

CLAY COUNTY IEIC

MAY 12, 2010

Attended by: Donna Atherton-Arc West Central, Wayne Ingersoll-Commissioner, Dawn Tommerdahl-Collaborative, Laurie Young-Social Services, Kristin Phillips-Head Start, Gyda Anderson-Public Health, Jennifer Butze-Moorhead EIS, Elizabeth Monzingo-CCR&R

Gyda, as Chair, welcomed the group and opened the meeting. Those in attendance introduced themselves and provided agency updates and/or announcements.

Head Start: The 10-11 Year Enrollment process has begun! They are offering a new therapeutic summer program in collaboration with EIS and Solutions, which will utilize several funding sources, including CTSS. The program is called "Build Me Up" and will be held 3 days a week for 2 hours a day, for 0-3 yr olds who have a mental health need. There will be 18-20 children served, and will have a parent component 1 day of the week. The program will run early June to mid August.

County Board: Wayne stated that the current 2010 budget is done and will be "OK". The concern is for the year 2011 given many of the cuts were only delays and there was no increase in revenues.

Collaborative: Dawn spoke of the recent training presented by Anne Carlson Center staff "Helping Children Succeed", which was a great training and was well attended.

Arc of West Central: Donna reviewed recently held events (Meeting the Needs, Yoga) and announced several other events to be held soon, including a Picnic and event at Yunker Farm. SibShop was very successful and she hopes to sponsor more events. There was discussion on low turnout of families at events and possible reasons.

Moorhead EIS: Jennifer announced there will be a Retirement Event for Sarah King Thursday May 27th at Probstfield at 3:30. Appreciation for her commitment and positive influence for our community was expressed by the committee! They are replacing her but no formal announcement as the Board has not yet met to confirm. EIS is looking for more typical community settings to serve children with special needs. The number of children served in the program is about where it was at last year at this time.

Child Care Resource & Referral: Elizabeth is looking for suggestions for her to work with center based programs next year that will be open to serving children with special needs along with typical developing children. This is a goal for their State Quality Improvement Project. Jennifer related the settings that they currently work in. Gyda will compile information and send out for suggestions for her.

Social Services: Laurie reviewed and updated several state mandated changes that will be happening in 2011.

There will be a training held presented by Shannon Grave and sponsored thru CCR&R and the Regional IEIC Grant, on typical child development. This is at no cost but you need to register. It is ITV training. There is an address mistake in the flyer-Elizabeth will correct.

Donna was complimented on her efforts and work regarding the variety of programs and trainings she develops and offers for our community. Several ideas were discussed on how to increase family attendance and involvement along with how to reach immigrant families.

Dawn made a motion to accept the minutes of March 17th, with Jennifer providing a second. Passed.

There was no formal Financial Report available. Gyda reported that the Executive Subcommittee is in the process of planning for the next year. Moorhead Schools is the IEC Financial Host.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Child Find meets this week. The new HELP ME GROW brochures are ready for distribution!

Family Support has not met

ExIEIC is making a plea for parent involvement! The leadership of the IEC is to include a parent and we do not have an active parent to move into the leadership role at this time. Gyda is done with her position of Chair at the end of the program year. Shannon Dahlberg will be the Chair, with Donna as Vice-Chair.

Summer opportunities and activities for children were presented and discussed.

Dawn provided an update on the Collaborative and scholarships available. She also handed out applications from the Children's Mental Health group for Flex Funds, available for those children with SED or at risk of SED.