

Parent Advisory Committee
April 14th, 2008; 6:00 pm – 8:00 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
Dwight Barrick, Meeker County parent
Jaleenah Toren, Renville County parent
Julie Slaughter, Renville County parent
Karyl Mooney, Renville County parent

Kathy Willing, Renville County parent
Laurie Bliss, Yellow Medicine County parent
Linda Hocum, Kandiyohi County parent
Rosa Eddy, Kandiyohi County parent
Sherry Kenney, Renville County parent
Suzanne Wordes, Kandiyohi County parent
Virginia Sullivan, Renville County parent

Robert's Rule was suggested for the running of meeting, reminder to be respectful of others when they're talking.

1. Approval of Agenda and March's minutes
Motion by Willing, second by Wordes. Motion carried
2. Housekeeping Reminders
Gerrety spoke about a Board member speaking with her about what the purpose of this committee is. One thought is to look at grants that this group, as parents of children with mental health issues would like to bring to Board's attention.

Romosz reported that transition age kids be funded by the Tips and the PRIDE-4 model as the one they will be following from the school committee at the state level.

Parents want to give back and help prevent what they went through to help others and give them assistance. Sullivan emailed fifteen senators and got three responses for the poverty committee. Erickson to type a list of the ways PACT 4 has helped parents, and give it to the Executive Board.
3. PACT 4 Updates
Annual meeting – Bliss received an award and a standing ovation from the attendees for the letter that she wrote which was published in NAMI's newsletter. Erickson read a letter that was written by Bliss' son.

Wraparound DVD – Erickson reviewed and likes it. She hopes it will be ready to view at the next Full Collaborative meeting.

LCTS grants refresher was given and reviewed what they stood for.

Parent retreat cancelled due to low registration – how can information be marketed sooner?

Erickson distributed list of trainings.

LAC's - Kandiyohi County, May is Mental Health Month and there will be a display at the Health and Human Services Building. Renville County meets the first Monday each month – they're working on a cookbook fundraiser.
4. Fundraisers
West Central Tribune's Spring Garage Sale at the Willmar Civic Center. Committee will have a booth in the Blue Line Center. Garage sale is Saturday, May 3rd and set up is Friday from 3:00-8:00pm. Garage sale opens at 7:30 and runs until 1:00 pm. Table will need four people to help cover.
5. Adjourn
Motion by Romosz, second by Wordes. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Julie Slaughter