

PACT 4 Bulletin

PACT 4 FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE SERVING KANDIYOHI, MEEKER, RENVILLE AND YELLOW-MEDICINE COUNTIES

Full Collaborative Meeting Notice

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Wednesday, February 14, 2007

Max's in Olivia

Children's Mental Health Collaboratives: Meeting the needs of Children and Families

Excerpted from the Minnesota Department of Human Services

Children's mental health collaboratives were created to reduce fragmentation in the children's mental health system and enhance funding flexibility for agencies serving children with severe emotional disturbances. The findings of this report are that the three major contributions by collaboratives to the children's mental health system have been:

- Increased funding flexibility
- Increased family and community involvement
- Increased cross agency planning and service delivery, in particular between the county and schools.

Children's mental health collaboratives are primarily involved in the development of community-based interventions and have played a role in increasing flexible funding for these interventions. Overall, human services funding for children's mental health services in the last decade has increased funding for community-based interventions. This has gone from 14 percent of the total human services funding for children's mental health in 1991 to 43 percent a decade later. Collaboratives have set up integrated funds that are non-categorical, flexible pools of funding for children's mental health services; they have increased the flexibility of existing funds.

Children with emotional disorders and their families frequently seek services from many agencies since no one agency offers all the services they need. As families go from agency to agency, services may be duplicated and care becomes fragmented. Children's Mental Health Collaboratives offer families an alternative through a local, integrated system of care providing a cohesive array of services.

Thousands of children benefit from collaboratives services

Currently, 43 Children's Mental Health Collaboratives serve families in 51 counties in Minnesota.

Collaboratives provide integrated systems of care

Collaboratives provide both formal and informal care while building on communities' strengths to provide better services to children with emotional disorders.

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The focus of this month's *Bulletin* is that of training, past and present. As I reflect on the long list of training opportunities PACT 4 has offered over the years, it is in juxtaposition with the culmination of the legal issues that have over-shadowed our organization for the past six months. It is a matter of education and experience.

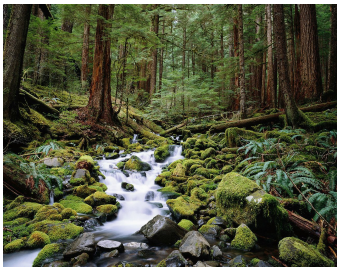
Effective training imparts not only a way of doing, but also a way of thinking. A well-trained person, when faced with a problem, should be able to respond quickly and wisely. In all cases, a training program needs to match the broader goals of the organization. One of the very positive aspects of PACT 4 Families Collaborative is the focus on training. PACT 4 has placed a real emphasis on training, whether it is to offer assistance to families working through the issues of "the system" such as in the PACER offerings, to provide information on the best clinical or educational approaches such as training on new curriculum or therapeutic interventions, or the more diverse aspects of the mind through the five annual brain conferences. And, when it comes to the issue of sustainability after a grant has run its course, there is nothing more important than the people who have benefited by new skills and approaches learned through the training aspects of the grant. We are seeing this now with the enduring aspects of the SHARE grant and Chemical Health grants of PACT 4.

Experience might not necessarily be the "best" teacher, but it almost always results in the most enduring lessons. After the experience of an investigation in our office, we are relieved that the issue of wrongdoing by the former PACT 4 director led to a plea agreement rather than a long drawn out trial. There will be some follow up related to restitution, but most people are breathing a sigh of relief. This experience has led to a belief that our auditors and law enforcement agents are hard working, diligent public servants; that the wheels of justice are sound, and that the public's interest has been served. Not only was a costly trial averted, but the fact that restitution is a priority is to the advantage of our local government and limits the damage to our agency and its reputation. It has been an experience that one hopes to never repeat, but offers an opportunity for clearing the decks and starting anew.

As we look to the future at PACT 4, I am sure we will continue to see education as an important priority. When we think of supporting education, we think of children and the future of our society. When I think of the mission of PACT 4, nothing could be more central than children, knowledge, and a healthy future for all.

PACT 4 Families Mission

"As a collaborative we will work together to reduce duplication and provide a family-driven continuum of quality, innovative, and cost-effective services for children and their families. These services will be culturally sensitive and strength-based."



What questions do YOU have about Wraparound?

WRAPAROUND TRAINING Char Erickson, Coordinator

Research has shown that Wraparound is most effective when there is community “buy-in.” Looking at the current national trends, I have found several agencies partnering with faith-based communities and corrections agencies to maximize the full potential of wraparound.

