

# Clay County Joint Powers Collaborative Board Minutes

3:30 PM, May 25, 2005  
Room 2, Family Services Center

**In Attendance:** Carol Beckstrom (Clay County Social Services), Joe Pederson (Lakes and Prairie Community Action), Rhonda Porter (Clay County Social Services), Larry Nybladh (Moorhead ISD #152), Carol Ladwig (Moorhead ISD #152), Lisa Erickson (Moorhead ISD #152), Kathy McKay (Public Health), Carolyn Strnad (Parent Representative), Shelley Ford (Corrections), Lanette Krinsky (Parent Representative), Del Ellefson (City of Barnesville), Shelley Guida (The Village Family Service Center); and Barbara Eiden-Molinaro (Transition Project Coordinator)

1. Joe Pederson called the meeting to order and introductions were made.
2. **Motion:** To approve proposed Agenda and minutes of the April 20 Board meeting. (/Carried)
3. Rhonda Porter gave the Financial Report. The \$5960 revenue increase for TIP was questioned, and it was suggested that it was because the Collaborative grant to TIP is issued on a quarterly basis. The \$3741.60 Children's Mental Health LAC funds were paid to Social Services for disbursement. The amount obligated to the projects reflects the grants that were approved April 5. **Motion:** To approve the Financial Report. (S. Strnad/K. McKay/Carried)
4. Joe Pederson presented the report of the Executive Committee meeting held on May 5.
  - The Committee approved a wage increase to a TIP Family Advocate who was hired at a lower rate than subsequently hired people.
  - One of the TIP staff was laid off due to a finding of conflict of interest.
  - DeAnna Farrell has resigned so Cynthia has no support staff.
  - Cynthia is working with the auditor and providing information for the LCTS project.
  - Discussion was held on the recommendation to suspend some of the requirements of the Formal Agreement, and it was determined that it was not necessary because of the flexibility inherent in the Formal Agreement.
  - The transition project bills will be signed by Ben Brunsvold and be submitted by Rhonda Porter for payment.**Motion:** To approve opening of a charge account at Victor Lundeen's in Fergus Falls for transition project printing, and the Himmelman workshop expenses. (R. Porter/S. Guida/Carried)
5. Carolyn Strnad presented the report of the Children's Coordinating Council. The grants were recommended to the CCC by the Focus Groups who reviewed them. Out of the \$300,000 of LCTS dollars that the Collaborative Board made available for funding Projects, a total of \$74,500 was approved, by the Board, on April 6, 2005; and a total of \$60,354 was approved on April 20, 2005. The total amount being recommended to the Board, by the CCC, on today's Consent Agenda, is \$93,068. The total of the three amounts recommended by the CCC is \$227,922 leaving a remainder of \$72,078 from the original \$300,000. The grants must be expended by August 31. **Motion:** Approval of the grant requests totaling \$74,500 as listed in "Recommendations from the Children's Coordinating Council:"

**\$ 3,838**, "Youth Zone," Rural MN Concentrated Employment Program.  
**\$ 8,226**, "Patterson Parent Training Workshop Series," Access, Inc.  
**\$ 5,502**, "Summer School Program," Barnesville Public Schools.  
**\$ 4,900**, "Summer Childcare Program," Atkinson Elementary, Barnesville Public Schools.  
**\$ 7,500**, "Summer Activities for Youth," Moorhead Healthy Communities Initiative  
**\$12,000**, Student Assistance Prevention Programming," Moorhead High School,  
 Moorhead Public Schools  
**\$ 8,428**, "Youth Leadership Training," REACH.  
**\$ 2,568**, "Family, Friends and Neighbors Care," Clay County Resource and Referral,  
 Lakes and Prairies Community Action Partnership, Inc.  
**\$20,000**, "Family Support Model," Family Support Model Work Group.  
**\$ 8,106**, "New American/Children's Day Out Summer Project," Rape and Abuse Crisis  
 Center  
**\$ 2,000**, "Mental Health Library for Families at the Homeless Shelter," Churches United  
 for the Homeless  
**\$10,000**, "Flexible Funds for Severely Emotionally Disturbed Children," Lakeland Mental  
 Health

(S. Ford/R. Porter/Carried)

6. Carolyn reported on the CCC discussion of the TIP, Re-entry Services, Restorative Justice and IIP as Collaborative projects. The CCC recommends that these projects be formally adopted as Collaborative projects in preparation for the Planning Retreat. The CCC is concerned that not to do so will make it difficult to move forward in the planning process. There was discussion regarding these projects tend to be later interventions, rather than prevention or early intervention, though some believed they provided both. It was discussed that although some may question why they were Collaborative projects, they were clearly distinct from partner programs and were initiated and operated collaboratively. This action will allow these projects continued funding, while grant making will cease. It was recognized that some of the partner programs who were accustomed to Collaborative grants would question the identification of these programs as Collaborative projects. **Motion:** To accept the CCC's recommendation to adopt the Truancy Intervention, Re-entry Services, Restorative Justice, and IIP Service Coordination as the only Collaborative projects. (L. Nybladh/D. Ellefson/Carried)
7. Shelley Ford presented an update on status of Re-entry Services grant. The grant extension is for monies not spent during the past 2 year grant period. It starts on June 1st and goes a maximum of 90 days – **Motion:** To approve the grant extension for Re-entry Services grant. (L. Nybladh/L. Erickson/Carried)
8. Barbara Eiden-Molinaro reported on the Transition Project. Discussion was held on notification of the County that the Collaborative offices will be vacated by August 31, 2005. It was determined that this was not necessary at this time. **Motion:** To authorize the Executive Committee to work with Cynthia Sillers to dispose of Collaborative property. (L. Nybladh/L. Erickson/Carried)
9. Time did not allow discussion of the Collaborative structure so Barbara indicated she would schedule one or more times to meet with Board members to ensure their concerns are addressed prior to the June 22 Planning Retreat.
10. The written report from Jane Patrick on the Local Collaborative Time Study Project was shared, but time did not permit discussion of the project.
11. The meeting was adjourned by consensus. The Board is asked to attend the June 22 Planning Retreat and the next meeting will be at 3:30 PM July 20.