

Local Advisory Council
April 9, 2008
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Kathy Johnson, Clay County Public Health; Carol Beckstrom, Clay County Social Services; Dawn Tommerdahl, Clay County Collaborative; Lanette Krinsky, parent representative; Carolyn Strnad, parent representative; Carol Sheridan, PATH; Shawna Croaker, Dakota Medical Foundation

Lanette called the meeting to order at 8:30. After a round of introductions, Dawn shared some information updating us on the Walk for Mental Health being sponsored by Federation of Families as well as information on the Impact on Children conference featuring Patty Wetterling to be held in May. Dawn will send out flyers to the group electronically.

Minutes approved (Dawn/Kathy) Approval of agenda as presented by consensus
Financial Report: Still waiting on the EIN number. Lanette will call to see when it will become available.

Old Business: Members would like a copy of the award from the chili cook off. Carolyn will contact Kerry to get a copy of it for members and for historical records.

New Business: (A) Survey and report: Carolyn has not received any completed surveys. She will contact Bryan Hanson to see where things are at with the distribution and collection of the surveys. Dawn reminded the group that we also sent the survey out with the flex fund survey and received some back that we can combine with others that the Rule 79 workers are doing. (B). Carol reported that we did receive the crisis grant, now the planning begins. The state was impressed with the grant including agency involvement and that it was a doable project. The three county area will receive \$500,000 over the next two years and will be able to obtain ongoing funding after that initial period. The planning will include building on the adult system already in place. (C). Lanette is working on the meeting with commissioners. (D) Shawna shared information on the May Mental Health Month activities. It includes a resource fair and training on the first Thursday and two additional training events over the course of the next two weeks. PSAs and other media campaigns are in process. Shawna is looking for parents to tell their stories. (E). New resource books have been distributed. More are on order. (F) No report available on the website. We will need to determine who will set up the site, have access to it and host it. (G). No report on the brochure. Carolyn will check with Kerry to see when the anticipated date for completion is.

Bruce Miles Goals: #1 waiting to hear about the school grant. #2 received, note above information. #3 request for additional funding has gone to two work groups of the collaborative.

Other: Carol shared information that Clay County did not spend their maintenance of effort funds this past year. No county in the state did. A plan of action is being drafted. Carol will bring to the LAC when completed.

Next month's agenda items: Survey and survey results; develop a work plan for the budget.