

Early Childhood Committee Meeting
July 11th 2007
Minutes

Member present: Cathy Nelson-Messer-Heartland Head Start, Diane Winter-Meeker Co Public Health, Mary Kay Sinner-Renville County Public Health, Wendy Walz-Litchfield ECFE, Rick Loeth-PACT 4, Debb Sheehan-PACT 4, Janice Madden-NL/S SHARE, Chery Johnson-Kandiyohi County Public Health, Jodi Wambeke, Willmar EC Programs

Approval of the Agenda: Wendy moved to approve, second and passed.

Approval of June 9 meeting minutes: Cathy moved to approve. Second and passed.

Incredible Year Classes. Discussion was opened by Janice Madden with a request for each Public Health agency to put together a budget for the total costs of a session of Incredible Years classes. She stated that they are trying to come up with a general amount that it costs to hold a class. There was discussion about all the variables in the classes, such as number of participants, number of children in the sibling care, who is teaching the classes, cost of snack, if transportation is provided, if an interpreter is needed. The SHARE committee is looking for input on how the money for the classes is distributed. There was some discussion of how each county is working with the Incredible Years classes and that each county is doing it differently. Mary Kay told stated that they recently had a meeting between Renville County and the counties of the South Central Collaborative instructors to see how they will work together to do their classes.

Chery stated that she felt it would be helpful to have some 4-county coordination of the program.

It was decided to schedule a meeting for those involved in Incredible Years classes to work on budget and coordination issues.

Reflective consultation. Janice opened this discussion with the question of if reflective consultation could become self-sustaining and wondered if it is a realistic goal to run the program without Scott Harmon as he may not always be able to be involved. There was discussion of Scott's importance to the process. The suggestion was made that possibly Scott could be used every other time in an attempt to help the groups be more self-sustaining. It was suggested that some sort of facilitator would be necessary along with some ground rules to help the process.

At the current time Renville and Meeker are the two counties that have been involved in reflective consultation. Janice suggested that if the other two counties were interested they could also start the process. It was suggested as a possibility that Mark Zabel at the school would be a potential facilitator.

Sub committee reports: Training committee will be meeting next week. No other committees to report.

Funding sources for books: There was discussion about possible sources for funding for the *Joy in the Journey* books. Possible sources are a Bremer grant, Wal-Mart and Target grants, and IEIC. Renville and Meeker are looking to Prime West to help finance some of their books. Several people asked for copies of the final draft to send on to possible funding sources. Chery will follow up on copies for them. Chery also stated that they are in the process of getting bids for the project which will be 3000 copies, with some color pictures and bids of different binding. Rick stated that there were many Happy Baby books at PACT 4 to also be given out.

Coalition updates: Willmar coalition, Jodi stated that the activities they have been involved in include the Kidde Parade and the credentialing program.

Litchfield coalition: Wendy reported that they had been involved in the Watercade celebration. They had a sandbox dig, which was very successful. They are working to get their website set up and recently submitted the annual report and annual work plan for their Child Abuse Prevention Council

Since there is no full collaborative meeting in August, an e-mail will be sent to all members to determine if there is a need to meet in August or wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting September 12 in Willmar.

Meeting adjourned,
Respectfully submitted
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