

Parent Advisory Committee
May 12th, 2008; 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Kandiyohi County Area Family YMCA; Willmar, MN

Present: Char Erickson, PACT 4 Wraparound Coord. Kelly Roschild, Kandiyohi County parent
Debb Sheehan, PACT 4 Director Laurie Bliss, Yellow Medicine County parent
Debbie Gerrety, Renville County parent Linda Hocum, Kandiyohi County parent
Gayle Dean, Kandiyohi County parent Linda Nelson, Kandiyohi County parent
Jaleenah Toren, Renville County parent Rosa Eddy, Kandiyohi County parent
Julie Slaughter, Renville County parent Sherry Kenney, Renville County parent
Kathy Willing, Renville County parent Virginia Sullivan, Renville County parent

1. Approval of Agenda and April minutes
Motion by Sullivan, second by Roschild. Motion carried

Checkbook balance: approximately \$1169.

2. Housekeeping Reminders
Erickson reminded us to respect each other when talking. One person only should be talking at one time.

3. PACT 4 Updates
Debb Sheehan updated group on the special populations grant that will begin July 1, 2008. It will focus on the Latino population in all four counties, but will start with Kandiyohi and Renville counties. PACT 4 will be hiring 2.5 full-time positions with this grant. PACT 4 has also applied for a SAMHSA grant pertaining to chemical prevention for teens going through treatment. Waiting to hear back from the Otto Bremer Foundation about the grant PACT 4 applied for to purchase consultant services. Partnered with Shelter House on a mini-application grant to promote Health Teen Relationships. If we pass the first stage, then we're invited to submit a full application.

Wraparound DVD is almost completed. After the PACT 4 staff viewed it, some sound complications were found, so Kenny is fixing them. The plan is to show it at July's Full Collaborative meeting and Wraparound Committee meeting in June.

The next Full Collaborative meeting is on May 14th at Max's Grill in Olivia. There will be an Incredible Years presentation with a mock-meeting, and a video clip featuring Julia Dinsmore.

Discussion was held on the handout Debb brought from the Executive Board. Proposed is to have this group continue to meet and support each other. A meal and mileage will be paid for, but a meeting stipend will not be given. The parent retreat will not be in next year's budget plans. Parents who attend the Full Collaborative meetings will get their lunch for free but not get a meeting stipend. The stipend amount for working committees would be \$20.

4. Fundraisers
The Civic Center garage sale earned us \$113.00. Plans are to participate in the fall sale, too. Needed with this are drop-off locations in each county and better organization.

Renville County parents are bussing tables on May 23rd at the Olivia Pizza Ranch. Plans are to do the same at Willmar's location. Slaughter is waiting to hear back from the owner.

Still working on a cookbook, but recipes are needed.

5. LAC Updates
Kandiyohi County – they have made a resource book and will put it on the PACT 4 website. Each agency agreed to make copies in-house to keep costs down. On May 20th at the Blue Heron at noon there will be a panel of children's mental health case managers to have a discussion, and it's open to all. The LAC meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Health and Human Services Building.

Renville County – meets the first Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the Olivia Public Library. They're working on ways to get more consumers and parents to attend.

Meeker County – meets irregularly, with no future meeting date set at this time.

Yellow Medicine County – no information.

MISSION: "To be the voice of all parents / caregivers in the four-county area of Kandiyohi, Meeker, Renville and Yellow-Medicine and to share that voice with PACT 4 partners"

6. Next meeting – June 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the Kandiyohi County YMCA.
5. Adjourn
Motion by Kenney, second by Willing. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Julie Slaughter