

Full Collaborative Meeting
Wednesday, July 11th, 2007; 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Kandiyohi County Health & Human Services Building; Willmar, MN

Present:

Maureen Mitchell, Parent RC	Amber Mitchell, Student RC
Debb Sheehan, PACT 4 Director	Laurie Bliss, Parent YMC
Brandon Stripling, elementary youth	Alicia Spencer, PACT RC Chemical Health Coord.
Char Erickson, PACT 4 Wraparound Coordinator	Amy Haugen, Woodlands PRIDE-4 Coord.
June Kahlstorf, IMPACT Mentor Program	Becky Romosz, KC parent/Executive Board member
Lynette Braun, Rice Hospital PET Program Coord.	Becky Sarsland, Willmar/PACT 4 School Social Worker
Debi Brandt, Heartland CAA Comm. Relations Director	Brian Skogen, Canby/PACT 4 School Social Worker
Wendell Veurink, Greater MN Family Svcs. Counselor	Cathy Nelson-Messer, Heartland Head Start
Kenny Turck, PACT 4 Restorative Justice Coord.	Danielle Aasen, Woodlands PRIDE-4 Coach
Janice Madden, SHARE Project Director	Dawn Chase, Western Mental Health
Debbie Gerrety, PRIDE-4 Family Liaison, PACT 4	Deb Kleven, Willmar SHARE School Liaison
Jill Bruns, Renville County Public Health Director	Deb West, Kandiyohi Co. Comm. Corrections Director
Jon Marchand, Greater MN Family Svcs Home-Based Svcs.	Dick Larson, Kandiyohi County Commissioner
Julie Slaughter, Renville Co. parent	Karyl Mooney, Renville County pParent
Virginia Sullivan, Parent RC	Rick Loeth, PACT 4 Clinical Supervisor
Kim Hanson, Woodland Centers Unit Director	George Dubie, Greater MN Family Svcs. Director
Bryan Thiery, KC Area Family YMCA Mentor Prog. Director	Jan Bjornjeld, 8 th Judicial Dst. Dispositional Advisor
Elaine Bolland, Harmony Visitation Ctr. Coordinator	Jane Remiger, Yellow Medicine Co. Commissioner
Mary Kay Sinner, Renville Co. Public Health Nurse	Jay Kieft, Kandiyohi Co. Family Svcs. Director
Renee Brandt, PACT 4 YMC Chemical Health Coalition Coord.	Jerry Brustuen, Renville Co. Social Svcs. Director
Ron Kutzke, Meeker County Commissioner	Tammy Thompson, Meeker Co. Probation Director
Wendy Walz, Litchfield Early Childhood Programs Coord.	Jonathan Entinger, PRIDE-4 Youth
Damian Woelfel, Western Mental Health PRIDE-4 Coach	Karen Houtman, The CONNECTION Youth Ctr.
Linda Norland, Countryside Public Health Director	Matt Zemler, Woodlands PRIDE-4 Coach
Lynn Bergren, Woodlands PRIDE-4 Program Supervisor	Marge Frazier, The CONNECTION Youth Ctr.
Mary Potter, Yellow Medicine Co. Family Svcs. Supervisor	Megan Davis, Shelter House Youth Advocate
Melissa Peterson, Goodwill/Easter Seals Program Mgr.	Pat Thomas, Meeker Co. Social Svcs. Supervisor
Russ Lammers, PACT 4 Evaluation Assistant	Sarah Wennerberg, PACT 4 Evaluation Specialist
Shawna Queenan, Woodlands PRIDE-4 Coach	Sherri Ziegmeier, EV/W IMPACT Mentor Coord.

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes

Karyl Mooney offered a motion to approve the June minutes as presented; Julie Slaughter offered a second. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Agenda

Diane Winter offered a motion to approve the agenda as written; Mary Potter offered a second. Motion carried.

4. PRIDE-4 Film

The PRIDE-4 grant has served over 120 youth. The film that was shown was a final draft, and shows what has been learned from implementing this grant for almost four years. It celebrates the approaches used to help youth with mental illness transition successfully to their own self-defined vision of adulthood. This film was a great tribute to all of the youth and coaches who have been involved in the program throughout the years. The purpose of the film is to help in sustainability measures and presentations. PRIDE-4 is currently in a no-cost extension year and the grant is due to run out in September. Copies of the DVD will be made to distribute to anyone who knows of grant programs available, grant agencies, insurance companies, and any other potential funders. Contact Debb Sheehan or Amy Haugen in the PACT 4 office if there are any agencies or funders that should be sent this film. One of the initiatives that PACT 4 is looking at is a research grant that is available to graduated system of care sites. A variety of ways to sustain different parts of the program are also being examined.

5. Grant Updates

21st Century Grant – Debb Sheehan reported that eight school districts have partnered with PACT 4 on this grant to provide after school and summer programming. PACT 4 has hired a half-time grant coordinator, Sally Belgum-Blad, who is the SHARE Advisor at ACGC. Sally will be on staff beginning July 23rd, and the grant officially begins August 1st. Currently, PACT 4 is working out the details with DHS regarding how the funding comes to the agency. From there, a financing plan to the schools will be formed.

