

Clay County Local Advisory Council for Children's Mental Health Meeting Notes

12 December 2007

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Courtyard by Marriott, Moorhead

In attendance: Lanette Krinsky (Parent representative), Kathy Johnson (Clay County Public Health), Dawn Tommerdahl (Clay County Collaborative), Karla Flisk (Access/Churches United for the Homeless), Kelly Olson (The Village Family Service Center/Head Start), Shawna Croaker (Dakota Medical Foundation/Region V Children's Services Coordinating Committee), Tara Fitzgerald (PATH), Carol Beckstrom (Clay County Social Services), Carol Sheridan (PATH), Kerry Larson (Parent representative), Carolyn Strnad (Parent representative)

Lanette called the meeting to order and we did a round of introductions

Agency updates

- Carol S. reported that PATH is going to open an office at the Family Service Center, 3rd floor. Tara is working on licensing three families to provide respite and one for adoption. She is also starting work on licensing a family in Barnesville.
- Dawn announced that the Children's Mental Health Fair (part 1) will take place on February 7. Julia K. Dinsmore, author of *My Name Is Child of God, Not Those People* will do a workshop from 11:30 – 3:30 at the Marriott and a seminar for parents at the FSC from 6:30 – 7:30. Dawn will send the flier with more information with the LAC meeting minutes.
- Carol B. informed the group that this week they have interviewed five really good candidates to replace Shannon Swenson (who's moving to another unit).
- Kathy reported that she is still doing PCA and has added adult health programs because of MSHO contracts.
- Carol B. reported that the Blues have been meeting with Social Services in BCOW (Becker, Clay, Otter Tail, Wilkin Counties) because they are looking for a subset of Children's and Adult Mental Health to set up a system similar to MSHO. MSHO will be available to those under age 65 beginning January 1. The Blues and Medica will contract with counties to provide case management and other services.
- Carol B. updated the group on the Reconciliation Bill that will limit claiming for child-welfare targeted case management (CW-TCM). It has finally passed so cuts will be forthcoming. The state is discussing how to deal with these cuts as our child protection system depends so heavily on this funding stream. Dawn will forward an article from the *Star Tribune* about how cuts could impact Hennepin County.

Agenda

There was one addition to the agenda: Colleen Larson (Kerry's daughter) would like to be added as a consumer to this group.

Updates from Social Services

- *Budget:* Carol informed the group that the County won't meet its MOE (maintenance of effort) for 2007. Many counties are in a similar situation as the MOE is based on a year when expenses were unusually high. The County will reimburse the Collaborative approximately \$15,000 for case management for children with SED who don't have MA that the Collaborative paid for in 2007.

- *MH Management report:* Carol passed around the children's mental health utilization report for 2006. It gives a breakdown of children's services by county and is available online: http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/disabilities/documents/pub/dhs16_139704.pdf
- *Crisis Service Grant:* A group from BCOW met on December 6. Each county is to meet as a group to look at local services before the next large group meeting on December 20 in Detroit Lakes. Dawn will send the survey on crisis services that was sent to BCOW folks to the LAC since many of you didn't receive it. If you haven't already responded, please send responses to her by December 18 – she will collate them and add them to other results and send them to the large group for possible inclusion in the grant.
- *Meeting with Rhonda:* Carol recommended asking Rhonda to attend the February LAC meeting to discuss the 2009 Social Services budget. A smaller group could then look at it in more depth in March.

Old business

- Lanette reported that she, Kerry and Carolyn met with the County Board on Tuesday (Dec. 11). There was a lot of discussion with commissioners. Kerry, Lanette and Carolyn were officially appointed to the LAC.
- *A motion to ask the County Board to appoint Colleen Larson to this group passed unanimously.* (Kathy/Dawn)
- Lanette mentioned she would like to see this group send people to the MH Day at the State Capitol and to other state and national trainings.
- Carol added that the LAC budget has been increased to \$1000 for 2008. \$500 will be rolled over from 2007. Carol will have a check issued and Lanette will set up a bank account so the LAC can have its own check book.
- Dawn gave an update on the visioning and planning sessions about our CMH system with consultant Bruce Miles that will follow this meeting today. She will send results to the LAC.
- Shawna reported that a subcommittee of the Cass Clay CMH Advisory Committee met to discuss a plan for training that will begin in May 2008. The series will focus on early childhood MH and will include the following topics:
 - Typical social-emotional development plus some red flags
 - More serious signs of potential mental illness
 - Training on specific diagnoses
- The group discussed a joint Cass Clay CMH Fair to be held during CMH week in May. It could be held in the evening in the parking lot/park at HHIC and include booths from providers and vendors and activities for kids. Dawn will contact Moorhead Parks and Rec to find out what use fees might be.
- *Minutes from the November meeting were unanimously approved.* (Shawna/Kathy)

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Next meeting: January 9, 2008 at 8:30 at the Family Service Center in Moorhead.