

LAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

8:30 – 9:30 am

Family Service Center

Members present: Kristin Phillips, Lakes and Prairies/Head Start; Beth Zimmerman, Connecting Families First, Mobile Crisis Unity; Lanette Krinsky, Parent Representative/Chairperson; Miriam Dahutak, Clay County Public Health; Karla Flisk, Churches United for the Homeless; Carolyn Strnad, Parent Representative/Treasurer/Secretary;

Lanette welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes from the April 8th meeting were approved as written (Beth/Miriam) Agenda for today's meeting approved by consensus with the addition of three items: changes in PCA service, State Advisory Council letter, and summary reports from those attending MACMH.

Financial Report: \$1413.55. Income included our 2009 assistance from the county at \$1000.00. Expenses included \$27.57 for material for the resource fair, and \$100 in mileage stipend to Lanette Krinsky to attend MACMH.

New Business:

Follow Along Program: No report

Connecting Families First: Ottertail received its first crisis call. The team learned quite a bit of information on the program from that first call and so some paperwork changes will be made as a result. There is some discussion on combining the adult and children's services so that they can share staff. There is still a need for practioner. No date yet on when Clay County will launch their site.

Mental Health Fair: The fair and first training were well attended. We would like to expand our information at the table for next year. Two more training sessions will occur this month.

Website: No report. Lanette and Carolyn will work on this over the summer

Commissioners meeting: Lanette and Carolyn presented the book gift to the County Commissioners during their April 21st update. Information presented to the Board included our work plan, May Mental Health activities The Commissioners were pleased with the report. We were asked for suggestions and comments on current programming and where funds should be going. We will go back in the fall and update them on our work plan goals as well as hopefully show them the website that will be developed.

5 Year Work plan: Carolyn and Lanette will work on this over the summer and bring a draft to our September meeting.

Other:

PCA services: Carolyn shared information on the possible cuts in PCA services to kids. There may possibly be a change in the eligibility criteria which could potentially result in children not qualifying for those services. The state has some one time money that will be made available to fill in that gap but the funds are limited. Miriam will be attending a Region 4 meeting and will bring back any information she receives on this subject.

State Advisory Council sent out a letter to our LAC to inform us on the additional support that will be made available to us through a grant held by the MN Mental Health Association. The grant will include workshops and technical support. The State Advisory Council continues to see a need and has a goal of strengthening the voice of the LACs around the state as well as strengthen the partnership that the council has with local LACs. The group discussed having Kathy Jefferson come this fall to meet with us to talk about the role of the LACs and information on the future of children's mental health services from DHS perspective.

MAMCH: Lanette attended the annual children's mental health conference. Some of the workshops she attended included: I use to be a good mom; Youth thrive; one on ADHD; and Solution focused practices. The attendance at the conference was down.

Kid Count: Lanette attended the annual Kid Count meeting. She reports that Clay County had improved overall in its numbers of children in out of home placement, child abuse, and youth arrested for serious crime. The numbers were up in the areas of living in poverty, food support, and free and reduced meals.

Next meeting is June 10, 2009 at 8:30 in Room 2 of the Family Service Center