

**Full Collaborative Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>; 11:45 am to 1:45 pm**  
**Renville County Office Building; Olivia, MN**

**Present:** Alex Espinoza, PACT 4 Guía Coach/Coordinator  
Amber Mitchell, Renville County student  
Amy Wilde, Meeker County Commissioner  
Ann Orren, PACT 4 Yellow Medicine Co. Coalition Coord.  
Brandon Stripling, Yellow Medicine Co student  
Brian Skogen, Canby/PACT 4 School Social Worker  
Bryan Thiery, YMCA Community Outreach Director  
Carol Hutchings, Yellow Medicine County parent  
Cathy Nelson-Messer, Heartland Head Start  
Char Erickson, PACT 4 Wraparound Coordinator  
Chery Johnson, Kandiyohi Co. Public Health Asst. Director  
Chris Sullivan, Renville County young adult  
Cindy Louwagie, Countryside Public Health Nurse  
David Schmidt, Renville County parent  
Debb Sheehan, PACT 4 Director  
Debi Brandt, Heartland Community Relations Director  
Diane Winter, Meeker Co. Public Health Director  
Dick Larson, Kandiyohi County Commissioner  
George Dubie, Greater MN Family Services Director  
Greg Schmidt, MACCRAY School Superintendent  
Gwenn Garcia, WCIC/PACT 4 Guía Coach/Coord.  
Irene Schwartz, Dassel/Cokato Early Childhood Programs  
Jane Remiger, Yellow Medicine Co. Commissioner  
Julie Slaughter, Renville County parent  
June Kahlstorf, EV/W IMPACT Coordinator  
Kayla Reyerson, Western MH/Canby School Counselor  
Kim Hanson, Woodland Centers Unit Director  
Laura Eiynek, RCW/PACT 4 School Social Worker  
Laurie Bliss, Yellow Medicine County parent  
Lori Clasemann, MentorWorks Too Kinship Coordinator  
Lori Teicher, EV/W IMPACT Program  
Lynette Braun, Rice Hospital PET Program Coordinator  
Lynn Kuehn, ECHO Charter School  
Marc Robertson, Western Mental Health Program Supervisor  
Mary Kay Sinner, Renville Co. Public Health Nurse  
Maureen Mitchell, Renville County parent  
Polly Ann Peters, PACT 4 Family Liaison  
Rick Loseth, PACT 4 Families Supervisor  
Ron Kutzke, Meeker County Commissioner  
Sarah Wennerberg, PACT 4 Evaluation Specialist  
Shannon Abel, GFW School District  
Shelly Huseby, Goodwill/Easter Seals Mission Svcs Mgr  
Tammie Knick, GFW School Social Worker  
Tammy Thompson, Meeker Co. Probation Director  
Tricia Buggs, PACT 4 Restorative Justice Coordinator  
Vicki Lippert, Renville Co. Human Svcs Social Worker  
Virginia Sullivan, Renville County parent  
Wendy Walz, Litchfield School Early Childhood Prog.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Julie Slaughter offered a motion to approve the January minutes as presented; Lori Clasemann seconded. Motion carried.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Chris Sullivan offered a motion to approve the agenda; Gwenn Garcia seconded. Motion carried.

**3. Committee Reports**

- a. Executive Board – had a fiscal review; new member requests were approved for United Way of Kandiyohi County and Upper Sioux Community; reviewed committee reports and noted that they're very helpful and that the board continues to look for their involvement; learned that the Elementary/Middle School Age Committee needs more representation; elected new personnel committee representatives, Tammy Thompson and Greg Schmidt; received LCTS and other grant updates.
- b. Adolescent Services Committee – continued to work on resource lists for Meeker, Renville, and Yellow Medicine counties to put on the PACT 4 website; discussed the next printing of the crisis cards and how to best get them to parents in our area.
- c. Early Childhood Committee – discussed the birth to five-year old grant and Week of the Young Child events.
- d. Elementary/Middle School-Age Committee – finalized the School Connectedness Conference brochure; will have revisions made and post the brochure on the PACT 4 website; scheduled a conference call with Dr. Blum during the March meeting; discussed how to get the word out about mental health during May.
- e. Mentors Committee – reviewed materials that have been purchased or created with the recently-received discretionary grant; Bryan Thiery was re-elected committee chair; about 35 people attended the first annual mentor event held in January; discussed May is Mental Health Awareness month – as a committee, decided to cover topics from a parent's perspective (when they think that their child's behavior might be more than what is considered normal and what they can do next); discussed preliminary plans for a joint program summer activity.
- f. Wraparound Committee – elected Jon Marchand and Julie Slaughter co-chairs of the committee; reviewed the draft of a survey to be given to youth involved in Wraparound; Char Erickson will make the suggested changes and have management at PACT 4 approve it; discussed social marketing ideas for May is Mental Health Awareness month.
- g. Parent Advisory Committee – election of officers was tabled; received PACT 4 updates; fundraising has been put on hold due to legal issues related to it; researching a new local effort for a resource center program.

