

Full Collaborative Meeting
Wednesday, September 8th, 2010; 11:45 am to 1:45 pm
Kandiyohi Co. Health & Human Services Building; Willmar, MN

Present: Ann Orren, PACT 4 YM Co. Chemical Health Coalition Coord
Ann Stehn, Kandiyohi Co Public Health Director
Anna Tensen, Shelter House Youth Advocate
Annie Tepfer, PACT 4 Renville Co. Coalition Coord.
Ben Larson, Goodwill/Easter Seals-Americorps
Bob Tews, Cedar Mt. School Superintendent
Cathy Nelson-Messer, Heartland Head Start
Char Erickson, PACT 4 Wraparound Coordinator
Charles N. Oakes, West Central Industries Inc. Executive Director
Cheryl Loge, Litchfield School Social Worker
Chris Sullivan, Renville County
Christie Kurth, Willmar Area Food Shelf Director
Christine Hilbert, Willmar Comm. Ed. & Rec. Child Guide Coord
Debb Sheehan, PACT 4 Director
Diane Winter, Meeker Co. Public Health Director
Dick Larson, Kandiyohi County Commissioner
Elaine Bolland, Harmony Visitation Center Coord
George Dubie, Greater MN Family Services Director
Greg Schmidt, MACCRAY School Superintendent
Greta Smolnisky, PACT 4 Juvenile Justice/Mental Health Grant Coord
Gwenn Garcia, PACT 4 Guía Grant Coord
Jamin Johnson, The Resource Ctr Program Mgr
Jean Stranberg, Heartland CAA
Jill Bruns, Renville County Public Health Director
Kim Hanson, Woodland Centers Unit Director
Laurie Bliss, Yellow Medicine County parent
Linda Mathiasen, PACT 4 Birth to 5 Grant Coord.
Linda Senst, McLeod County Public Health
Lisa Kraft, Hutchinson Schools Director of Special Svcs.
Loren Hacker, Canby School Superintendent
Lynette Braun, Rice Hospital PET Program Coordinator
Mary Kay Sinner, Renville Co. Public Health Family Health Sprvsr
Naomi Mahler, The Link
Pam Lukens, Lester Prairie Schools
Paul Carlson, New London/Spicer School Superintendent
Pete Van Der Puy, Central MN Christian School Superintendent
Phyllis Jenkins, Heartland Community Action Agency
Rick Loseth, PACT 4 Families Supervisor
Ron Kutzke, Meeker Co. Commissioner
Sally Belgium-Blad, PACT 4 Evaluation Specialist
Sandy Pederson, Renville Co. Public Health Nurse
Sarah Ackerman, Western Mental Health Center Director
Sharon Blumke, Heartland Head Start Family Svcs
Sharon Hendrichs, Kandiyohi Co Corrections Probation Agent
Shelly Huseby, Goodwill/Easter Seals Mission Svcs Mgr
Susan J. Smith, Willmar Schools Special Ed Coord
Tammy Thompson, Meeker Co. Probation Director
Tricia Buggs, PACT 4 Kandiyohi Co. Community Circles Coord.
Virginia Sullivan, Renville County parent
Wendy Walz, Litchfield School Early Childhood Prog.

1. Approval of Minutes

Loren Hacker offered a motion to approve the July minutes as presented; Gwenn Garcia seconded. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Agenda

Dick Larson offered a motion to approve the agenda as written; Cathy Nelson-Messer seconded. Motion carried.

3. Committee Reports

a. Executive Board – the audit is complete and things are going well. The board will have a retreat tomorrow to discuss who PACT 4 is, what is impacting us, and what we will/should “look like” in the next five years. Debb reviewed the LCTS state claiming process and how she has been exploring how it all works. The social service directors in all four counties met and decided on a unified, more-friendly definition of “at risk of out-of-home placement” for the purpose of qualifying kids for the Time Study. We’re hoping it has a positive impact. Renville County has been awarded a five-year Drug Free Communities grant, which will begin October 1st, 2010. Yellow Medicine also applied for a grant but was not funded. We will assist them in applying again next year. One difference between the drug-free grant and the current grant is that the drug-free one will also target tobacco use.

b. Adolescent Services Committee – talked about a future focus for the committee, which is: youth who need mental health resources and how to prevent stigma. At the next meeting members will bring resources and brochures.

c. Early Childhood Committee – spent a lot of time talking about 2010/11 goals. The committee heard a Birth to Five grant update, and that the referral process from APMC doctors to public health contacts is working so well that they will expand the use of the ASQ-SE tool to the New London clinic, and then hopefully to other counties. The West Central Tribune recently carried an article about the grant as a front-page feature. The group discussed *The Way I Feel* book and the possibility of using grant funds to buy some to use as outreach/marketing tools. The meeting finished with a discussion about young children and their transition to an elementary school setting, and how to replicate what Mary Kay Sinner in Renville County is doing to address this transition.

d. Elementary/Middle School-Age Committee – the committee would like to recruit more active partners and have more intentional recruitment at the schools.

e. Wraparound Committee – working on a survey for partner agencies to determine how much Wraparound is being used

and the awareness of it. Upcoming trainings include a December 3rd orientation training, and a January 21st skills training, with the focus on empowering youth to be involved in Wraparound and how to make teams as productive as possible.

- f. Parent Advisory Committee – finalized plans for a parent training on October 11th on issues relating to guardianship. Greta Smolnisky will be presenting. The PAC is hoping to use the training as outreach or promotion of the committee. Information is in September’s newsletter and will also run in October.

4. Speed Networking

A structured, organized networking activity, called Speed Networking—modeled after the speed-dating concept – was used to gain as much information about each other in as short a time as possible. This activity took up the bulk of the meeting and many positive comments were given about how helpful it was.

5. Other

a. Upcoming Trainings/Workshops:

1. Boundaries and Ethics Workshop, October 20th, call Shawna at PACT 4 register.
2. Greater Minnesota Family Services’ 14th annual training, featuring Mike McGrane and focusing on domestic abuse and the impact on the family, October 21st, registration information is on their website.
3. PACT 4’s 9th annual Brain Conference, November 16th, brochures will be available in October.

b. Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 13th at Project Turnabout in Granite Falls.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Shawna Steffen, PACT 4