

PACT 4 Families - Adolescent Services Committee
Wednesday, October 13th, 2010; 10:30 am to 11:45 am
Project Turnabout; Granite Falls, MN

Present: Chris Sullivan, Renville County
Loren Hacker, Canby School Superintendent
Lynette Braun, Rice Hospital PET Prog Coord
Pete Van Der Puy, Central MN Christian School Supt

Tammy Thompson, Meeker Co. Probation Director
Tricia Buggs, PACT 4 Restorative Justice Coord.
Virginia Sullivan, Renville County parent

Agenda Items/Topics for Discussion:

- Mental resources and stigma/bullying
- Speakers
- Grief counseling

Discussion:

- Lynette talked about youth who continue to struggle with mental health, health insurance, getting advocacy, and financial help. Youth are using resources but sometimes not getting continuing help. Schools and teachers could use more in-service clock hours to empathize with them. PACER will soon have a video about transition services on You Tube. Committee members would like to have it shown at a PACT 4 meeting.
- Tricia suggested speakers be available in May for Mental Health Awareness month and the committee could help promote the event. The NAMI support group will be utilized to work with them on finding speakers for schools. NAMI has a sigma busters campaign that is very useful. Lynette will attend the next NAMI meeting and report back to committee.

Future Agenda Items/Unfinished business/Topics for further discussion:

- More speakers; focus will continue with stigma and connecting youth to resources

Highlight Three Items to be shared at Collaborative meeting/brought to Board's attention:

- Discussed mental health resources for youth to access
- Discussed connecting with NAMI's local support group
- Committee is planning speakers for schools for in-service and lyceums to help reduce mental health stigma

Next Meeting Date/Location/Time:

November 10th, 2010 / Renville Co. Office Building in Olivia / 10:30 am