With this in mind, we are always looking to update and improve our Wraparound trainings. Recently, Rick Loseth and I were asked to present a two-day Wraparound training, “Begin with the End in Mind,” to a new System of Care site based in Monticello, MN. Included in this training was a parent panel and a mock Wraparound meeting, both of which were well received and (according to feedback) helpful to the trainees. This training has become the foundation for our Wraparound Skills Training. We continually look at for ways to make the trainings more beneficial.

Over the past year, sixty individuals received Wraparound training. In an effort to get everyone on the same page, the Wraparound 101 and annual Refresher course were combined, with the Skills Training as a separate six-hour day. I also brought the trainings to various agencies on several occasions when there were enough interested participants.

Trainings are now being held mostly at the Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building. The 101 training is an interactive Power-Point presentation for anyone interested in eventually facilitating Wraparound teams,

being a good team member, or simply wanting to know more about Wraparound. The Skills training is a 6-hour follow-up for those who have had the 101 and want to facilitate teams. This also includes a Power-Point presentation, a parent panel, and a mock Wraparound meeting. The parents who have presented at our panels have done an excellent job, maintaining a balanced approach as they tell their stories. Feedback tells us that most trainees left feeling energized into action by their stories.

The Refresher training again includes a Power Point discussion, looking at what research tells us and how to overcome some of the barriers to effective Wraparound. **Annual refresher training is necessary for those accessing Wraparound funds.** It is also available for those simply wanting an annual “update” on what is new in Wraparound, both nationally and in our community. And yes, there are some new things to report!

What questions do YOU have about Wraparound? In both the 101 and Refresher trainings, we look at some of the common questions that surface as we examine the Wraparound philosophy. Some of these questions have no easy answers, but it is worth our time to delve into them, since research has shown that Wraparound is becoming more recognized as a “best practice” form of service delivery.

For more information contact Char Erickson, 320-235-8907.



County supervisors are now asked to sign Wraparound expenditures before payment is made.

Updated Guidelines on Wraparound Dollars

Wraparound dollars *will* be available in 2007! They are being allocated to counties on a proportionate, per capita basis. While most of the criteria and procedures for accessing Wrap dollars remains the same, there are some changes.

As was the case last year, each of the four counties “owns” their pot of money designated to Wraparound dollars. **County supervisors are now being asked to sign Wraparound expenditures before payment is made.** This will provide accountability and collaboration between all parties. Facilitators will ask their supervisors to sign the forms before turning them in. As before, the original white copy will go to the county designee, the pink copy to PACT 4, and the yellow copy kept for the facilitator’s records.

If there is no county supervisor involved, the expenditure will be approved by the Wraparound Coordinator and Program Supervisor and paid through a Reserve Fund, maintained by PACT 4. This Reserve Fund consists of 5% of each county’s allocation of Wraparound funds.

If you have questions about this, please feel free to contact myself or Janae Langhoff. Please have supervisors start signing expenditure forms at this time. Thanks for your cooperation!

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Parent Trainings and Retreats Debbie Gerrety, PRIDE 4 Liaison

PACT 4 has offered several trainings in the past to parents in collaboration with other agencies.

- PACT 4 recently partnered with NAMI to bring “Advocating for your Child,” which addressed the issues of talking to your legislators, your child’s teacher, family and friends. Sue Abderholden, Executive Director for NAMI-MN, provided information on the legislative process, how to effectively contact elected officials and how to organize for change.
- PACT has also partnered with PACER Center and had Renelle Nelson update parents and professionals on IDEA changes in a training titled “IDEA 2004 and Positive Behavioral Interventions”. The revised Special Education Law, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act has an enhanced emphasis on positive behavioral interventions for children with disabilities. The workshop included what IDEA 2004 says about meeting behavioral needs, understanding behavior, using the functional behavior assessment and developing positive behavioral interventions.

- In the past, PACT 4 has been able to send parents to a 3-day Children’s Mental Health Conference held every spring by MACMH (Minnesota Association for Children’s Mental Health). Due to budget constraints that is no longer possible. Parents have decided to raise money through the PAC, Parent Advisory Committee, so that the parents can still continue to attend and learn from this important conference.
- Several parents in our PACT 4 counties are a part of the MPLN, Minnesota Parent Leader Network. MPLN has training opportunities for parents in the way of diversity training and their annual Summit for parent leaders to attend. The Summit offers the unique opportunity to network with other parent leaders from around the state.
- Woodland Centers’ Family Liaisons host a “Families For Families” Support/Informational group. The Group meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month and the location varies from county to county depending on the speaker. Flyers are posted throughout the communities, or call Woodland Centers for topics and locations at 1-800-992-1716.



