

Parent Advisory Committee
December 2nd, 2008; 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Kandiyohi County Area Family YMCA; Willmar, MN

Present: Becky Romosz, Kandiyohi County parent
Char Erickson, PACT 4 Wraparound Coord.
Debbie Gerrety, Renville County parent
Diane Moots, Kandiyohi County parent
Gayle Dean, Kandiyohi County parent
Karyl Mooney, Renville County parent
Laurie Bliss, Yellow Medicine County parent

Linda Hocum, Kandiyohi County parent
Linda Nelson, Kandiyohi County parent
Mike Kenney, Renville County parent
Polly Peters, PACT 4 Family Liaison
Sherry Kenney, Renville County parent
Virginia Sullivan, Renville County parent

Agenda Items / Topics for Discussion:

PACT 4 Updates

- Fundraising policies
- Budget
- Staff Updates

PAC Issues

- YMCA rules – time of meeting
- Chairpersons

Training Updates/Opportunities

- Brain Conference Update
- Second Harvest food distribution
- Asperger's Information
- Training Request Forms
- Survey

LAC Updates

Discussion:

? Sullivan made a motion to approve the Agenda; Dean offered a second. Motion carried. Bliss made a motion to approve the November minutes; Gerrety offered a second. Motion carried.

? Fundraising: Romosz gave an update from the Executive Board. There is discussion about the PAC being able to do fundraising from a legal standpoint, even though it has been done in the past. Debb Sheehan, PACT 4 Director, is consulting with the appropriate legal parties and will have clarification on this issue soon. In the meantime, fundraising will be suspended.

? Budget: Hocum is the keeper of the checkbook, but only Romosz and Rosa Eddy have been authorized to sign checks. Because Eddy is now a PACT 4 employee, she will need to be replaced.

? Collaborative and committees: the Executive Board is continuing its ongoing discussion having all meetings be as productive and professional as possible. All attendees of collaborative meetings are encouraged to stay for the entire meeting, barring unforeseen circumstances or scheduling that cannot be changed. After discussion about collaborative meetings, the PAC offered suggestions to change them (see below under Highlight Three Items....)

? Romosz have an update on the Brain conference. It was well attended and well received, with good feedback. There were excellent breakout sessions and speakers.

Action Taken / Recommendations:

? Nelson will replace Eddy as the other person authorized to sign checks.

? Fundraising efforts are on hold. Sullivan will inform Julie Slaughter, who has been working on a cookbook fundraiser.

? Future meeting times will be changed to 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, same day of the month, same location. This is only a problem for Bliss, who drives from Canby and cannot get to the meeting until 6:00. Committee will "not hold it against her" as the new time helps most everyone else.

Training Needs Identified:

? Training Scholarship Committee is on hold pending clarification on fundraising.

? Nelson shared information on an Asperger's training.

? Romosz is meeting with a Transition Committee in the Cities regarding the mental health needs of transition-age youth. She will keep committee updated. Some committee members whose youth benefited from the PRIDE-4 program are writing letters for Romosz to bring with to the meeting.

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

? Election of officers in January.

? Heard updates on LAC's in three of the four counties.

? Erickson will send a letter regarding the meeting time change for future meetings, and clarify with YMCA staff.

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

? PAC understands the need to suspend fundraising and will do so, until further notice.

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."

? Suggestions for collaborative meetings that would help some parents attend the entire time:

Skip individual introductions

Start meeting almost right away, while people are eating

If possible, start serving at 11:45 am since most committees are done

? Nelson replaces Eddy as authorized signer of checks. Meeting time changed to 5:30-7:30pm for all future meetings.

Next Meeting Date / Location / Time

January 12th, 2009 at 5:30 pm at the Kandiyohi County YMCA in Willmar.