

**Early Childhood Committee Meeting**  
October 8, 2008  
Granite Falls, MN- Project Turnabout Building

I. Welcome and introductions

Diane Winters (Meeker County Public Health), Mary Kay Sinner (Renville County Public Health), Cindy Louwagie (Countryside Public Health), Mary Jungurith (Countryside Public Health), Wendy Walz (Litchfield EC Programs), Rebecca Warpula (Dassel/Cokato EC Programs), Rick Loseth (PACT 4), Donna Henning (Heartland Head Start), Chery Johnson (Kandiyohi County Public Health)

II. Approval of the 9/10/08 Minutes; Motion-Rick Loseth, Second-Mary Kay Sinner; Carried

III. Approval of the agenda; Motion-Chery Johnson, Second-Wendy Walz; Carried

IV. Countryside Public Health Presentation: From Mary Jungurith:

The mental health service needs in the rural area:

1. Under identification of children birth to five with mental health needs
2. The lack of mental health providers to serve these children
3. On going support for families and providers as they travel though the process of treatment.  
How to communicate what mental health is and support those in needs. That mental health and physical health will be treated on the same plane, removing the sigma, seeing the parallel between the two.

Bush Foundation Planning Grant Information: March 2008-2010 Bush Planning Grant, two year planning grant \$105,000. Five Counties of Countryside. Feel like project SUCCEED.

Grant emphasis is how to improve the social, emotional health children birth to age 5 in five counties: Swift, Chippewa, Lac Que Parle, Yellow Medicine and Big Stone. It has to be a collaborative effort between community organizations, mental health providers, schools, public health, Head Start, all who are working with children.

How to improve the social emotional lives of children birth to five. Thursday, Nov. 20, 2008 will be the initial meeting with Terrie Rose, PhD, LP, who will present for two hours in Montevideo. From this meeting there will be a steering committee formed. Members of the steering committee will be providers, partners, and parents in that area.

Former SUCCEED folks could offer consultation in a "panel" discussion of sorts.

Rick will commit to attend the meeting on 11/20/08 as a PACT 4 Early Childhood Committee member. Cindy Louwagie will be on the Steering Committee for that project.

V. Incredible Years Work Session:

Time was spent on a PrimeWest Grant application for materials and training for our Incredible Years work as community partners. We will continue that work at our November meeting.

Our next meeting will be November 12 in Willmar at 10:00am.