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There are admirable potentialities in every human being. Believe in your strength and your youth. Learn to repeat endlessly to yourself, ‘It all depends on me.’

SOCIAL SECURITY WORKSHOP

Social Security for Transition Age Youth (16-25). A Social Security representative will speak about programs for transition-age youth. Among the topics: the difference between Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), what the “Ticket” program involves and what “PASS” means for young adults. This workshop is open to all

parents and young adults.

Monday, March 26, 6:30pm - 8:45pm (Willmar) KCHHS Building in the basement meeting room.

This workshop is brought to you by PACER Center and PACT 4 Families Collaborative.

HOPE FOR RECOVERY WORKSHOPS - NAMI

Hope for recovery is a free, one-day, interactive workshop that offers families and individuals information, hope and practical strategies for dealing with the complexities of mental illness. Participants learn:

- specific information about mental illnesses such as depression, anxiety disorders, bipolar disorder and schizophrenia;
- Information on treatments, including medications and psychotherapies;

- Strategies to use when people don’t believe they are ill;
- what to do in a crisis situation;
- About recovery;
- About the mental health system and local resources.

Registration for the workshop is requested. Call Shelley at 651-645-2948. Litchfield, Meeker County Family Services Building, 9am to 3pm.

PACT 4 Has Sponsored Five Brain Conferences



The Community Conference on the Brain, in its fifth season this past November, is an excellent example of what - as a community - we can do to share expertise and information. The annual conference focuses on brain research and all forms of implementation. Local experts share what they have been studying in breakout sessions and how this research can be applied to creative ventures, therapy and everyday interventions. Keynote addresses have included How Media Affects the Brain, the Infant Brain, and more. This opportunity provides a low-cost, local, professional training with certificates of attendance for continuing education credit for professionals and parents. Generous donations come in each year

to help sponsor the Community Conference on the Brain which highlights collaboration at its best. Willmar Public Schools donates the space to hold the conference, Affiliated Community Medical Centers sends staff and financial support, Jennie-O has donated turkey for the brain powered buffet and many others support this effort. More than 250 people attend each year including numerous volunteers and an awesome planning committee.

Plans for 2007 are shaping up for November 13 with the theme of depression. I hope you will attend.

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“SHATTERED” 5th Connect with kids video training

Shattered: is the extraordinary story of one night that changed lives forever. A drunk young woman was speeding and out of control when her jeep smashed head-on into another car, killing the driver and seriously injuring herself and three others. On this special are interviews with eyewitnesses who called the police as they watched the drunk driver weave through traffic and then crash. Also included is their 911 call before, during and after the accident. There is also police video and

still photos from the scene, interviews with the drunk driver, her boyfriend and family, footage in prison, as well as interviews with the family of the man who was killed. It is difficult to imagine a more compelling story about the tragedy of drinking and driving. March 14, 2007 Kandiyohi County Health and Human Service Bldg., Multi Purpose Room, 10:30am

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Family Needs

I have a family I'm working with that needs a twin size mattress. If you can help, please contact Diane Helgeson at 320-235-8936.

I have two families with separate needs. A family is looking for a computer desk; another for a playpen. If you can help please contact Char Erickson at 235-8907.

I am looking for four to five single beds with mattresses and four to five dressers for a large family that moved to Willmar on short notice. Contact Annette Tiffany, Willmar Jr High School Worker tiffanya@willmar.k12.mn.us

There is an early childhood family in our district with very little. In this message is a description of some needed items. Here is the ages, ideas, etc. for the family that I chatted to you about for possible donation.

- Girl 32 months - ideas: board and paper books, simple inset puzzles (with and w/o pictures behind), magna doodle, matching color/picture games, variety of toys (dolls/trucks, duplos, etc.). We did bring out a Memory Game.
- Boy 14 months - ideas: board books, blocks, farm/animals, switch pop-up toy. Please contact Tammy Dicke at 693-2436.



What have you done today to prevent poverty?



January Full Collaborative Highlights

Marcy Heemeyer, the Regional ATOD Prevention Center Coordinator from Project Turnabout, gave a Power Point presentation entitled "No Money-No Problem - What Really Makes a Coalition Rich." The information Marcy presented was timely, as the 4-county Meth Advisory Committee has lost funding from PACT 4 and is struggling with funding activities and projects.

"What should the dollar range be?", "Currently the limits are \$1500 and \$3000 - should these amounts continue or be changed? If so, what should they be?", and "If you were the decision maker, what types of requests would you give the highest priority to fund? What would be the lowest priority or not fund at all?"

