

Pact 4 Early Childhood Meeting  
February 13, 2008

Members Present: Diane Winters (Meeker Co. Public Health); Rick Loseth, (PACT 4); Cindy Louwagie, (Yellow Medicine County Public Health); Becky Knudson, (Heartland Child Care Choices); Jodi Wambeke, (Willmar Early Childhood); Sherry Kenney, (Parent); Rebecca Warpula (Dassel/Cokato Early Childhood)

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Appoint a meeting recorder & member to report tot he full collaborative  
Rebecca Warpula-recorder, report to collaborative-Reporter
- III. Approval of the agenda,
  - MSA Jodi, Becky Knudson, all
- IV. Approval of the 1.9.08 meeting minutes
  - MSA, Rick Loseth, Cindy Louwagie, all
- V. Prime West Community Reinvestment Grant,
  - Grant approved and money received, books need to have Prime West credited in the books. Monies were enough to buy books for MA families in Renville and Meeker Counties.
- VI. Legislative discussion
  - No report at this time
- VII. Revisit 2008 goals
  - Promote professional training for the 4-county area
    - a. Keep this in our committee piece to promote and share training for the PACT area.
    - b. Shawna helps us to promote training to the members such as advertising the trainings that are taking place at the local levels within the PACT area.
    - c. Training goes with building capacity of service, the committee could help to keep the early childhood needs for training at the forefront of PACT 4.
    - d. Becky K. reported about the Southwest Foundations involvement in the Autism training she is involved in. Is it a source of funding for a training to be offered for the PACT 4 area?
  - Brain Conference
    - a. Rick shared the format of the Brain Conference. A keynote with breakouts before and after the main speaker. There has been thought of having an early childhood track. The logistics of having speakers for the break outs. They need to have brain-based information and mental health. We need to solve how that might look and how to move ahead. Becky Knudson will be removing herself from the team. We need to replace her. How might we organize that?
      - i. Suggestions:
        - 1. Carrie Fletcher from MOFAS
        - 2. Attachment Leacher clinic
        - 3. Autism Workshop at the college in March
        - 4. Sensory Integration-Henry OT

- 5. Pre-natal, post-natal mental health
  - b. Autism Workshop Coming up in Hutchinson March 4<sup>th</sup> 7-9 pm and 5<sup>th</sup> 9am-4 pm
- VIII. Week of the Young Child
  - Willmar will have their family event at the college April 14<sup>th</sup> in the evening.
  - Litchfield, not here to report.
  - Dassel/Cokato April 14<sup>th</sup> a vehicle night
  - Members are asked to bring the information about their celebrations to the March meeting or send it to Diane Winter and Rebecca Warpula so we can advertise it for the PACT 4 Community. If you have a poster you would like to have sent out via email, please send it in PDF to Rebecca by March 12<sup>th</sup>.
- IX. Incredible Years Updates,
  - a. Submit a budget to Janice Madden for approval for classes.
  - b. Eden Valley/Watkins is doing the class right now with 4 families, 7 adults.
  - c. Dassel/Cokato is IC for parenting classes.
  - d. Yellow Medicine: the Upper Sioux community families didn't like the videos, so they are not all. The material is being used but it is being adapted for the culture. There are 30 families who are interested in an IC straight Spanish class. Both adults in a family will be involved. The class will be in Granite Falls or Hanley Falls. They are waiting for confirmation on facilities. Canby also has a class. They will be offered March – April.
  - e. Rick encouraged us to get together and reflect about the IC current classes and process. March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 pm, we will have a Support and Sharing Coffee. Rebecca will ask Shawna for a reservation. Rebecca will bring refreshments. Diane will send see that a notice is sent to all trained people. (Room 2055)
- X. Subcommittee reports
  - a. Joy in the Journey Books are at the printer.
  - b. Screening Books: No report at this time.
- XI. Coalition updates
  - Willmar, Story Time on the Go, a book exchange of gently used books is in progress. Litchfield – no report at this time.
- XII. Other agenda items