

## **Clay County Collaborative Governance Board Minutes**

*Wednesday, 21 September 2011      3:30 – 4:30 p.m.      Courtyard by Marriott, Moorhead*

*In attendance:* Mark Altenburg (City of Moorhead), Barry Bergem (Lakes Country Service Coop), Lisa Bortnem-Wiser (Hawley ISD #150 & REACH), Mark Haugen (REACH), Wayne Ingersoll (Clay County Commissioners), Janine Trowbridge (Barnesville ISD #146), Jerry Waller (Clay County Commissioners), Dawn Tommerdahl (Collaborative Coordinator)

*Administrative Group:* Donna Atherton (Arc West Central), Donna Baker (Lakeland Mental Health), Shelly Carlson (Clay County Attorney's Office/Victims' Rights), Heidi Davies (Clay County Attorney's Office), Lynne Kovash (Moorhead ISD #152), Lanette Krinsky (parent representative), Michelle Lawson (Clay County Attorney's Office), Joe Pederson (Lakes and Prairies Community Action), Jodi Puhalla Neumann (REACH), Carolyn Strnad (parent representative), Lori Ward (Lakes and Prairies Community Action),

*Programs/work groups:* Josh Arvidson (Truancy Intervention Program, The Village Family Service Center), Amy Ebert (REACH), LaRae Goeden (Truancy Intervention Program, The Village Family Service Center), Sally Lauritsen (Reentry Services Project/Clay County Probation), Mike McMullen (Reentry Services Project/Clay County Probation), Nick Larson (Truancy Intervention Program, The Village Family Service Center), Michael Ochoa (Truancy Intervention Program, The Village Family Service Center), AJ Schuler (Family Support Models, The Village Family Service Center), Meg Shulstad (parent representative, School-Age Disabilities work group), Tom Thoreson (facilitator of group for fathers of young children, Clay County Public Health), Jessica (Jensen) Wrenn (Truancy Intervention Program, The Village Family Service Center)

*Guest:* Deb Jendro (North Dakota Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health)

Board chair Mark Altenburg called the meeting to order. He welcomed the group and we did a round of introductions. Minutes from the 4/27/11 meeting were unanimously approved (Jerry/Barry). No changes were made to today's agenda and it was unanimously adopted. (Janine/Lisa)

Mark Altenburg gave certificates to people representing each of the Collaborative's partner organizations. Dawn shared some statistics about the number of families and/or children some of our non-profit partners serve.

Administrative Group chair Carolyn Strnad gave certificates to each of the FY11 program staff:

- Churches United for the Homeless family case manager: Karla Flisk (not present)
- REACH family support worker: Jessica Claeys (not present)
- Clay County Public Health – dads group facilitator: Tom Thoreson
- Family Support Models: AJ Schuler
- Restorative Justice: Charles Kaspari (not present)
- Reentry Services: Sally Lauritsen & Mike McMullen
- Truancy Intervention: Michael Ochoa, LaRae Goeden, Jessica (Jensen) Wrenn, Josh Arvidson, Nick Larson

Dawn gave certificates in recognition of parent representatives

- Lanette Krinsky
- Kerry Larson (not present)
- Meg Shulstad
- Carolyn Strnad
- Karen Swanson (not present)

In addition to certificates of appreciation, program staff and parent volunteers received a \$25 (or more) gift certificate to one of the following:

- Altony's (Dilworth)
- Buffalo Wild Wings (Moorhead)
- Castle Rock Supper Club (Hawley)
- Usher's House (Moorhead)
- The Village Inn (Moorhead)

Dawn handed out certificates in recognition of individuals who donated considerable time to Collaborative work groups

- Shawna Croaker – Children's Consultation Network (not present)
- Deb Jendro – North Dakota Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health

Dawn mentioned other community partners who contributed significant time to collaborative work groups:

- MSUM: Several staff people have attended the Substance Abuse work group.
- NDSU – Department of Criminal Justice: Even though the contracts for evaluation of the Reentry Services Project and the Restorative Justice Program have ended, Dr. Tom McDonald faithfully attends the RSP/RJ advisory group and RJ work group.
- ShareHouse – Wellness Center: Several staff people have regularly attended meetings of the Substance Abuse work group.

Recognition of the Collaborative and all of the support it provides to Clay County children & families: Attendees counted the number of pennies at their tables. One person from each table brought the pennies to the front and poured them into a large bowl while highlighting a corresponding number of Clay County children represented by that number. A total of 2596 pennies were collected. Dawn noted that Collaborative programs touched 2899 Clay County children, 21% of the "birth to 17 years" age cohort according to the 2010 census.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Following the meeting, Governance Board members met to set the date for their next meeting. They also confirmed the sector representatives to the Board of Directors (which will meet next spring):

Government: Mark Altenburg	alternate: Wayne Ingersoll
School: Janine Trowbridge	alternate: Lisa Bortnem-Wiser
Non-profit: Lisa Bortnem-Wiser	alternate: vacant

**Next meeting of the Governance Board:** Wednesday, April 25, 2012, 3:30 p.m., location to be announced

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Tommerdahl  
Collaborative Coordinator