The working PACT 4 committees gave updates of their most recent meetings.

The working committees of PACT 4 will be re-evaluated, to look at structure, goals and direction, and the information will be brought back to the Executive Board.

(Note: for complete meeting minutes, please contact Shawna Steffen at PACT 4.)

A Discretionary Grants exercise was conducted with those present to ask for input about the types of requests to prioritize for funding under this category. The exercise included:

Hope doesn't come from calculating whether the good news is winning out over the bad. It's simply a choice to take action.

-Anna Lappe

CHEMICAL HEALTH GRANT UPDATES

"Be the Change" is language used in describing two training events coming up in February. "Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol (CMCA)" is a training series being offered in both Renville and Yellow Medicine Counties beginning in February. The purpose of the training is to help communities strategize ways to reduce the amount of alcohol and other drug used by youth. It provides the chance for a wide cross section of community members coming together to better understand the issues influencing alcohol use, and more importantly, develop strategies that will work in their communities.

the business community, educators, county officials, law enforcement, the medical community, social services and anyone else who is concerned about youth alcohol and drug use to get involved. This is a great opportunity for residents in Renville and Yellow Medicine counties to "be the change" and help make a difference. The dates for each are:

Renville County
February 7 and 8
April 11 and 12
June 13 and 14

Contact Alicia Spencer to register:
Phone: 320-523-3845
Email: alicia_s@co.renville.mn.us

Yellow Medicine County
February 19 and 20
April 5 and 6
May 21 and 22

Contact Renee Brandt to register:
Phone: 320-669-1460
Email: renee61@frontiernet.net

By Rick Loseth, Clinical Supervisor

The trainings are offered as part of the Chemical Health grants taking place in Renville and Yellow Medicine Counties, with funding through the State Department of Human Services, Chemical Health Division. CMCA training is evidence-based, meaning it has been able to show effectiveness in reducing alcohol use in communities across the country. The six-day training is spread over three months. The time frame between the days provides for participants to put discussion into practice and work at developing effective strategies. The training is intended for ALL members of the county – it asks for youth, parents,



CMCA stands for "Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol."

The Olweus program is a school-based program designed to prevent or reduce bullying in students age 6 to 15 years old. The program attempts to restructure the existing school environment to reduce opportunities and rewards for bullying. All school staff, not just teachers, are largely responsible for introducing and implementing the program. Their efforts are directed toward improving peer relations and making the school a safe and positive place for students to learn and develop.

Although intervention against bullying is particularly important to reduce the suffering of the victims, it is also highly desirable to counteract tendencies for the sake of the aggressive student, as bullies are much more likely than other students to expand their antisocial behaviors. Research shows that reducing aggressive, antisocial behaviors may also reduce substance use and abuse. Kickoff weeks for the five school districts will occur in January and February.

In August 2006, five school districts receive training for the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. This makes eight school districts in the SHARE Project area that will have the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program in their schools. The Minnesota trainer, Alana Freidman, believed all the school

districts will do a great job implementing the program. She said they all worked very hard, were great to work with and had lots of enthusiasm. She appreciated the opportunity to work with the staff from each school.

Training about when to take action for suicide and depression among students is available to teachers. This training is provided by mental health professionals from Woodland Centers, Western Mental Health Center, Lutheran Social Services and Greater Minnesota Family Services. The presentation is one and a half to two hours long and can be scheduled at the convenience of the school staff. It covers: what is mental health, stigma, symptoms of depression in elementary aged and middle-high school students, suicide warning signs in elementary aged and middle-high school students, teachers' roles, resources and treatment. This training will meet the mental health training requirement. Contact Janice Madden at 320-231-7032 if you want training for your school.

By Janice Madden, SHARE Coordinator

Braness Reaches Plea Agreement on Criminal Complaint

The criminal action against the former director of PACT 4 has been in progress under the direction of the Kandiyohi County Attorneys Office. The case had been scheduled for trial on November 21, 2006. A few days before that date additional charges were presented expanding the time frame to include alleged criminal activity in 2004. The trial date was then moved back to give everyone additional time to prepare.

The trial was set to start on January 15, 2007 in Willmar. On the morning of the 15th the parties reached a tentative plea agreement. The court suspended the trial and directed the parties to return on the 16th to proceed with a plea agreement or the trial.

The next day, Ms. Braness presented guilty pleas to 3 of the 5 counts charged. Ms. Braness presented her plea as an Alford plea. Under this procedure Ms. Braness did not provide testimony admitting the facts of the crimes and instead testified that she believed that the evidence against her would be sufficient for a jury to find beyond a reasonable doubt that she was guilty of committing the crimes stated in the three counts.

