absence. She welcomed the group and we did a round of introductions. Minutes from the 1/28/09 meeting were unanimously approved. (Shelley/Kathy) No changes were made to today's agenda

Shelley began the overview of the Reentry Service Program with the history. It started in 2003 with A four-year grant from the Collaborative and matched by the MN Department of Corrections. Current partners are the Collaborative and DOC. The handout gives some statistics about the program. NDSU has been evaluating the program since its inception. Mike talked about the intake packet of community resources that they now give to clients. They also do an in-home family assessment with each family. The transitional coordinators assist their clients with whatever activities they need help with. Sally passed around information about Families Anonymous. She emphasized that they transport their clients to medical, mental health and other appointments, job interviews, and positive community activities. They get family members involved if possible so that youth can rebuild relationships.

Nuts & bolts

- ✦ Financial report/FY09 budget: 2008 interest of \$59,000 was received – it will appear on the updated budget next month. *A motion to approve \$750 for petty cash for parent stipends in March passed unanimously. (Lynne/Donna)*
- ✦ LCTS report: Jane reported that the moratorium on MA payments could possibly be extended until October 1. Jane has addressed concerns from participants at one of our school districts about changes to random moments with the superintendent and was assured that the school will continue with the time study. Jane will begin sending out a brief newsletter to all time study participants (over 200 in Clay County) on a regular basis to let them know how the LCTS money is spent to benefit families in our county.
- ✦ Coordinator's report: Dawn will send the flier for the dad's group out to this group.
- ✦ Other: *A motion to support the Family Support Models work group's submission of a grant proposal to the Otto Bremer Foundation (to support two neutral facilitators for wraparound teams and to increase coordinator to full-time) passed unanimously. (Joe/Lynne)*

Discussion

- Further discussion on strategic planning: The Planning and Evaluation Committee will meet with Deb Hengel on March 26 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. to map out the planning session.
 - The group discussed feedback from partner organizations on the stakeholder questions. Many partners present hadn't discussed them with their staff or boards yet. It is still possible to

submit feedback – please take a few minutes to discuss strategies, the Collaborative’s role and organization’s role by the next meeting (March 25).

- After some discussion of the question from the Children’s Mental Health work group (If work groups have not spent all of the funds they have been allocated for FY09 and FY10, can they carry unexpended funds over into FY11), the Administrative Group decided not to change their previous decision that unused funds should be returned to the integrated fund to be reallocated for the start of FY11 (July 1, 2010).

Other

- Opportunities for collaboration:
 - Lynne reported that Moorhead schools are seeking community input on reductions and will be looking for support for a referendum.
 - Randy added that Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton schools are also considering reductions as they have no surplus to work with. They are beginning to work on a five-year strategic plan for the district.
 - Joe said that their VITA tax site still is in need of volunteers.
 - Dawn passed out some news about upcoming Arc activities: Rose sale – orders due by Friday, February 27; Rally at Capitol for people with disabilities, March 7; Get Set, March 30; Trust & Guardianship, April 6. She reminded the group that there will be a bowling party for children with special needs and their friends and families is coming up on March 7 at All-Star Bowl in Moorhead. The CTIC fundraiser (for the Transition Expo to be held April 7 and 8) is coming up on March 13 at the Marriott. Phyllis Reller (Clay County Social Services) will be honored for her service to people with disabilities.
 - Joan is the new chief operating officer of Access of the Red River Valley. She gave a brief summary of the services that Access provides to people with disabilities in our communities.
 - Lanette informed the group that Centro Cultural is starting a Latina Girl Scout troupe. They are also working on bring together the leaders of local Latino groups to talk about common issues. The leaders will meet for the first time on March 5.
 - Carolyn attended the training on the Crisis Mobile Team last Friday, sharing with the group the parent perspective.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 25, 3:30 – 5 p.m., host: to be determined

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Tommerdahl
Collaborative Coordinator