

Clay County Joint Powers Collaborative
Executive Committee
2 PM August 8, 2005
Room 5, Family Service Center

Present: Ben Brunsvold (Clay County – Chair), Shelley Ford (Corrections), Rhonda Porter (Social Services), Dr. Larry Nybladh (Moorhead ISD #152), Joe Pederson (Lakes and Prairie Community Action), Lanette Krinsky (Parent representative); and Barbara Eiden-Molinaro (Transition Project Manager)

1. Ben Brunsvold convened the meeting. **Motion:** Approval of proposed agenda and minutes of July 14 meeting. (L. Nybladh, S. Ford/Carried)
2. Ben Brunsvold reported on the agreement with Cynthia Sillers. **Motion:** Recommend acceptance of a letter of agreement between the Collaborative and Cynthia Sillers to extend her employment through September 28. (J. Pederson/R. Porter/Carried)
3. Rhonda Porter reported that the Finance Committee was not able to complete its work on the FY06 budget during their morning meeting, but were reconvening following this meeting.
4. Lanette Krinsky reported on the CCC/Planning Group recommendations, which were developed in follow-up to the June 22 Planning Retreat. She pointed out that the Vision Statement and Core Values were developed at the Planning Retreat, but that the CCC/Planning Group developed the Mission Statement based on the work done at the Planning Retreat, where key words were identified for in. Discussion centered on Recommendations #9 and #4:
 - a. The wording of Recommendation #9 was altered slightly to include not just children/youth who use/abuse meth and other drugs, but also those impacted by the use of others in their families.
 - b. The name changed was also discussed. The group recognized that while organized as a joint powers collaborate, there was no requirement to include the words 'joint powers' in the name, especially if it was perceived as threatening or not welcoming to parent/consumer representatives and some partners. Barbara reported that following the CCC/Planning Group meeting she went through the Collaborative Directory, and found that Clay is the only one with 'Joint Powers' in their name of the 23 (out of the 95) Collaboratives that are organized as joint powers rather than interagency agreements. Dr. Nybladh suggested that this could be because of the long-standing tradition of honoring the role of elected officials in the county.

Motion: Recommendation to the Board that the following be adopted:

Recommendation #1: Adoption of the Collaborative Vision developed as a part of the Planning Retreat: "Successful partnerships building successful families"

Recommendation #2: Adoption of the Collaborative Mission developed based on the work of the Planning Retreat: "Our mission is to work in partnership and collaboration to empower and provide opportunities for children and families."

Recommendation #3: Adoption of the Collaborative Core Values developed as a part of the Planning Retreat:

- We care about children and families
- We believe in collaboration and partnership
- We believe in early prevention, identification and intervention
- We believe in strength-based, family –centered services
- We believe in partnering with and supporting families
- We believe in accessible services
- We value education and training

Recommendation #4: Change the name of the Clay County Joint Powers Collaborative to the Clay County Collaborative to remove the power connotations and create a non-threatening name that is more welcoming and inclusive.

Recommendation #5: Establishment of a Collaborative Work Group to develop a plan to recruit, support and orient parents to serve on the Collaborative groups, and to provide training to service providers appointed to the Collaborative groups regarding how to effectively work with parents; and that appointed members have experience in recruiting, supporting and maintaining volunteers.

Recommendation #6: Establishment of a Disabilities Systems Work Group to coordinate the systems of care other than the children's mental health and transition systems, for those with disabilities ages 7-21, and to assign a parent representation to the Collaborative.

Recommendation #7: Establishment of a Prevention and Early Intervention Problem Solving Work Group to address the issues related to prevention, identification, screening and early intervention as identified as a Collaborative priority in the Planning Retreat.

Recommendation #8: Upon its creation, the Children's Mental Health Work Group be assigned responsibility for including two issues identified in the Planning Retreat in its FY06 Work Plan:

- a. Identification of and a strategy to address risk behaviors and unmet children's mental health needs, suicide attempts, and non-MA Rule 79 cases.
- b. Specialized training and support of parents, teachers and community members in the monitoring of mental health issues of youth in our community.

Recommendation #9: Creation of a Substance Abuse Problem-Solving Work Group to identify a strategy to address substance abuse, including the use of meth, on children/youth and their families.

Recommendation #10: Upon its creation, the Disability Systems Work Group be assigned responsibility for including the issue identified in the Planning Retreat in its FY06 Work Plan: Specialized training and support of parents, teachers and community members in the monitoring of developmental or physical disability issues of youth in our community.

(L. Nybladh/R. Porter/Carried)

5. The Committee discussed the proposed Collaborative structure. In response to the question of whether or not the governance level was needed, Dr. Nybladh reviewed the various levels and indicated that the annual meeting contributed to a sense of collaboration by bringing together the elected officials and other governing board members to learn about the Collaborative and how the organizations were working together on behalf of kids and families. He indicated he thought the structure represented a good change. Joe Pederson pointed out that in many cases elected officials and other governance level people are not necessarily familiar with the day to day operations of the organizations, and it is good for them to come together to hear about the needs and challenges. Ben Brunsvold observed that the Administrative Level was to focus on service coordination and service integration and thought that was a good change, since he only recalled a couple of times when services had been discussed by the Board. The group discussed how to make a smooth transition that reflected the contributions and commitment of Board members who served on governance levels, such as school board members, County Commissioners and city council representatives. It was suggested that at least for the first year the Administrative level and the Executive Committee of the Governance Board could meet alternate months. This would not change the decision making structure in that all action considered by the Executive Committee would need to come from the Administrative Group. The groups could at least initially meet during the Board timeslot, at the 3:30 PM on the third Wednesday of the month, subject to member availability. **Motion:** To recommend the structure as shown on the new Collaborative Governance Chart to the Board for adoption. (J. Pederson/L. Krinsky/Carried)
6. Barbara Eiden-Molinaro shared her report on the implementation status of the transition project recommendations. Many recommendations have been fully implemented while others are in process, some are awaiting Board action, and one item – the annual meeting – has not yet been addressed.
7. The group looked at the design options for the website, which had been e-mailed to all Board members. They provided feedback, which will be communicated to the website designer.
8. The meeting adjourned by consensus.