

**Parent Advisory Committee**  
**March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010; 5:30 to 7:30 pm;**  
**Kandiyohi County Area Family YMCA; Willmar, MN**

**Present:** Char Erickson, PACT 4 Wraparound Coord. Kristi Giese, Kandiyohi County parent  
Debbie Gerrety, Renville County parent Laurie Bliss, Yellow Medicine Co. parent  
Diane Moots, Kandiyohi County parent Linda Hocum, Kandiyohi County parent  
Gayle Dean, Kandiyohi County parent Linda Nelson, Kandiyohi County parent  
Julie Baalson, Kandiyohi County parent Polly Ann Peters, PACT 4 Families Liaison  
Kelly Roschild, Kandiyohi County parent Sheila Bliss, Renville County parent

**Agenda Items / Topics for Discussion:**

- School-linked program update
- Services and Resource Analysis
- Planning Training event
- May is Mental Health Awareness Month
- Legislative Vision Statement

**Discussion:**

- Laurie Bliss made a motion to approve the January minutes; Kelly Roschild seconded. Motion carried. Char Erickson made a motion to approve the revised agenda. Laurie Bliss seconded. Motion carried.
- Kim Hanson gave updates on the school-linked mental health program, which is one and one half years into its three-year cycle. They are involved with ten school districts in six counties. There is a clinician and mental health practitioner based in all of these districts. Some schools have a waiting list, but they will consider all referrals. Positives include the access and availability of mental health services. A negative is that staff have less interaction with parents. They are “tweaking” the program as needed and working on sustainability.
- Char explained the Services and Resource Analysis. A couple of parents agreed to jot down some ideas. We will go over them at the next meeting, and complete the analysis as a committee.
- PAC would like to plan a special training/mini-retreat event. Ideas were tossed out. The committee agreed to have everyone bring an idea to the next meeting.
- Polly gave information on May is Mental Health Awareness month, and trainings to be offered on May 6<sup>th</sup> on juvenile justice and mental health. There will also be a ‘Walk for Mental Health’ on May 20<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by the Kandiyohi County LAC.
- PACT 4 updates: MACCRAY School District has donated some funds to the scholarship committee. The Annual Meeting & Banquet is on April 8<sup>th</sup> at The Oaks at Eagle Creek. Dr. Read Sulik is the guest speaker. There will be an LAC website available in April, with helpful information on LACs in Minnesota. The Kandiyohi County LAC meets the second Tuesday of each month at noon.
- Went over the Legislative Vision Statement and ways parents/PAC can be involved in advocating for funding for collaboratives.

**Action Taken / Recommendations:**

- Will go over ideas for the Services and Resource Analysis form at the next meeting, and complete the analysis as a committee.
- Committee agreed to have everyone bring an idea for a special training/mini-retreat to the next meeting.

**Training Needs Identified:**

- MACMH (April 25-27); ADHS Workshop (April 17); NAMI Support Group (monthly); reminder of the protocol for requesting funds from the scholarship committee.
- Fifteen are registered for the Wraparound refresher training; a parent will share her story.

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

- Services & Resource Analysis
- Legislative Vision Statement
- Planning a training event

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

- Services and Resources Analysis: just started due to the cancellation of February's meeting; hope to complete at April's meeting.
- Thanks to MACCRAY School District for their contribution to the scholarship fund.
- Looking closely at the Legislative Vision Statement and considering committee's involvement in writing letters, etc.

**Next Meeting Date / Location / Time**

April 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Kandiyohi County YMCA in Willmar. Pizza provided.