

Parent Advisory Committee
November 8th, 2010; 5:30 to 7:30 pm;
Kandiyohi County Y; Willmar, MN

Present:

Char Erickson, PACT 4 Wraparound Coord.	Linda Hocum, Kandiyohi County parent
Debbie Gerrety, Renville County parent	Linda Nelson, Kandiyohi County parent
Diane Moots, Kandiyohi County parent	Mike Kenney, Renville County parent
Elizabeth Wersal, Renville County caregiver	Polly Peters, PACT 4 Family Liaison
Gayle Dean, Kandiyohi County parent	Sheila Bliss, Renville County parent
Karyl Mooney, Renville County parent	Sherry Kenney, Renville County parent
Laurie Bliss, Yellow Medicine Co. parent	Virginia Sullivan, Renville County parent

Agenda Items / Topics for Discussion:

- Scholarship committee updates and policies
- Plan for December meeting
- Goals for 2011

Discussion:

- Karyl made a motion to approve the September minutes; Laurie seconded. Motion carried. Laurie made a motion to approve the agenda. Karyl seconded. Motion carried.
- It is Sheila Bliss' last meeting before moving to Iowa, we wish her the best. PACT 4 updates: we did not receive the implementation grant for the JJ/MH initiative. However, planning committees are looking at ways to carry out plans without the funding. It appears McLeod County will be joining the collaborative in 2011.
- PAC updates: the guardianship training was well attended and received. Discussed having a policy for stipends for presenters who do not charge (see below).

Action Taken/Recommendations:

- Discussion on "thank you" gift cards for volunteer presenters. Decided we need to consider it on an individual basis, but decide in advance what it will be. A guideline is \$25.00 per hour, in the form of a gift card of their choice.
- December meeting – decided to order chicken and have potluck. Bring a salad or dessert to share and a white elephant gift for exchange.

Training Needs Identified:

- Heard update on Greater Minnesota's training on "House of Abuse" attended by Debbie and Sheila.
- Brain Conference (Nov. 16, 2010) registrations due Wednesday. Karyl and Sherry are interested in attending MACMH and will carpool and share lodging if they go.

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

- Began discussion on 2011 goals: want to host another parent training, assimilate McLeod County parents into the collaborative parent network, and perhaps pursue making a DVD.

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

- PAC is ready to assist in assimilating McLeod County parents into our parent network.
- Guardianship training was a big success: about 30 attended, most parents who don't attend the PAC.
- PAC is identifying goals for 2011 (host another training, make a DVD).

Next Meeting Date / Location / Time

December 13th, 2010 training, 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Y – bring a salad or dessert to share, plus a white elephant gift.