

Family Support Model Project Work Group Minutes

Tuesday, 23 January 2007 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Family Services Center, Room 1

In attendance: Allison Eide (intern, The Arc), Melanie Fierstine (Moorhead High School), Aimee Griffin (Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota), Lanette Krinsky (parent), Denette Narum (Lakeland Mental Health), Yolanda Redding (The Village), Carolyn Strnad (parent), Jill Wenger (Clay County Sheriff's Department), Dawn Tommerdahl (Collaborative Coordinator)

Meeting chair: Lanette Krinsky

Lanette welcomed the group and we did a round of introductions. Minutes from the 12/19/06 meeting were unanimously approved. (Aimee/Melanie) There were no changes to today's agenda.

Program update from Aimee

- *Wraparound:* Aimee has talked to Head Start and Early Intervention Services. Both groups were large. They seem to be excited about the program. Aimee has received a lot of calls as a result of these meetings to find out if a family would benefit from either means of support. Referrals have dropped off a little, but are still steady. One family member has been trained to take over a group. Aimee found the ND Wraparound training helpful because it reinforced what she was already doing and she got some ideas for training others.
- *Family group decision making:* Four conferences are ongoing at the moment. There have been about three ongoing at any given time. Aimee still thinks it's underutilized.
- *Flex funds:* There has been one new request this month. Another is expected today. Aimee doesn't know why people aren't requesting flex more than they are. Perhaps parents are afraid that asking for financial help somehow puts them at risk of going deeper into the system.
- *New facilitator:* Patty and Aimee will be meeting with Brenda next week. The proposed shared position with restorative justice fell through just after the last meeting.

Discussion

- **FY08 work plan:** The program is under budget so far in the salary area. Equipment, copying, phone and supplies are about on. Travel is over budget. The training line is for Aimee's training. Expenses for when she hosts training come from the copying and supplies lines. Add \$1000 for the national speaker to pay for holding it at a conference center.
 - Other
 - The fidelity index is something we should purchase, perhaps at the end of the fiscal year or take it out of the supplies line for FY08.
 - Video on wraparound to use for training.

A motion to approve the work plan and budget as revised (total \$128,500) passed unanimously. (Melanie/Denette)

Suggestions for narrative portion of goals/objectives: Add a couple of sentences about each process before listing goals, revise "encourage collaboration..." bullet, we need to work on the assessment plan (define high-end services and develop a checklist).

For next time: review Lorrie's report especially page 16, discuss assessment plan, send out survey again to see if we're going better, look at fidelity index, look at evaluations we have so far. Possibly invite Shawn to come to the March meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 27, 9 a.m., meeting room 1

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Tommerdahl
Collaborative Coordinator