

## **Children's Mental Health Systems Work Group Minutes**

*Tuesday, 3 January 2012*

*1:00-2:00 p.m.*

*Family Services Center, Room 7*

*In attendance:* Carol Beckstrom (Clay County Social Services), Lanette Krinsky (Parent representative), Barb Schaub (Lakeland Mental Health), Melissa Walter (Prairie St. John's), Amy Ebert (REACH), Terra Smith (Clay County Juvenile Probation)

Carol welcomed the group and we did a round of introductions. Terra volunteered to take minutes as Dawn Tommerdah was ill. Minutes from the 12/06/11 meeting were unanimously approved. (Lynette/Barb) No changes were made to today's agenda.

### **FY 12 work plan/Programs-**

- *Budget:* no update/discussion as Dawn was out ill
- *Flex:* no update/discussion as Dawn was out ill
- *Other:*
  - No update/discussion held on the first question from last time "when parents bring in children for early childhood screenings, they do ASQ-SE- is that Moorhead school requirement or state requirement" as no representative was present with the information.
  - Discussion of what to do with the \$500 grant from WCI- brainstormed ideas and the group thought the best suggestion was to pursue the possibility of arranging a 1 or 2 session luncheon training facilitated by Dr. Wonderlich, PsyD and/or Heather Simonich (701-365-4948) on child trauma training. Barb and Melissa have attended a previous training by both which was wonderful.

### **Updates on discussion of youth with mental illness who are being charged with offenses committed in school ending up in the juvenile justice system**

- Carol reported that she participates in regular meetings with Solutions and others involved with youth who are in corporate care to discuss alternative ways to handle violent behaviors.
- No update on individual justice plans and restorative justice as Dawn was out ill.
- Terra reported that referrals are made to restorative justice on assaultive cases that are adjudicated if appropriate.

### **Agency updates**

- Amy: Christmas went really good. Provided food for 103, 61 households. 100 kids were provided Christmas gifts. 6 kids utilized thrift store clothing in December. 4 kids were impacted in December with Salvation Army funds. Backpack program served 19 families, 42 kids.

- Melissa: Dr. Khushlani (child psychiatrist) has left PSJ's to return to Washington D.C. Still have 2 child psychiatrists on staff with an adult psychiatrist helping out with the older adolescent population. Need for child psychiatrist's is very high. PSJs is also in the middle of a remodel- new flooring.
- Carol: Respite budget was overspent; however, was very well utilized. Discussed mobile mental health crisis response services- the grant has been tentatively approved. Brainstormed ideas to increase use and awareness of the service-suggestions were made to provide cards/brochures to agencies in ND that service youth as some may be Clay County residents, encourage the use of the service in "plans"- discharge from PSJs, IEPs, case plans, wraparound, etc. Service can be used for both mental health and/or behavioral crises.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, February 7, 1-2:30 pm, meeting room 7

Respectfully submitted,  
Terra Smith