The judge has ordered the preparation of a pre-sentence investigation. The report will summarize the crime, the im-

pact upon victims, information about Ms. Braness including personal data, personal history, education and employment history, criminal history, chemical use, mental health, her version of the facts and her attitude. The report concludes with sentencing recommendations.

Each of the counts carries a maximum penalty of ten years imprisonment and a \$20,000 fine but it is the sentencing guidelines that provide the framework for sentencing. The pre-sentence investigation report will provide a criminal history score, an offense severity level and the guideline sentencing range. The guidelines will also provide some direction on whether the sentences for the three counts should run concurrently or consecutively and whether there should be any departure from the normal guidelines sentence. At sentencing the prosecution and the defense will present arguments to the judge and the judge will then determine the sentence. A hearing on the sentencing has been scheduled for February 21.

The court will also be holding a restitution hearing. At this hearing the court will take up the issue of what amount Ms. Braness should be required to pay to reimburse victims for losses she caused by her actions.

By Tom Kramer, PACT 4 Attorney

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Governor Pawlenty's Budget Proposal January 22, 2007

According to Governor Pawlenty's budget proposal set forward on January 22nd, there may be reason for optimism for some important initiatives that impact children and agencies in the PACT 4 Collaborative. Below are some of the key elements noted from his proposal as highlighted by the Minnesota Department of Finance.

Mental Health Initiatives

Mental health services and infrastructure will be improved by implementing the recommendations of the Minnesota Mental Health Action Group (MMHAG), a public-private partnership that began in 2003 to take concrete action to improve the state's mental health system. The Governor initially proposed this set of improvements in the 2006 legislative session. The Mental Health Initiative is a comprehensive reform to the mental health system. Below are highlights of the proposal:

Consistency - Creates a consistent mental health benefit set across all public health care programs.

Integrated network - Increases the proportion of clients whose mental health services are provided through an integrated network that coordinates an individual's mental health care, physical health care, and social service needs.

County Case Management

Recognizing the state-local partnership in delivery of effective human services, \$40 million of one-time funding is provided from federal TANF balances to help counties and tribes deal with federal funding reductions. This will help preserve core child welfare, mental health, and vulnerable adult protection services.

K-12 Education

The K-12 Education budget provides state aid to school districts for elementary and secondary schools, as well as funding for early childhood education, libraries, community education and operating funds for the Department of Education, the Residential Academies for the Blind and the Deaf in Faribault, and the Perpich Center for Arts Education in Golden Valley. The Governor's budget for K-12 Education increases state spending by 7.7%, or \$986 million, compared to the last budget, and \$760 million (5.9%) over the forecast base.

Resources

NAMI Minnesota suggests the following organizations as excellent resources regarding advocacy on behalf of children's mental health:

Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
1101 King Street, Suite 420
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 684-7710
www.ffcmh.org

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
Colonial Place Three
2107 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22201-3042
(703) 524-7600
www.nami.org

National Mental Health Association
1021 Prince Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-2971
1-800-969-6642
www.nmha.org

The Children's Defense Fund
25 E Street NW
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 628-8787
www.childrensdefense.org

Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
1101 15th Street NW, Suite 1212
Washington, DC 20005-5002
(202) 467-5730
www.bazelon.org

UPCOMING WRAPAROUND TRAININGS

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WRAPAROUND 101: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE PHILOSOPHY AND PROCESS

Friday, February 2, 2007

9:00 – 11:30 AM

Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building

Room 2057

This is a power point presentation on the ten philosophies of Wraparound, what is new about Wraparound in our community, and how to get started facilitating a team

For: Those interested in facilitating Wraparound teams, being a good team member, or just wanting to know more about Wraparound in general

WRAPAROUND SKILLS TRAINING: “BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND”

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building

Room 2057

This training deals with how to facilitate effective teams and what research tells us about Wraparound. Training includes a parent panel and a mock Wraparound meeting. Lunch is provided.

For: Those who have had the 101 training and are interested in facilitating teams and/or having a more extensive knowledge of Wraparound

WRAPAROUND REFRESHER TRAINING

Friday, March 16, 2007

9:00 – 11:30 AM

Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building

Room 2057

This is a power point presentation examining the barriers to effective Wraparound and offering some solutions, and looking at what is new about Wraparound both in our community and nationally.

For: Those who have had the 101 training and/or those who have had both Skills and 101 training. Annual Refresher is necessary for those accessing Wraparound funds.

To register for any of these trainings, call Shawna at 235-8938

Questions, call Char Erickson at 235-8907

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