

PACT 4 Early Childhood Committee Minutes

January 9, 2008

10:00 to 12:00 pm

1. Welcome and Introductions

Members present: Rick Loseth, Sharolyn Peterson, Peggy Starz, Wendy Walz, Cindy Louwagie, Joan Mohs, Chery Johnson, Diane Winter, Mary Kay Sinner, Becky Knudson, Donna Henning, Lynette Braun

2. Appoint member to report to the Full Collaborative

Wendy agreed to report to the full collaborative and Chery agreed to record minutes from the meeting.

3. Approval of agenda: Motion by Sharolyn and second by Wendy

4. Approval of December 12th minutes: Motion by Peggy and second by Wendy

5. Review of and discussion of committee information sent to Rick

Reviewed the updated version of the mission statement and planning worksheet. Suggestion was made to include providing professional training as a planned outcome.

6. Prime West Community Reinvestment grant

Diane reported that she had received notice that they would be receiving a grant award for their request to fund the Joy in the Journey book for the MA clients in Renville and Meeker counties. She did not yet know the grant amount but were hopeful it was the full amount.

7. Sub committee reports

a. Books

Report from Wendy on the purchase of the book that would be given out at early childhood screenings. Discussion of possible funding sources such as Target and/or Wal-Mart. PACT 4 could be the requesting agency for the grants to allow other agencies to use their one yearly request for another project. Also discussion about which book to use. The book that was the favorite was also the most expensive. The committee will work to try to and come up with a funding source and a less expensive book from Scholastic books. The subcommittee will report back to the full committee in February.

b. Joy in the Journey

Report from Chery that the books are in to the printer. Will be spiral bound. Possibly done in 2 weeks. Rick also reported that there are boxes of the old version left. We will continue to use until gone. Spanish books are not being redone at this time as there are many boxes left.

8. Coalition reports

Donna reported on the Willmar Coalition and Heartland upcoming trainings, Bridges out of Poverty on August 25 and 26. Jodi Pfarr will be the presenter. The 25th will be a repeat of her last presentation. The 26th will be the Bridges implementation presentation. There is an autism workshop on March 4th from 7-9pm and March 5th from 9 to 4 pm in Hutchinson at Ridgewater College. Brochures should be coming out January 28th. Heartland will be having some Sparks classes which are activity-focused classes for young children

There was discussion of the Incredible Years Classes in the ECFE Model. Willmar is starting a session this month.

Reflective consultation is available through Scott Harmon for all counties. Encourage taking advantage of this opportunity. Must be collaborative effort.

Diane shared how the Nurse Family Partnership is getting started in 12 counties. They have hired the supervisors and have started taking referrals. Will be hiring more staff as the need is identified. Visiting for the program begins prenatally at 16 weeks and continues with the family through the child's second year.

Submitted by Chery Johnson, PHN; Kandiyohi County Public Health