

Parent Advisory Committee
November 10th, 2008; 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Kandiyohi County Area Family YMCA; Willmar, MN

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

Linda Hocum, Kandiyohi County parent
Linda Nelson, Kandiyohi County parent
Lindsay Cutinella, Woodland Centers Mobile Crisis
Polly Peters, PACT 4 Family Liaison
Rosa Eddy, Kandiyohi County parent
Sherry Kenney, Renville County parent
Virginia Sullivan, Renville County parent

Agenda Items / Topics for Discussion:

Minutes and Agenda – approval
Woodland Centers' Mobile Crisis
PACT 4 Updates
LAC Updates
Budget / Fundraising

Discussion:

- ? Mooney made a motion to approve the October minutes and November Agenda; Roschild offered a second. Motion carried.
- ? Mobile Crisis: Lindsay Cutinella presented the program: screening, eligibility, and purpose. Brochures were distributed.
- ? Guía grant update was given by Patino. Many referrals have come in. The staff are helping youth learn to avoid negative behaviors/drug and alcohol use; and helping with family unity.
- ? Stipends: decided it is not necessary to determine what is "too late/too early" for meeting attendance, unless this becomes a habitual problem. Tabled for now. Parents will try to honor this policy.
- ? Budget Update: \$1,129.00 in the bank. Discussion on fundraising policies – Char and Alvaro to follow up.
- ? Welcome flyers complete.

Action Taken / Recommendations:

- ? Moved to form a "Training Scholarship Committee" to go over requests for funds for trainings. Romosz, Hocum, and Sullivan, with Roschild as an alternate volunteered. Committee will have the authority to review training requests and decide on the amount to be awarded.
- ? Julie Slaughter is still requesting recipes for a cookbook; however, Committee would like more information on how this project is going, etc.

Training Needs Identified:

- ? Char has drafted a sample "Training Request Form". She will distribute it at the next meeting.
- ? Parents wished there had been reduced fees for the Brain Conference for parents. However, scholarship fund could help with this need in the future. Char will try to ensure that parents receive flyers and information about trainings, even if they're on the mailing list.

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

- ? There is a lot of confusion about the fundraising projects, leading to a discussion about checking into the legality and policies for this. Char and Alvaro will follow up with Debb Sheehan and Executive Board.
- ? Heard update about the LAC conference from Romosz and Hocum. County updates: Kandiyohi meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm; Yellow Medicine meets the second Tuesday of each month at noon; Renville is meeting via email; no update from Meeker. Will continue to get monthly updates
- ? Brief discussion on applying for a Discretionary Grant to purchase books on children's mental health for Parent Advisory Committee "library". Would need to house the library somewhere, perhaps at PACT 4? Romosz to follow up.

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

- ? Researching fundraising policy for committee; what is in place, what should be reviewed, added, etc.
- ? Sub-committee to review training scholarship forms (using fundraising dollars for scholarships)
- ? Decided it's not necessary to determine what is "too late/too early" for meeting attendance.

Next Meeting Date / Location / Time

Tuesday, December 02, 2008 at 6:00pm at the Kandiyohi County YMCA in Willmar. Char will send letter with the information.

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"