

## **Clay County Collaborative Administrative Group Minutes**

*Wednesday, 28 October 2009                      3:30 – 5:00 p.m.                      Barnesville High School, Barnesville*

*In attendance:* Mark Haugen (Rural Enrichment and Counseling Headquarters), Lanette Krinsky (Children's Mental Health LAC), Scott Loeslie (Barnesville ISD #146), Brian Melton (Clay County Attorney), Pam Ness (Lakes Country Service Coop), Michael Ochoa (The Village Family Service Center), Joe Pederson (Lakes and Prairie Community Action), Carolyn Strnad (IIIP work group), Dawn Tommerdahl (Collaborative Coordinator) Carolyn welcomed the group and we did a round of introductions. Minutes from the 8/26/09 meeting were unanimously approved. (Joe/Pam) No changes were made to today's agenda. (Scott/Mark)

### **Nuts & bolts**

✦ Financial report/FY10 budget

A motion to approve \$750 for petty cash for parent stipends in November passed unanimously. (Joe/Pam)

✦ LCTS report: No questions on the report.

✦ Coordinator's report: No questions on the report.

✦ Other: Brian Melton explained the transfer of the Restorative Justice program from the Sheriff's Department to the Victim/Witness Program of the County Attorney's Office. The application deadline for restorative justice coordinator was last Friday. Interviews will begin on Friday this week. Because of a federal grant the victim/witness program received, they will also be hiring someone to run a pilot program on elder abuse. Part-time facilitators have continued to work on conferences through the transition.

### **Strategic planning**

- The group read over the plan presented by the Children's Mental Health Services task force. In response to a question about goal #4, Carolyn explained how the group came up with their list of inputs – that it was easy to identify access points for young children, but it's more challenging to identify access points for school-age children who may show signs of mental health needs at a later age.
- Scott informed the group that MDE is holding regional meetings about the "Race to the Top" federal program (Obama/Duncan initiative) that the state of MN is eligible to apply for.
- Michael gave an overview of the Truancy Prevention task force meeting. Lanette and Carolyn talked about the Early Intervention task force meeting.
- The group took no action on the plan presented, but felt that the process seemed to be working well.

### **Other**

#### *Opportunities for collaboration*

- Joe informed the group that on February 27, 2010 a check-up to commemorate the one year anniversary of the release of the report by the legislative task force to end poverty will be held at the Concordia College Centrum beginning at 6:30 p.m. Representative Lanning and Gregory Gray will likely attend. Following a video hook up with other sites around the state, there will be a local discussion about progress toward ending poverty in our communities.
- Pam passed out the Lakes Country Service Cooperative newsletter.
- Dawn passed out fliers about ongoing and upcoming events sponsored by the Collaborative.

*Selection of sector representatives* was postponed until next month due to low attendance today.

**Next meeting:** November 18 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday because Thanksgiving), 3:30 – 5 p.m. at the Family Service Center (Moorhead). Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dawn Tommerdahl, Collaborative Coordinator