

Early Childhood Committee
January 13th, 2010
KCHHSB; Willmar, MN

Members present: Jodi Wambeke, Willmar ECFP; Mary Kay Sinner, Renville Co. Public Health; Sandy Peterson, Renville Co. Public Health; Cindy Louwagie, Countryside Public Health Nurse; Linda Mathiasen, PACT 4 Birth to 5 Grant Coord.; Wendy Walz, Litchfield EC Programs; Renae Saunders, BOLD School ECFE/SR Coord.; Chery Johnson, Kandiyohi Co. Public Health; Mary Anderson, Lutheran Social Services MHP; Rick Loseth, PACT 4 Supervisor; Cathy Nelson-Messer, Heartland Head Start; Joanna Struck, NL/S EC Programs; Peggy Starz, ACGC EC Programs; Diane Winter, Meeker Co. Public Health Director

- I. Welcome and introductions
- II. Approval of November 4 meeting minutes; motion by Peggy Starz, second by Jodi Wambeke. Motion carried.
- III. Agenda approved with two additions: EC screening and ASQ-SE copyright. Motion by Chery Johnson, second by Mary Kay Sinner
- IV. Meeting Recorder appointed-Linda Mathiasen; Reporter Appointed-Wendy Walz
- V. New Chair Nominations—Cathy Nelson-Messer was nominated and accepted with the assistance of Donna Henning. She also requested a vice chair be appointed at the next meeting.
- VI. 2010 Timeline with Goals—Moved to February meeting.
 - a. Diane Winter will share past goals from her meeting minutes at next meeting.
- VII. Incredible Years Curriculum
 - a. Chery from Kandiyohi Public Health shared the new Infant Incredible Years curriculum with the group. Diane Winter also had hers available at the meeting.
 - b. Head Start has curriculum available for anyone interested in checking it out. Cathy Nelson-Messer will research which versions are available.
 - c. EC meetings are an excellent time to share how this curriculum is being used in our four counties and bring any ideas or successes in implementation.
- VIII. ASQ-SE Assessment
 - a. Screening Training/Refresher
 - i. PACT 4 through the grant will be holding a 2.5/3-hour introduction/refresher course.
 - ii. A list of school staff contacts was distributed. This list will be used to identify and invite attendees. Preliminary day seems to be Wednesdays or Fridays. Training sites will be Litchfield, Willmar and Olivia. More details to follow.
 - b. ASQ-SE Copyright
 - i. An inquiry of how many guidebooks are available within the four counties. Follow Along program has provided some as well as PACT

4's prior mental health grant, Project Succeed. More research needs to be done.

- IX. Announcement of Preschool Screening Dates
 - a. Jodi Wambeke distributed a list for EC programs to opt in to a newsletter developed and distributed by Becky Knutson and Childcare Resource & Referral. Dates of upcoming screenings will be shared with childcare providers and centers. If you are interested, contact Jodi.
- X. SHIP Funding Update
 - a. Statewide Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) is designated by county for assisting with chronic disease, physical activity and overall health including smoking and obesity.
 - i. Through county committees, plans for this 2008 funding were developed.
 - ii. Kandiyohi—Surveyed childcare providers regarding physical activity, equipment and nutrition.
 - iii. Renville—Is addressing nutrition through The Learning Funhouse in Bird Island.
 - iv. Meeker—Is working with Eden Valley-Watkins and ACGC's early childhood programs. Meeker is part of the collaborative with McLeod and Sibley counties.
 - b. Legislative speaking points have been developed and are available through Diane Winter. She will be sending them to Shawna at PACT 4 for distribution in time for Voices for Children Day at the Capitol.
- XI. Birth to Five Grant Update
 - a. Feedback from childcare provider focus groups was distributed.
 - i. A pilot training with Ridgewater College is planned for January 25. The fee is \$10 and invitations have been sent to focus group participants.
 - b. Medical Community Update
 - i. Debb, Rick and Linda presented to APMC family practice and pediatricians in December. They requested ASQ-SE training over two one-hour sessions.
 - 1. Once implemented at APMC-Willmar it will flow to other clinic sites in our four county service area.
 - ii. Family Practice in Willmar is also interested in learning about the Birth to Five Grant, screening and referral process. A date to share with MDs is pending.
 - iii. Renville County Hospitals & Clinics—Mary Kay is meeting with them on March 17 and will include Birth to Five information with them. Mary Kay will also connect with MDs and Nurses and Fairfax Clinic in March.
- XII. Important ITV Dates:
 - a. January 22: ITV Great Start ITV Consultation at KCHHSB. All are welcome.

- i. An early childhood case is presented, diagnosis and options are shared. The group strongly recommended attending at least one or two.
 - ii. Register online through TrainLink for training credit.
 - b. February 17: Lessons from the Field on Race, Culture and Children's Mental Health
- XIII. ITV Host Sites
 - a. It was agreed to cancel the ITV host site at Olivia due to low attendance and availability. Willmar will continue to host sessions.
- XIV. Partner Updates
 - a. United Way of West Central Minnesota's Empower Women's Philanthropy group is expanding to Litchfield. They focus on school readiness and childcare providers.
 - b. Heartland Community Action Head Start is hosting an Early Childhood Head Start Conversion brainstorming session on Friday, January 15 in Cosmos. This will affect the number of preschool children (3-5 years) as only so many slots are available and they want to expand to early childhood.
 - c. Willmar Early Childhood Coalition and Kandiyohi IEIC has purchased several books and resources that will be available for checkout through Willmar's Public Library.
 - d. Kids First Conference on January 29-30. Heartland Community Action is offering bus transportation to Jackpot Junction. Speakers are Dan Gartell and Dr. Terrie Rose.
- XV. No additional agenda items; meeting adjourned.
- XVI. Next meeting: Wednesday, February 10 at 10:00 a.m. in Olivia. March's meeting has been moved to Wednesday, March 3.

*Submitted by Linda Mathiasen, PACT 4
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