

**Clay County Joint Powers Collaborative
Finance Committee
2:30 PM, 7 February 2006
Room 5, Family Service Center**

Present: Ben Brunsvold (Clay County Commissioners), Lisa Erickson (Moorhead ISD #152), Shelley Ford (Corrections), Kathy McKay (Public Health), Rhonda Porter (Social Services), Jerry Waller (Clay County Commissioners); and Dawn Tommerdahl (Collaborative Coordinator)

Discussion of the funds designated to Children's Mental Health was added to the day's agenda.

Rhonda reported that CW-TCM cuts will affect the federal claiming for the Truancy program. Social Services has completed signing the contract with the Village however has not completed the agreement with the Collaborative for the non-federal share because of the changes that were made in the Reconciliation bill that finally passed in the House by a narrow margin. Rhonda is unsure if the changes will take effect Jan. 1, 2006 or Oct. 1, 2005. If they take effect Jan. 1 it would be possible for TIP to claim CW-TCM funds for September – December 2005. Rhonda will give an update when she hears more on the date.

Because of the nature of MH-TCM, it might be possible to make up for some of those cuts by changing how the service is delivered to more of a medical model of care coordination.

Regardless of the cuts, Social Services is still mandated to provide Child Protection and Mental Health services so it will be interesting to see how the State responds to the cuts.

In response to Dawn's question about who should sign her invoices now, the following motions were made and passed unanimously:

- ✦ That Ben, as former Board chair, sign for this month only. (Jerry/Kathy)
- ✦ That the recommendation be made to the Administrative Group that in the future, the Coordinator's invoices will be signed by the Chair of the Administrative Group or by the Vice-chair if the Chair is absent. (Jerry/Kathy)

Ben and Dawn gave an update on the conflicting information they have discovered about the interest that has been paid (or not) to the Collaborative since its inception in 1997. Jerry suggested that the County (Lori/Vijay) be given the chance to answer our concerns before we turn to Eide Bailly for an opinion on whether any of this is worth pursuing, given the incomplete and conflicting information before us. Dawn offered to ask Lori for the annual activity reports on our account from 1997 through 2004 so that we could try to answer the following questions for ourselves:

- ✦ What did the Collaborative pay in 1997, 1998, and 1999 for rent, liability insurance and workman's comp?
- ✦ How much interest did we earn in those years?

Dawn will report back and then the group will decide how to proceed.

A brief discussion of the funds designated for Children's Mental Health ended the meeting. The LAC has written a letter (including a letter by former Social Services Director Dennis Lien) to the Children's Mental Health work group asking that these funds be used for the purposes for

which they were intended. The Children's Mental Health group will add a letter of support to the LAC letter and send it on to the Administrative Group as a point of information. Shelley noted that this issue was discussed in 2005 but nothing definitive was decided because of anticipated cuts and then the transition.

The group will decide whether it needs to meet again after hearing from Dawn.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Tommerdahl
Collaborative Coordinator