

PACT 4 EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 14, 2009; 10:00
Kandiyohi County Health & Human Services

Members Present: *Donna Henning—Heartland Head Start, Lynette Braun--PET, Ed Downey—PACT 4, Irene Schwartz—Dassel-Cokato Early Childhood, Rick Loseth—PACT 4, Mary Kay Sinner—Renville County Public Health, Peggy Starz—ACGC Early Childhood, Jodi Wambeke—Willmar Early Childhood, Joanna Struck—NL/S Early Childhood, Cindy Koll-Tengwall—Lutheran Social Services, Debb Sheehan—PACT 4, Wendy Walz—Litchfield Early Childhood, Linda Norland—Countryside Public Health, Diane Winter—Meeker County Public Health*

1. Motion by Mary Kay Sinner to approve agenda, second by Jodi Wambeke. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Mary Kay Sinner to approve the December 10 meeting minutes, second by Wendy Walz. Motion carried.
3. Rick updated the committee on the progress of the DHS early childhood mental health grant application which focuses on underinsured and uninsured children ages 0-5 with mental health needs. The grant seeks to increase capacity and reduce waiting lists for children referred for mental health services. Planning to utilize Lutheran Social Services to provide services. One half of the grant must be used for direct service (refer to attached handout—1/2 of grant dollars would be used for the activities in columns 1-3, remaining ½ in column 4). Newest piece of the proposal is “Linking” which is based upon the Project SUCCEED model. Funding is for two years, concerned about sustainability beyond the end the 2-year grant cycle.

Social Marketing Resources:

- DHD Developmental Wheel available through IEIC’ s
- Joy in the Journey booklets through public health
- Healthy Start Grow Smart booklets
- AAL video series

Recognition and Screening

- Discussed how to deliver training to daycare providers, appropriate sources of information, STEEP, Project SUCCEED, and how to talk with to parents
- Promote Child & Teen Checkups and list who to contact if concerns arise. Additional training/education for providers/physicians (ACMC) who have limited mental health and EAS/EAE

Home Visiting meeting with MDH 12/11/08—no report available

4. Kindergarten Transition—Jody shared a tool, one to be shared with the kindergarten teacher which lists the child's strengths and weaknesses.
5. General Updates:
 - Incredible Years—Willmar currently has a class in session, 15 families participating. New London-Spicer postponed the start of a class due to lack of participation. Discussion regarding the provision of child care during the classes when utilizing a licensed childcare provider. A less costly approach is to provide childcare through ECFE and utilizing paraprofessionals.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

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| <p><u>1-20-09</u> <u>Social Marketing</u> Overall goal is to inform parents of “normal” develop. milestones for 0-5 related to behave. and mental health issues.</p> <p>-Use existing networks- Universal Contact Joy in the Journey -develop a “package” of materials that can be given out: Michigan Devel. Wheel as a base ECFE United Way Schools Day Care Child Care Doctors Faith Community</p> <p>-Particular emphasis on info to Latino and Somali families and high mobility families</p> | <p><u>Recognition & Screening</u> Two parts: 1. <i>Training</i> -in “mental health basics” for Day Care and Child Care Providers -<i>Training</i> for other comm.. professionals who work with 0-5 age child ECFE staff ECSE School staff as approp Co. Social Serv. (CP) Head Start Others as needed</p> <p>-Training for Nurses and Doctors as needed in current philosophies on 0-5 MH.</p> <p>2. <i>Screening</i> Training is use of ASQ-SE and/or other screening tools to assist with better identification of needs to help in referral and linking process -culturally appropriate -family friendly Train staff from: School ECFE/ECSE Head Start Public Health Co. Soc. Serv. Mental Health Prof and Practitioners</p> <p>-Train Nurses and Docs in screening tool (ASQ/SE) as needed</p> | <p><u>Linking</u> Intent is to “link” families using existing staff resources to both ongoing community based supports and to more focused MH resource to address an identified concern. Existing networks: Child Find Follow Along Early Child. Screening Head Start</p> <p>Use of “Community Consultant” model to follow up with a family after a concern has been identified by parent, daycare, provider, etc. -Community Consult. would come from a pool of public health and early childhood staff already in place in each community and county. This “pool” would receive additional training and be networked through PACT 4 and a common referral process or a local set of contacts.</p> <p>-The focus of the CC is to sort out the concern and then assist the family to connect with most appropriate resource (including CTSS) to meet child’ s needs. Intent is to be relationship based and walk along side of the family to ensure connecting with comm. Resource</p> | <p><u>Resources</u> Utilize and expand what we have and fill gaps -Families could be linked with: Public Health Home Visiting Head Start ECFE classes ECSE resources Incredible Years classes Others as needed.</p> <p>Mental Health Services An expanded area under this RFP is availability of MH services for 0-5 delivered by a MH professional/prac. with training in EC mental health delivery. -Services would be covered for those under MA and families with no insurance or limited coverage would also be covered by grant \$</p> |
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