

PACT 4 Early Childhood Committee Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2008
Willmar, MN

- I. Rick Loseth, (PACT 4) Joanna Struck, (NL/S Early Childhood) Peggy Starz, (ACGC Early Childhood) Jodi Wambeke (Willmar early childhood programs), Diane Winters, (Meeker County Public Health), Mary Kay Sinner (Renville County Public Health), Cindy Louwagie (Countryside Public Health), Lynette Braun (PET), Donna Henning (Heartland Head Start), Wendy Walz (Litchfield early childhood programs)
- II. Rebecca Warpula to record and report.
- III. Minutes: MTA Cindy, Mary K 2nd Minutes
- IV. Agenda
Additions to agenda Countryside will be presenting on a need they have
- V. MTA Peggy, Rick 2nd
- VI. Updates:

A. Incredible Years- Jodi reported on the many classes that are starting in Kandiyohi County. There was discussion about the purchase of Incredible years Infant Toddler purchases. Kandiyohi has purchased it. Diane reported that Meeker County Public Health has purchased it as well. She says that Heather Ziehl or Pam Miller would have that information on what was purchased. Rick Loseth encouraged us as we are using the material and can justify needing material.

Prime West Grant is coming out and will look at writing the grant for materials. To include materials and training; Mary Kay said that anything they get from Prime West can only be used with Prime West members. Renville & Meeker are Prime West members. Discussion centered around how to make the grant application applicable to Prime West's requirements. We talked about the need to make the grant bigger in order to include the materials

Rick reminded us that there might be an IC training coming up through the Southwest Initiative Foundation. Discussion centered around the challenges of holding a training and how to open it up to agencies who would be interested in the training and how it would fit a PrimeWest funding source.

Moving forward, we need to survey our partners to see who would be interested in training; we need to pull some data together to add to the grant.

Diane reminded us that the Prime West grant timeline is November. We will use the October meeting in Granite Falls to write the grant. Members are asked to come to that meeting with info to include: potential trainees; if you have done classes in the past bring numbers of attendees and evaluations. If members can, please ask families now who attended a class in the past to give you some antidotal, longitude information.

B. Coalition Updates

Willmar: Working on Fire Station Event Tuesday Oct 7th. Working with Litchfield for a Childcare training. Mapping early childhood contacts in Willmar with pictures of the places that serve families with young families. Resource book in a map form.

Meeker: Diane recalled that Meeker will not be joining Willmar for the child care training. Web site is in progress, Vehicle night on Monday, September 15th, Car Seat information with public

health helping. A run and romp in October focusing on music, inviting families to join the group. They are working on getting involvement from the Chamber and other community members.

C. Brain Conference Planning

Rick and Rebecca report on the keynote & the breakouts. The brochure will be available by the October Meeting. The conference is on Thursday, November 13.

D. Review 2008/2009 Time Line

November Incredible Years

January- Kindergarten Transition

Second Step Training October 3rd @ 1:00 in Cosmos. CCRR has full steps of the materials to check out to childcare providers etc. Register through Heartland.

E. Cindy reported on Countryside talking to us about the Bush Grant that they have secured. The grant is about children's mental health and how the grant will effect the services they provide. They would like to come to the October meeting (Linda Norland) and talk to us about that grant.

F. Peggy reminded us about the pilot program on home visiting sites from the MDE.

G. SAMHSA has a possible grant for graduated programs from their granting system.

We were given a tour of the Rice Dental clinic.

Our next meeting will be October 8th at 10:00am in Granite Falls, prior to the Full Collaborative meeting.