

Wraparound Committee
Wednesday, September 12th, 2007; 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Kandi Entertainment Center; Willmar, MN

Present: Laurie Bliss, Yellow Medicine County parent
Char Erickson, PACT 4 Wraparound Coordinator
Mary Smith, Meeker County parent
Kelly Roschild, Kandiyohi County parent
Kim Hanson, Woodland Centers Youth Svcs Director
Debbie Gerrety, PRIDE-4 Family Liaison
Andrea Johnson, Heartland Circles Coordinator

Julie Slaughter, Renville County parent
Dawna Schmitz, Meeker County parent
Karyl Mooney, Renville County parent
Suzanne Wordes, Kandiyohi County parent
Jolene Raitz, Woodland Centers
Michelle Peterson, Heartland Family Dev. Coord.
Jon Marchand, Greater MN Family Svcs In-Home

1. Introductions

2. Success stories

- Helped with moving.
- After a house fire, wraparound was instrumental in obtaining housing. Children are doing well in foster care.
- There is a set of earphones or sensory integration available – it will be put out through PACT 4's email network.
- Wraparound is helping with reuniting families involved in child protection services.

3. Committee Restructuring / Elections

Discussed committee changes. Elected Kelly Roschild, Laurie Bliss, and Jon Marchand as co-chairs.

4. PACT 4 Updates / Agency Updates

Debbie Gerrety will be leaving PACT 4 as the PRIDE-4 grant is ending this week. She will remain on this committee as long as new employment would allow.

Woodlands has had 81 families involved through the family liaison program.

Greater MN has a new Meeker County in-home worker, and is fully staffed now in all four counties. Their annual training is on October 18th in Redwood Falls. "Rebuilding the Broken Bond" is the theme, the presenter is Nancy Thomas.

5. Evaluation Tools Update

Most surveys returned have been Char's; working on better compliance. People know and understand wraparound. Lack informal supports noted.

6. Training Updates

101 Skills Training – November 9th, December 7th, January 11th

Refresher Panel – October 12th

7. Input on Questions for Panel: Child Protection Worker, Neutral Facilitator, Family Liaison

- What things have been done at meetings to try to empower parents?
- How has the team process been helpful to you in your particular role with a family?
- Have you seen the team process break down? What kinds of things were done to try to "bring the team back?"
- Were there any informal supports on any of the teams you were on? If you are here as an informal support, how does (or did) it feel to be in that role?
- It can be easy to lose site of the goals and mission of the team. What are some things that have helped teams stay focused and "outcome-based?"
- Have you been on any teams where there was a neutral facilitator? If so, how was this helpful? How was it *not* helpful? If you are here as a neutral facilitator, was it ever hard for you to remain neutral?
- Recap: overall perspective about Wraparound. What advice would you give from your perspective and role on teams? What "words of wisdom" would you leave with this group to energize them into action?

Talked about parents needing some training – perhaps a 101 training – at a later time.

Kelly offered to open her team to anyone who wants to see or shadow her team. Contact Char if interested.

8. Next Meeting

October 10th, 2007; 10:30 to 11:30 am; Kilowatt Community Center in Granite Falls.