Debb also reported that she met recently with Glenace Edwall at the children's mental health division of DHS. Glenace stated that she anticipates that LCTS funding would probably stabilize at this point. "More than ever we need to focus on collaboration. We've known all along that it's not about the money – it's about the clients, the kids and resources available", said Debb.

6. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Board – Jill Bruns reported that at the July meeting, the Board approved bills, approved a new member request from the Willmar Area Arts Council, received general LCTS updates, talked about the 21st Century grant, and learned that the two chemical health grants have been extended for a third year, through June of 2009. Those two grants have the potential of being funded for a five-year period. Also discussed were the three open school social worker positions, which haven't garnered a lot of applicants; and the part-time receptionist position, which *has* had a lot of applicants. The Board has begun looking at insurance options. Time was spent talking about the PACT 4 mission, who our customers are, what committee structures should be like and what kind of input they should have. As a Board, future discussions will need to involve figuring out what core things will not be given up, and the core mission and focus of PACT 4.
- b. Early Childhood Committee – Diane Winter reported that the committee talked about the recent Incredible Years classes. Janice Madden, SHARE Project Director, attended and talked about reflective consultation with Scott Harmon. Ideas were discussed on how to sustain those two activities as they are funded by SHARE and that grant will end soon. Funding was also discussed for the Joy in the Journey resource books given to families after childbirth. In response to a question, it was stated that Renville County is currently in the middle of an Incredible Years course, Kandiyohi County will begin one in August, and Yellow Medicine/Meeker counties will begin courses in the fall.
- c. Mentors Committee – Bryan Thiery reported that the committee discussed the upcoming LCTS reporting deadlines, safety background checks and the importance of them, advertising and marketing strategies. Bryan also shared that there is a box full of video tapes about mentoring that are available for distribution.
- d. Wraparound Committee – Char Erickson reported that the committee started out by sharing success stories – which is done every month. Members talked about the evaluation and measuring of wraparound teams, and the best way to accomplish that. Already developed is a wraparound team meeting satisfaction survey. These would be given out at the end of team meetings. The next tool being developed is a progress tool.
- e. Restorative Justice/Circle Sentencing – Kenny Turck reported on the Circle Sentencing training held last weekend. There were ten people that attended – four of them from Kandiyohi County. On June 19th, Kenny presented information about Restorative Justice at the Meeker County Board meeting. He has also been meeting with Kandiyohi County stakeholders about potential changes in how the circles meet.
- f. Parent Advisory Committee – Julie Slaughter reported that the committee received feedback from those who had attended the NAMI training and Salvation Army workshop that were recently held. Debbie Gerrety spoke about the training sponsored by Heartland called *Bridges Out of Poverty*, to be held on August 15th, and then wrapped up by discussing fundraising options.
- g. SHARE – Janice Madden reported that the national technical advisors completed their site visit, and seemed to be very impressed about how our area schools and agencies work together to help meet the goals of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant. They were pleased with how people are already recognizing sustainability needs. There will be a "Recognizing Youth" conference for coalitions or collaboratives that have done well in meeting the needs of youth. We have been invited to participate and can send four representatives. Attending will be representatives from PACT 4, a school, a law enforcement agency, and a public health agency. SHARE advisors and liaisons have a day-long retreat scheduled for August 1st. Jayme Ryan, BOLD advisor, will present on the SMART (Student Media Awareness and Reduction of Television) conference that she attended. The coordinating council meets on August 8th and Ed Downey will present results that the evaluation unit compiled from the spring surveys. SHARE is sponsoring a "Strengthening the Families" training on August 13th and 14th. Three schools – Canby, EV/W and GFW will receive Olweus bullying training in August.
- h. Chemical Health Coalitions-Renville/Yellow Medicine Counties – Alicia Spencer reported that an "RCW Drug and Alcohol Drug Awareness Day" was held at the end of May. The GFW area held a drug-and-alcohol-free dance in their area. A new youth group is forming in Morton, called DAFY (Drug and Alcohol-Free Youth), and they are lining up community projects to do. Next year, the grant will be sponsoring various youth trainings. On July 17th, the coalition will meet with the Renville County Board to discuss making all county grounds smoke-free. A media campaign is being planned for prevention and to get the word out about the grant and grant-sponsored activities.

Renee Brandt reported that the Yellow Medicine grant will have a booth at the county fair next week. The Coalition is bringing a "Walking the Talk" train the trainer program to the county. This is a role-modeling training, teaching parents how to talk to their kids about drugs and alcohol, and helps parents learn how to keep the relationship with their kids in a positive, role-modeling framework. A media committee has been formed to work on marketing.

7. Other

- a. Greater MN Family Services Annual Training – Wendell Veurink reported that their annual training is going to be on October 18th at the Redwood Falls Community Center. This year's featured speaker is Nancy Thomas, a parent who has

dealt with Reactive Attachment children. More information will be coming out this summer.

b. 2007 Legislative Session – Debb Sheehan distributed three “Fast Facts” handouts, which summarized a number of approved proposals approved this past session that affect human services, children and families. These are also available at www.dhs.state.mn.us.

b. Next meeting - Wednesday, September 12th, 2007 at the Kandiyohi County Health & Human Services Building in Willmar.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Shawna Steffen, PACT 4.