

**Local Advisory Council, Clay County**  
**February 12, 2008**

Members present: Jacey Rice, Federation of Families; Deb Jendro, Federation of Families; Shawana Croaker, Dakota Medical Foundation; Kathy Johnson, Clay County Public Health; Lanette Krinsky, parent representative, chair; Kerry Larson, parent representative; Colleen Larson, consumer representative; Carol Beckstrom, Clay County Social Services; Dawn Tommerdahl, Clay County Collaborative; Bryan Hanson, Lakeland Mental Health; Carol Sheridan, PATH; Carolyn Strnad, parent representative;

Guest: Rhonda Porter, Clay County Social Service

**Call to Order:** Lanette called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Introductions and Program/Agency Updates:** After a round of introductions the following agency updates were shared: PATH will have an open house at their new offices at the Family Service Center. That date and time is: February 20<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 to 4:30 pm. The Regional Defense office will hold a meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup> at the YWCA from 1:00 to 3:00 to review the ND Kid Count information; March 4<sup>th</sup>, the Rule 79 case managers will host their annual chili cook off at the Family Service Center. (committee decided to enter Kerry and Colleen's chili. They will make it, we will take up a collection for the ingredients at our next meeting); A respite grant has been sent into the state. It totals \$50,000 a year for two years. It will include a full array of services including crisis respite, planned respite and community activities. MACMH's conference will be April 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> with a juvenile justice track and an early childhood track.

**Approval of January 9, 2008 meeting minutes:** Shawna /Kathy, motion carried to approve as written.

**Approval of today's agenda:** approved by consensus to approve the agenda as presented with one addition of a report from the MMHAGG conference if time permits

**Financial Report:**

**Input on budget overview with Rhonda:** Rhonda passed out the 2008 budget. It includes funds for both children and adult services. Noted items include: \$1000 for community education and prevention given to the LAC; Contracted services with REACH, Rape and Abuse, Lakeland, Village and Lutheran Social Services. Services include professional home based services, sex offender treatment programs, mental health evaluations in the court system, case management services, emergency spots for mental health needs, consultation, rule 5 placements, respite services, child day treatment program. Child protection funds are often used for mental health services. Rhonda also shared information on the Maintenance of effort funds. Because there were no Rule 5 placements in 2007, all funds under the MAO were not expended. A letter of correction with a plan of action was submitted to DHS as required. Because there may be a need for Rule 5 placements, it is not best practice to take that funding out of the budget as that type of placement is very expensive. Additional discussion occurred in respect to evaluating the programs (surveys are set out on a regular basis at Lakeland, rule 79

families are surveyed by Lakeland on case management services); and the need for additional psychiatrists with concerns over the case load for Dr. Staton at Lakeland. **Set date, time, and meeting for March budget meeting with Rhonda:** Rhonda is working on the budget from May into July. In May she receives the budget from the auditor's office. It needs to be back to them by June. First discussion with the county board occurs in June. The levy must be set by September. It is a tight timeline and does not offer as much time as the committee would like to review and provide input into budget. Both Rhonda and Carol stressed that the committee can bring up issues at any time within the year and that input will be considered at budgeting and program developing time.

**Set Commissioner's meeting and topic for March:** Rhonda recommends that we provide a written report to the board, similar to the one that the adult LAC presents, with possible presentation in June. Committee discussed possibility of doing a survey to families receiving Rule 79 services. Report format could include items such as how LAC funds were utilized, goals and mission of LAC, highlights of the year, members, outcomes, members stories and consumer stories.

**Checkbook update:** Paperwork has been filed to receive a tax id number needed to open a bank account. Once that account is open, Carol will work with Lanette to transfer the funds.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **Visit Bruce Miles Visioning Process Goals:**

**Increase mental health services in the school:** Lakeland has submitted a grant to DHS to provide mental health services in the schools. The committee discussed the possibility of having a representative from Lakeland attend one of our future meetings to discuss the grant and its components.

**Develop a mobile crisis intervention response team:** A collaborative grant with Ottertail and Wilkin Counties has been submitted. No word yet as to whether or not we have received the funds. Funds will be used to provide crisis services including a hot line and on call staff to go out to the crisis and deescalate.

**Every child will be enrolled into Minnesota tracking:** Program is already in place for children birth to three years. Additional funding will need to be secured to expand to the three to five year olds.

**Mental Health Day on the Hill:** Carol will not be able to attend this event because of mandatory training event. Because of that we will not be able to take a county vehicle. Kerry will check to see if a van from Heartland would be available. Carolyn will also distribute information on a possible bus from NAMI when that information becomes available.

#### **New Business:**

**February 7<sup>th</sup> Mental Health Fair:** Evaluations for this event were excellent. Everyone in attendance took something away from Julia Dinsmore's presentation. Colleen shared that her class watched the video that Julia gave them and found it to be inspiring. Follow up to the event discussion included options of developing our own plan to bring Julia back, watching the video as a committee and seeking out additional brown bag speakers on poverty.

**May Mental Health Month Plans:** Plans are set for May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Hjemkost from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. The event will include a speaker from MACMH on typical child development and red flags as well as resource tables. Shawna encouraged the committee to have a table representing the LAC. Additional training events will occur at Olivet Lutheran Church in Fargo on May 15<sup>th</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Community Resource Book from Dakota Medical Fountain:** The resource book is coming out this month. It will be available electronically, in doctor's offices and has a link in various websites. It will be updated every 6 months electronically and yearly in print. Carol stated the need to locate doctors specifically for zero to age three. Bryan shared that Kelli Gast is in the process of being certified for that age group. Shawna also passed out the newsletter. It will also be available electronically to families, schools, providers and counties.

**Website:** Colleen is working of the site. The committee gave her the following ideas for the site; brochure, acronyms, mental health act, statue, meeting minutes. It will be on the county website with a link on the collaborative site.

**Set meeting agenda for next month's March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting:** Discussion on doing a survey of families; discussion on MHAGG conference; development of budget and goals.