#### 4. LCTS Grant Process Update

Thirty-four grant requests were submitted. A review process will be held in March. We're still trying to find more reviewers, particularly from Renville and Yellow Medicine counties. Reviewers will be reading and scoring grants from a different county in which they live and/or work. Those who submitted proposals will need to travel to the county that is reviewing their grant to give a short presentation and answer any questions that the reviewers may have. Notices and grants to applicants and reviewers will be going out by the end of the month. The Executive Board will be receiving the final scores at their April meeting and will make funding decisions then.

#### 5. Annual Meeting Update

The meeting is on April 7<sup>th</sup> at The Oaks at Eagle Creek (formerly the Blue Heron). This year the Executive Board will be meeting the week before, so the Chief Elected Officials meeting will begin at 3:30. A social hour will be held from 5:00 to 6:00, and the dinner and program will follow. Greg Aamot, author of *The New Minnesotans*, is the guest speaker. Invitations will go out in early March and will also be available on the PACT 4 website.

#### 6. 4-County Family Needs Survey Results

In the summer of 2007, PACT 4 conducted a 4-county family needs survey. This survey is done about every three years and is sent to all households that have children enrolled in partner school districts. About 10,000 surveys were sent out, and we had a 13% return. "Information from this survey has been used for building needs statements in grants that we write", said Sarah Wennerberg, PACT 4 Evaluation Specialist. Questions cover a wide range of topics—child behaviors, parenting, mental health, financial needs, medical resources and needs, community concerns, services accessed in the last three years, known resources, demographics, and chemical use, to name a few. The surveys are completed by the parent/guardian in the household. For more information and detail on the results, contact Sarah at 320-235-8933.

#### 7. Grant Reports

- a. Restorative Justice/Circle Sentencing – there are now six Circles running in Kandiyohi County – four in Willmar, one in New London, and one in Raymond; more volunteers are needed; staff and the steering committee are looking for other grants to sustain the program.
- b. SHARE – the Coordinating Council met and discussed the upcoming SHARE survey, officially the last one of the grant; discussed the Character Education grant that Janice Madden will submit at the end of the month – this grant would implement the Top 20 Teens training in the SHARE districts; received a request from the Elementary/Middle School-Age Committee to help fund the cost of the speaker for the School Connectedness workshop, and approved the request up to \$3,500; there are social marketing dollars left in the grant, and how to best utilize these funds was discussed, with ideas including making a school connectedness video. It was decided to give the money to the schools to do their own social marketing projects. The next Coordinating Council meeting will be on April 1<sup>st</sup> at The Oaks, and the next meeting of the Advisors and Liaisons will be on March 11<sup>th</sup> at West Central Industries.
- c. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Community Center – several sites have held celebration of attendance events with incentives given to participants who attend programming at least 15 or 30 times.
- d. Guía – is going well, staff have been helping youth make a "vision board", which enables them to visualize their future, and will be used when they begin to utilize their Wraparound teams. Guía staff will present at the Minnesota Social Service Association conference in March.
- e. Chemical Health Coalitions – both counties are running new radio ads, MOST of Us® banners are up in the schools, pizza stickers have been pasted on local pizza restaurant take-out/delivery boxes, and parent forums are being planned; the first one will cover new graduated licensing laws and social host ordinances (laws that pertain to adults who furnish alcohol to minors); the coordinators will be given presentations at school board meetings and will be present at parent/teacher conferences in the schools.

#### 9. Other

- a. Next Meeting – March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building in Willmar.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Shawna Steffen, PACT 4.*