

**Parent Advisory Committee**  
**September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008; 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**  
**Kandiyohi County Area Family YMCA; Willmar, MN**

Present: Char Erickson, PACT 4 Wraparound Coord.      Linda Hocum, Kandiyohi County parent  
Debbie Gerrety, Renville County parent              Rosa Eddy, Kandiyohi County parent  
Gayle Dean, Kandiyohi County parent                Suzanne Wordes, Kandiyohi County parent  
Karyl Mooney, Renville County parent                Virginia Sullivan, Renville County parent  
Laurie Bliss, Yellow Medicine County parent

1. Approval of Agenda and August minutes  
Motion by Sullivan, second by Mooney. Motion carried to approve the agenda.
  
2. PACT 4 Updates  
Stipends: reviewed the policy approved by the Executive Board with one change: parents will receive \$20 for attending the Parent Advisory meetings until further notice. Char read Debb Sheehan's memo to this effect.  
  
Committees: looked at the flow chart of committee structures that have been approved by the Board. Char gave copies of minutes from other committees to those interested. These are also on the PACT 4 website.  
  
Guía: off to a good start with three of the four staff hired.
  
3. PAC Issues  
Welcome letter/packet: Sherry Kenney is working on this and was unable to attend this meeting. Discussed ways to ensure that new parents are welcomed (give history of discussion items, give welcome packet, everyone greet them, etc.)
  
4. LAC Updates  
Kandiyohi County LAC has been active and has provided good input to the County Board, with results (child psychiatrists hired at Woodlands, for example.) They compiled a resource manual for the county. Char is compiling a list of meeting dates/times of LAC's in the four counties. There's a LAC conference in October. Reviewed the functions and purposes of LAC's.
  
5. Training/Activity Updates  
NAMI Minnesota – Parent Education on Evidence-Based Practices in Children's Mental Health: several across the state in upcoming months.  
  
Brain Conference: November 13<sup>th</sup>.  
  
Greater Minnesota's annual training – October 16<sup>th</sup>.  
  
Wordes brought up having the PAC sponsor a training on overcoming barriers to having good working relationships between parents and professionals. She will bring information on this to the next meeting. Discussed doing this in place of the parent retreat (would be for parents).
  
6. Next meeting – October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 6:00 pm at the YMCA.
  
7. Adjourn  
Motion by Bliss, second by Wordes. Motion carried.

*Minutes submitted by Char Erickson*

*MISSION: "To be the voice of all parents / caregivers in the four-county area of Kandiyohi, Meeker, Renville and Yellow-Medicine and to share that voice with PACT 4 partners"*