

Parent Advisory Committee
April 12th, 2010; 5:30 to 7:30 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
Gayle Dean, Kandiyohi County parent
Kristi Giese, Kandiyohi County parent
Laurie Bliss, Yellow Medicine Co. parent

Linda Hocum, Kandiyohi County parent
Mike Kenney, Renville County parent
Sheila Bliss, Renville County parent
Sherry Kenney, Renville County parent
Virginia Sullivan, Renville County parent

Agenda Items / Topics for Discussion:

- Scholarships/upcoming training opportunities
- Services and Resource Analysis
- May is Mental Health Awareness Month
- Legislative Packet – letter to legislators

Discussion:

- Laurie made a motion to approve the March minutes; Virginia seconded. Motion carried. Laurie made a motion to approve the agenda. Sherry seconded. Motion carried.
- Char and Becky gave updates on the Executive Board meeting, grants, annual meeting, Pohlad scholarships, and the PAC scholarship fund (Woodlands donated \$500).
- Becky gave an update on the status of current legislation regarding mental health, insurance, etc. There is a bill regarding services for transitional age youth, but due to the current debt there is no money attached to it as yet.
- Looked at the Legislative Vision Statement and packet. Virginia drafted a letter to legislators requesting ongoing funding for collaboratives.

Action Taken / Recommendations:

- Completed the Services and Resource Analysis.
- Approved Virginia's letter and all members signed it.
- Parent training event – Linda shared about a "first Aid for Mental Health" workshop attended by Woodlands' staff. Committee decided to look into the cost of making this available for parents/community. Becky will contact Kim Holm or Leslie Kveene.

Training Needs Identified:

- Char gave information about upcoming training opportunities.
- May is Mental Health Awareness Month: two opportunities to be involved 1) PACER training on May 6 at 7:00 pm on Mental Health/Juvenile Justice; 2) Walk for Mental Health on May 20 at 5:00pm at Robbins Island. Both are in Willmar.

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

- Writing "thank you" notes to the partners that have contributed to the PAC scholarship fund.
- Parent training event
- Scholarships for training – parents are pursuing opportunities

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

- Committee has drafted and signed a letter to legislators requesting continued funds for collaboratives.
- Committee is exploring the possibility of helping support a training for parents and the community.
- Services and Resources Analysis is completed.

Next Meeting Date / Location / Time

May 10 at 5:30 pm at the Kandiyohi County YMCA in Willmar. Pizza provided.