

Clay County Local Advisory Council
May 14, 2008
Minutes

Members Present: Kerry Larson, parent representative; Colleen Larson, consumer representative; Dawn Tommerdahl, Coordinator, Clay County Collaborative; Kristin Phillips, Head Start; Lanette Krinsky, parent representative, council chairperson; Kathy Johnson, Clay County Public Health; Monica Englestad, Access of the Red River Valley; Deb Jendro, Federation of Families; Shawna Croaker, Dakota Medical Foundation; Carolyn Strnad, parent representative, council secretary;

Lanette called the meeting to order with a round of introductions. Updates included information from Monica regarding a resignation of a Rule 79 worker within their agency and the new hiring for replacement. Kathy shared with the board that she will retire in August. Miriam Dakutak will take her place.

Agenda approved (Monica/Kathy)

Minutes from April 9th meeting approved (Kathy/Dawn)

Financial Report: A checkbook has been opened for the council at the Gate City Bank. Carolyn made a request to the county to release the funds to our account. Lanette will follow up with Carol Beckstrom to determine when funds will be available. Budget for this year is \$500 with approximately \$155 spent to assist Lanette to attend the MACMH conference. The group determined that the budget for this year will include: \$150 for training events; \$150 for information and marketing; \$200 for speakers. Motion carried (Dawn/Kathy)

Colleen and Kerry shared information on bringing Julia Dinsmore back to Moorhead. Red River Alternative Learning Center has approximately \$5000 to be used for speakers. CTIC is also considering bringing Julia to their spring conference.

Old Business: Colleen and Kerry will bring copies of the certificate to the next meeting.

New Business: The LAC survey was distributed to Access/Lakeland/Flex funds users. Monica has returned those disseminated by Access. Carolyn will follow up with Lakeland to gather those surveys. She will compile a report and provide to the next LAC members. Once the council approves the report it will be sent on to the county board.

Lanette and Dawn provided information on workshops that they attended at the MACMH conference. Information included how Douglas County has brought health professionals in as participants in their collaborative; bringing awareness to schools about kids with mental health issues; juvenile justice program that included hiring a mental health coordinator for probation that caused a shift in mental health with respect to responsibility/compatibility/brain development and impact by mental illness; how abuse impacts children with mental illness; MN Thrive Initiative which is a six county region that looks at mapping of systems and goals and processes. Clay County is already doing

much of what they are already doing. The council would like to include in next year's work plan how we can bring awareness to children's mental health disorders in the school system and community.

Commissioner's meeting: Lanette and Carolyn reported on their recent presentation to the county board. Lanette gave an update on what the council has been doing. A proclamation for mental health month was read and signed by the county board. Council would like to do something in recognition of Mike McCarthy who will not be running for re-election this year. He has been a great commissioner to partner with and to bring our concerns with. He strongly supports parent involvement and parent voice.

Mental Health Fair/workshop: The fair was not well attended but all present agree that that will grow over time. The workshops have been well received and attended. 45 were in attendance of the first training with 100 people registered for the upcoming two events. There are few community resource books left. There will be a link on the collaborative site, and the county site.

Website: Need to determine the host for the website; Lanette will contact Carol Beckstrom to discuss the county hosting the site. Colleen is working on the site and will bring a copy of what has been placed on the site to our next meeting. The site will include pictures, links, mission, agendas and minutes, statute

Lanette has revamped the brochure. Council members provided feedback. Lanette will make changes and then give to Carol Beckstrom for printing.

Bruce Miles goals: Lakeland did not receive the mental health in schools grant from the state.

Agenda items for next month: Planning session for work plan for next year. Social Services would like us to have a plan of action with measurable outcomes and goals.

Because of the conference in the cities, the June meeting has been moved to June 18th.