

Parent Advisory Committee
October 13th, 2008; 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Kandiyohi County Area Family YMCA; Willmar, MN

Present: Alvaro Patino, Guía Grant Coordinator
Char Erickson, PACT 4 Wraparound Coord.
Debbie Gerrety, Renville County parent
Diane Moots, Kandiyohi County parent
Gayle Dean, Kandiyohi County parent
Karyl Mooney, Renville County parent
Kelly Roschild, Kandiyohi County parent
Laurie Bliss, Yellow Medicine County parent

Linda Hocum, Kandiyohi County parent
Mike Kenney, Renville County parent
Polly Peters, PACT 4 Family Liaison
Rosa Eddy, Kandiyohi County parent
Sherry Kenney, Renville County parent
Suzanne Wordes, Kandiyohi County parent
Virginia Sullivan, Renville County parent

Agenda Items / Topics for Discussion:

MPLN speaker on parent / professional relationships
LAC updates – have flyer
School-linked mental health presentation
Flyer for new members

Discussion:

? Mooney made a motion to approve the September minutes; Roschild offered a second. Motion carried. Mooney made a motion to approve the Agenda; Dean offered a second. Motion carried.

? Karen Urban and Kim Hanson from Woodland Centers presented the school-linked mental health program. Practitioners will be based in the participating schools, under the supervision of a mental health professional. The program is designed to co-locate mental health services/resources within the school setting. Brochures and referral forms were distributed.

? Guía grant was explained by Alvaro Patino. This grant targets Latino youth ages 14-22 who are at risk of using chemicals or experimenting/actively using. Referral forms are on the PACT 4 website.

Action Taken / Recommendations:

? Motion by Gerrety to use Parent Advisory Committee fundraising dollars to help parents attend trainings related to mental health. Wordes offered a second. Motion carried. Parents will access available scholarships first. Char will develop a form.

? MPLN speaker Carolyn Nava presents a training on maximizing parent / professional relationships. Wordes will find out costs and availability. Parent Advisory Committee can apply for a discretionary grant if desired. Gerrety reminded the group to optimize and utilize presenters in our PACT 4 network, such as PACER, etc.

? Char passed out a flyer with information on county LAC's that operate in our 4-county service area.

? Fundraising cookbook topic was tabled because Slaughter was not present at meeting. More recipes have been requested though. Can be sent to PACT4 office and they will be forwarded to Slaughter.

Training Needs Identified:

? Brain conference – November 13

? Greater MN Family Services Reactive Attachment Disorder Training – October 16

? Autism Workshop – November 11, 12

? Aspergers/Social Behaviors – November 6

Future Agenda Items / Unfinished Business / Topics for Further Discussion:

? Welcome flyers – thanks to the Kennneys for their help with this. Approved by committee. Erickson will bring to the Executive Board for their approval. A "family guide" will also be given to new members.

? Clarified new policy for those who were not present last month. Questions about coming/leaving late to committees – what is "too late/early"? What about circumstances out of control? Erickson to follow up. Heartland Community Action Agency has a policy that if you arrive / leave 15 minutes early or late you do not receive a stipend.

Highlight Three Items to be Shared at Full Collaborative / Items to be Brought to Executive Board:

? Questions about arriving to meetings late or leaving early (Heartland's policy is 15 minutes late or leaving early, stipend is not given)

? Looking into "parent/professional relationship" training with Carolyn Nava, MPLN

? Committee decided to use fundraising dollars to help parents attend workshops/trainings related to mental health.

Next Meeting Date / Location / Time

Monday, November 10th at 6:00pm at the Kandiyohi County YMCA in Willmar.

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"