

PACT 4 Early Childhood Meeting
October 10, 2007

Diane Winters, Meeker County Public Health; Jodi Wambeke, Willmar Early Childhood; Wendy Walz, Litchfield Public Schools; Mary Kay Sinner, Renville Co. Public Health Nurse; Donna Henning, Heartland Head Start; Cindy Louwagie, Countryside Public Health YM Co.; Lynette Braun, PET Program Coord.

- I. Welcome & introductions
 - II. Approval of Sept. 12 meeting minutes Lynette Motioned, Cindy Seconded
 - III. Approval of the agenda Mary Kay, Wendy
 - IV. Training subcommittee report
 - No report at this time,
 - However:
 - Donna reports that CEED is in the process of setting up trainings in our area. Dates TBA
 - Serving Never Married Parents
 - St. Cloud**
 - Thursday, November 15, 2007, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
 - Minn. Center for Business Development
 - Harold Anderson Entrepreneurial Center
 - 616 Roosevelt Rd. / St. Cloud 5630
 - Father's in Early Literacy, to be held in Slayton and Granite Falls, No dates available, Check the MN Humanities website for dates.
 - Fatherhood Summit is in January 15 & 16 in St. Cloud, MN Fatherhood Network, check for website
 - Workshop in St. Cloud for working with Somali Population put on by the MN Dept of Health,
 - Bridges out of poverty Train the Trainer, dates TBA
 - Birth to Three conference in January
- V. Rick's Report:
 - Committee Structure, See attached for new structure.
 - Rick reports that it won't affect this committee (Rick encouraged us as he feels we could be used as a "model" as far as committee development) as much as the school committee which has been made into two as well as the Adolescent Committee.
 - He presented the new form that has been developed for the committees to help organize purposes, projects, timelines and networking and help to articulate what happens at committee meetings and how to report them. This form will be due with the meeting minutes to be given to the Executive board as well as for Full Collaborative Reporting.
 - As resources continue to change, the committee process will be important to be able to access resources that are available beyond the Pact 4 and utilize them for the Pact 4 members. Donna mentioned a CCRR training grant for \$1,000 that could have been used for the early childhood track had we known about it.
 - Brain Conference Early Childhood track was discussed and how to utilize monies for another year. The working ahead challenge for knowing what is available.
 - Carrie Fletcher who was in DC talking about FASD and how she might fit into the 2008 Brain Conference which will center around Chemical/Alcohol issues.
 - Donna Henning talked about Meeker County Sheriffs presentation on Meth awareness as a possibility as well
- VI. Incredible Years
 - a. Rebecca talked about the frustration of the logistics of getting families there. DC is limping along after week 2 with only two families. Mary Kay encouraged us to add until the third week and then to close it as they will miss the play component.
 - b. Wendy reports that Litchfield has postponed until winter and will pair up with Head Start.
 - c. Jodi reports that Willmar will run three classes. One started last week with nine members. She gave us a picture of staff use, one consistent person is used and then the second one rotates.
- VII. Other agenda items
 - a. Stasis of the screening books and the Joy in the Journey books:
 - i. We all agreed that we are at a crossroads as funding is concerned to help pay for these projects. We are having to rethink funding for that. Discussion centered on that issue. Grant sources discussed:
 - 1. Target grants,
 - 2. Wal-wart
 - 3. Bremmer Bank
 - 4. EMPOWER group
 - ii. Rick talked about how to break down percentage of costs.
 - iii. We are encouraged to break down that process. How to bring the info back for grant monies and make it a working process for committee work. Rick encouraged us to remember there is power in the

- committee and the efforts in our combined group and how to move forward.
- b. Diane reported that the Public Health agencies met and are looking at picking up the cost of the Joy in the Journey books and they are at the point of taking on the cost as Public Health agencies at this time. They are moving forward with that publication that covers b-six.
 - c. It was decided that we will move forward as a committee on the book for Screening. **We are asked to bring all funding sources for the next meeting to move forward on this project.** We will strive to accumulate as much as we can and then order and distribute as we can.
 - i. The book is a way to connect families to the mental health piece, given to those who do a mental health screening
 - ii. We will order the “When I am…” from Me & Mi Publishing. The retail cost is \$6.95 and we have an opportunity to purchase them at half price.
 - d. ASQSE
 - Wendy pointed up the State now required a Mental Health screener but now we have a need to process referrals.
 - Rick reminded us about the SUCCEED process and how to look at our percentages, ie. 5 kids, and talk with a district about how to handle those kids. The point was to allow a discussion with family to bring them services.
 - Wendy wants to know what tool is used for a follow-up. Donna reports that head start uses DECCA. Family service workers do them and are often administered by a trained non-licensed person and scored by a licensed person.
 - Discussion centered on having a common tool to use as a follow-up to use as a conduit for discussion and referral resources for families in need. Do our referral resource people (ie. School social workers) have what they need to look a little person’s mental health.
 - Donna wondered if it would be advantage for us to hear from Cathy Nelson-Messer to explain the DECCA for us next time.

e. Reflective Consultation was discussed. Mary Kay talked about Scott Harmon coming to facilitate. He has been here for Meeker and Renville and now wonders where we are. Scott wants to do all four Counties back to back. Wendy reports that Meeker county wants to continue; Donna reports that Renville is still interested; Kandiyohi County reports that they are unsure, time and staff sub time is an issue. Mary Kay reports that Scott wants four sessions back to back Thursday/Fridays. Meeker EC and Head Start reports Friday is the only day it works, Meeker PH will work around WIC, Mary Kay will be able to utilize Thursday. Members report that it has been very helpful and want to continue. Rick encouraged us to communicate with Janis Madden to organize and facilitate that. Mary Kay will be the liaison between Janis and Scott and get it on the schedule for the future. Mary Kay explained the process of Reflective Consultation and the level it takes a service provider in asking those questions with a family and to understand the child better. It centers around relationships with families. And how it expands our understanding of a family. Mary Kay asked Scott how to sustain it and Scott said that CEED is developing a training of sort to replicate the process.

VIII. Coalitions:

- a. Willmar had the Fire station event last night and for a two hour event there were over 800 who signed in and over 1,000 who pre-registered. Fire truck with the boon was there, kids could go in the trucks, supper. The fire department helped to advertise, it was free. Donna shared the book that was given away *Community Workers, Protection Your Home* by Ann Owen, Pub WWW.Picturewindowbooks.com. Literacy has been the focus and now they are working on math activities for Coalition work.
- b. Litchfield is working on the website, reading everywhere is working on the fire station Oct. 12th. Went to the senior expo and had a booth.