

Local Advisory Council
June 18, 2008
Minutes

Members Present: Lanette Krinsky, Chair/Parent Representative; Monica Engelstad, Access of the Red River Valley; Dawn Tommerdahl, Clay County Collaborative; Kathy Johnson, Clay County Public Health; Deb Jendro, Federation of Families; Karla Frisk, Churches United for the Homeless; Kristin Phillips, Head Start; Carol Beckstrom, Clay County Social Services; Shawna Croaker, Dakota Medical Foundation; Carolyn Strnad, Treasurer/Secretary/Parent Representative;

Lanette called the meeting to order. Updates included information on an upcoming book club event June 23rd, sponsored by the Collaborative; a legislative summary packet, discussion on recent item of interest on the Fargo Commissioner's meeting in respect to Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch proposal to open a facility; Federation of Families activities including a picnic on June 26th and a rummage sale on August 16th. Donation for the rummage sale can be dropped off at Deb's office. Dawn reminded everyone, that she can pass on any event information to Collaborative workgroups via email. Terri Rose will be working with Head Start staff on Sept 3rd/4th. Discussion on whether or not to arrange a 0-3 training while she is here.

Approval of May 14 meeting minutes (Kathy/Dawn) amend financial report. County has given us \$1000 this year; clarification on MACMH conference information – mental health coordinator shifted his perspective on how he viewed mental health in respect to brain development and the impact on mental health disorders. Minutes approved with amendments.

Financial Report: Funds were received by the county and deposited in the checking account. Balance of \$845. Expenditures this month: \$155 to assist Lanette to attend the MACMH conference; Motion by Dawn/Monica to spend up to \$25 to purchase checks for the account. Motion approved. Motion by Dawn/Kathy to budget the following amounts: \$400 for education; \$100 for supplies; \$150 for training; \$150 for information/marketing; \$200 for miscellaneous. Motion approved.

No old business

New business: Carolyn requested that the LAC consider co-sponsoring an event with the Collaborative and the Mental Health Association. Event will occur on September 16th at Lakeland Mental Health Center. Motion Shawna/Monica. Motion approved.

Surveys: Carolyn will contact Bryan Hanson to collect their surveys. Dawn has distributed the surveys with her flex funding mailing. Will compile for next month's meeting.

May Mental Health Fair/Training event report: Evaluations were good for the events, a 3.4 average out of 4. The workgroup will meet in January to begin the process of planning next year's event. The grant goes until June. The advisory board meet and has set Sept. 23rd as the summit. Let Shawna know if you have someone that should be invited. They would like to invite city and county officials. The newsletter will be out soon. You can sign up on the website to receive it electronically. Head Start will be pairing up with Dakota Medical to bring Dr. Togaaed in for a workshop that will be open to the public. Date is Oct. 17th.

Brain conference is August 12 – 14. Registration is currently being accepted.

Website: Kerry was not in attendance. Carol will check on the county hosting the site, we should check with other counties to see how they do a website.

Brochure: Lanette will get to Carol for printing.

Recognition of Kathy Johnson for her work with families through the PCA programs. She will be retiring on August 8th. Dawn will talk to Miriam, who will be taking over Kathy's job to see if she will be attending the LAC meetings in the future. Dawn questioned the licensing for doctors, do they need to have a separate license in Minnesota and one in North Dakota?

Carolyn and Dawn reported on TECHR Conference: Children at Risk. Dr. Dikel was the featured speaker. He spoke about the process of diagnosing a child, the use of medication, how the systems create barriers, the diagnostic assessment, and the MN statutes which we operate under. Nicole Names from Social Services is working on bringing Dr. Dikel to our area to speak to providers and parents.

Bruce Miles goals: Lakeland did not receive the school based mental health services grant. We will need to look at this program and determine what we can do without a grant. Dawn will reconvene the group after the new superintends are in place. Crisis grant – Carol reported that Ottertail, Wilkin, and Clay Counties are working on a mobile team. They had their first meeting with the other grantees. Contracts are being drawn up to sign. This grant will allow for an expansion of the current crisis program so that families not served by case management. A mental health professional will supervise the on call workers who can go into the home to de-escalate. The goal is to keep the child in the home and to prevent hospitalization. Public Health has requested funding from the collaborative work groups to increase the child find program.

Next meeting: review survey results. Gather information for the townhall meeting, identify possible training needs.

Next meeting: July 9th, 8:30 am.