

PACT 4 Families – Elementary/Middle School-Age & Adolescent Services Committees – Joint Meeting
Wednesday, December 8, 2010; 10:30 am to 11:45 am
Kandiyohi Co. Health & Human Services Building; Willmar, MN

Present:

Anna Tensen, Safe Avenues Youth Advocate	Jennifer Plagge, MACCRAY School Social Worker
Brian Skogen, Canby/PACT 4 School Social Worker	Karen Norell, YME School Principal
Cheryl Loge, Litchfield School Social Worker	Kim Hanson, Woodland Centers Unit Director
Chris Sullivan, Renville County	Lynette Braun, Rice Hospital PET Prog Coord
Christine Hilbert, WCER Child Guide Coordinator	Tricia Buggs, PACT 4 Restorative Justice Coord.
Debb Sheehan, PACT 4 Director	Trisha Sheehan, U of MN Extension Educator
Ian Graue, PACT 4 21st Century Grant Coord.	Virginia Sullivan, Renville County parent
Jamin Johnson, West Central Industries: TRCP	Wendell Veurink, Greater MN Family Svcs In-Home

Agenda Items/Topics for Discussion:

- Combine groups vs. Executive Board's needs/wishes

Discussion:

- Lack of direction for both committees; Executive Board position: using SHARE data, derive a focus, board can give some direction on focus areas. Does an age range for youth need to be identified?
- Idea: Crisis Response Teams
- Jamin spoke about grants they have and need/desire not to overlap

Action Taken/Recommendations:

- Continue as two separate committees – renamed, recommendation from Executive Board
 - School age = safety/bullying – outside of school more likely to communicate
 - Adolescence = alcohol drug of choice; youth perceive parents less likely to care if using alcohol, compared to cigarettes or other drugs; violence; anger; suicide
- Merge as one large combined committee with Executive Board approval, and subcommittees take on projects (bullying, school connectedness, etc.)
- Leaders/facilitators, and secretary need to be chosen at next meeting

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

- Name new committee (5-25)
- Choose chair/vice-chair
- Choose secretary/vice-secretary

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

- Decide to continue as two separate committees or combine into one, pending Board approval
- If combining, subcommittee can choose SHARE data areas to focus on
- New name could be: 5-25

Next Meeting Date/Location/Time:

January 12th, 2011 / Renville Co. Office Building in Olivia / 10:30 am