

Early Childhood Committee Minutes
PACT 4 Families
February 10, 2010
Renville Co. Office Building; Olivia, MN

The February meeting of the EC Committee was held in Olivia, MN. The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairperson, Becky Knudson. Welcome and introductions were made. The following members were present: Mary Kay Sinner, Renville Co. PH; Sandy Peterson, Renville Co. PH; Diane Winter, Meeker Co. PH; Chery Johnson, Kandiyohi Co. PH; Wendy Walz, Litchfield EC Programs; Deb Spaeth, CCR&R, Prairie Five; Jane Ryan, Dassel-Cokato EC Programs; Karen Trost, Prairie Five Head Start; Barb Ludvigson, Prairie Five Head Start; Becky Knudson, Heartland CCR&R; Rick Loseth, PACT 4; Linda Mathiasen, PACT 4

Wendy Walz was assigned as the designated recorder.

Wendy Walz was appointed the meeting reporter.

The minutes were approved with a motion by Wendy and a second by Diane Winter.

The agenda was accepted as proposed. There was a note in the agenda that Donna Henning was asked to be the co-chair but she was unable to fulfill the duties so Becky Knudson volunteered to do the job.

Diane Winters shared previous goals of the EC Committee. As a starting point for 2010 goals, Linda suggested focusing efforts on responding to PACT 4's Services and Resources Analysis Survey (attached) that was distributed to all committees. Linda gathered responses for the large group and it was consented that when this task was accomplished, 2010 goals would be developed.

Linda gave us an update on the ECMH grant. On Feb. 1st, 25 people (child care providers) were trained on early childhood mental health by staff from Ridgewater College. There is a scheduled training for the medical community at Affiliated Medical Center to be trained two days during their lunch time on ASQ-SE. The training will be held for the Willmar staff on March 29 and 30. They will be trained on the ASQ-SE revised (3rd edition). There is currently an electronic version of the ASQ that is available.

ASQ-SE training for early childhood professionals in schools, social workers and public health nurses are scheduled on March 19 (Olivia); April 9 (Willmar) and April 16 (Litchfield). This is a three-hour session and three contact hours will be awarded. RSVP required. Contact Linda at 320-231-7030. See attached.

Rick Loseth reported that Dr. Reed Sulik will be the speaker at the April meeting of PACT 4 which is an evening presentation.

Wendy Walz reported that a mini-resource fair will be happening during the Week of the Young Child in Litchfield at the newly renovated Meeker Memorial Hospital. This event will be on Tuesday, April 13. The EC Initiative is being asked to sponsor a musical entertainment act for the event and the Born to Read Committee will sponsor a "Reading Everywhere" event at the same time.

The next Meeting is scheduled for March 3 (a change of date because of entertainment at the full collaborative meeting). The EC Committee will meet at 10:00 A.M. prior to the full collaborative in Willmar.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 A.M. Respectfully submitted, Wendy Walz, acting Recorder (along with Linda Mathiasen's help).