

**PACT 4 FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE
EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 10, 2010**

Present: Cindy Louwagie, Countryside Public Health; Wendy Walz, Litchfield Early Childhood Programs; Jodi Wambeke, Willmar Early Childhood Programs; Deb Spaeth, Prairie Five Childcare Resource & Referral; Chery Johnson, Kandiyohi Public Health; Sandy Peterson, Renville County Public Health; Mary Kay Sinner, Renville County Public Health; Diane Winter; Meeker County Public Health; Rick Loseth, PACT 4; Linda Mathiasen, PACT 4

- I. Approval of the minutes—motion for approval by Diane; second by Jodi.
- II. Approval of agenda—motion by Jodi; second by Chery.
 - a. Recorder—Linda; Reporter—Wendy; Facilitator—Mary Kay
- III. Old Business—Goals
 - a. Week of the Young Child—supporting county and school-based events
 - b. Full Collaborative Presentation—Decision to host a community café. The topic will be on early childhood, specifically “How can you support a parent with a defiant child in a public setting.”
 - i. **Assignment:** Deb to follow up with additional information. See appendix.
 - ii. **Assignment:** Rick to check on Full Collaborative schedule (Feb or Mar).
 - c. Universal Contact/Family Visiting through Public Health—LCTS grant applications are posted to the PACT 4 website. An informational meeting will be held following the Full Collaborative meeting on December 8. Question posed was which survey should be used—PACT 4’s or MDH’s?
 - i. **Assignment:** Chery to contact Joanie regarding data collection.
 - d. Joy in the Journey—what is its future?
 - e. ECFE—supporting families needing assistance with young children. The group felt the ASQ-SE screening helps achieve this goal. Further implementation of the referral process for children with elevated scores is needed. Discussed the need for ASQ-SE screening to be included in all ECFE classes or children coming into contact with ECFE programming. Refer to 4.i below.
 - f. Childcare—supporting families needing assistance with young children. Goal to inform childcare providers of the various community resources where children can be screened for social-emotional development. The three-hour childcare training created through the Birth to Five grant was approved by the Center for Professional Development and is now being coordinated by CCR&R. This course does include community resources.
 - i. ECFE—Is there possible funding for re-instating ECFE’s mentoring to childcare providers? Dassel-Cokato has a program.
 - ii. Public Health—Public health nurses conduct monthly visits to licensed childcare centers. However, these meetings are paid for by the centers and routinely focus on licensure requirements/mandates only.
 - g. Grandparents—educating grandparents on updated social-emotional information. Initial ideas are to include grandparents with Incredible Years classes and encouraging teen moms to invite grandparents.
 - h. Community Café—Hosting one of these around early childhood mental health is a goal. A trial café will be conducted during a Full Collaborative meeting in early 2011.
 - i. Sustain the Birth to Five Grant—continue to find opportunities for communication and sharing of information between ECFE, Public Health and Mental Health. December 8’s session will be the kickoff.

Mission Statement: “To enhance early childhood mental health services in the 4 counties.”

- IV. Birth to Five Grant
 - a. Referral form for physicians—Referral forms have been customized for each county and distributed to ACMC. ACMC will be responsible for implementation.
 - i. Together the committee generated a list of all medical clinics in each county. The list has been submitted to the PACT 4 Executive Board. (See attached).
 - b. Referral form for Schools/Help Me Grow—Referral forms have been customized for each county. Public Health will be distributing these forms to school/Help Me Grow contacts. The form has been modified from the physician’s referral to include a statement that the family has consented to receive a call from Public Health.
 - i. **Assignment:** Public Health Nurses to distribute ASQ-SE form to schools and Help Me Grow.
 - c. Mental health/early childhood professionals conversation/bridge building session to be held at 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 at the WEAC building in downtown Willmar (611 5th St SW). Flier attached. RSVP to Shawna at PACT 4.
 - d. ACMC is continuing to distribute books to children during well-child visits. Dr. Joe Vogel is the contact for suggesting a social-emotional book at the 18-month ASQ:SE screening.
 - i. **Assignment:** Linda to provide a list of books.
 - e. Willmar Early Childhood is partnering with Woodland Centers to host an intensive ECFE class for five to seven children with a mental health diagnosis. It will follow a traditional ECFE class with parent education and run for ten weeks. Cheryl Iverson and Kerri Hogan are teaching; Dr. Thurber and Nancy Hood from Woodlands are coordinating. Sessions began on November 15.
 - f. Prime West contacted Linda in regard to Birth to Five grant. A meeting is scheduled for December 3 to share information and goals of the grant.
- V. Partner update
 - a. MNAFEE hosted a workshop on challenging behavior on November 19 in St. Cloud.
 - b. Brain Conference was November 16 in Willmar.
 - c. **Next Meeting: December 8 at 9:00 a.m.** Mental health/early childhood professionals conversation/bridge building session 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 at the WEAC building in downtown Willmar (611 5th St SW). Flier attached. RSVP to Shawna at PACT 4.

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