

Early Childhood Committee Meeting  
May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008; 10:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Max' s Grill; Olivia, MN

Members Present: Diane Winter, Meeker Co. Public Health; Rebecca Warpula, Dassel-Cokato Schools; Wendy Walz, Litchfield Early Childhood; Cindy Louwagie, Countryside Public Health; Pat Berg, Rice Memorial Hospital' Rick Loeth, PACT 4; Chery Johnson, Kandiyohi Co. Public Health; Mary Kay Sinner, Renville Co. Public Health

1. Approval of the Agenda  
Motion - Wendy Walz; Second - Chery Johnson
2. Approval of the March 12 Meeting Minutes  
Motion - Rebecca Warpula; Second - Cheryl Johnson
3. Incredible Years
  - ✍ Outcome of March 12 meeting, semi-planned what we wanted to do. Our goal is to keep early childhood in the forefront at PACT 4.
  - ✍ Universal brochure.
  - ✍ A way to pick the best vignettes for all of the counties. Discussion on individual feel for the programs.
  - ✍ There was discussion on how Incredible years is updating the vignettes as well as adding a toddler program. It can be purchased at \$1,300. Chery talked about Willmar' s Jodi Wambeke wondering if anyone would order the sets. Diane talked about using the PrimeWest monies to order the material for the members. Chery talked about using the material as a home visit material with younger children. Kandiyohi Public Health uses their family educator to take the information into the home weekly. The infant/toddler material deals with development and typical behavior and helping a parent understand their child.
  - ✍ Discussion on applying for PrimeWest Funds for the partners. Last year the money was available in December. We will ask for all of the materials and the training. We will highlight the model we have created here in our area as an Incredible Years network.
  - ✍ Look at blending of monies to purchase that material. Question-could SHARE money be used, Diane reported that last fall she was told no at that time. Rick encouraged us to ask again.
  - ✍ Discretionary money use was discussed.
  - ✍ EC Initiatives for money??
  - ✍ We need to start by putting our model in writing. Diane will start to format from the PrimeWest Model and have that ready as a draft copy available at the next meeting.

Presentation to the Full Collaborative

- A. Overview of the Program by Cindy, Mary Kay & Rebecca
  - a. Role play - With a description of the Incredible years
  - b. Parent Presentation-Hand out brochures

4. Update on Goals and Objectives
  - ✍ Brain Conference Planning Update, Rebecca reported on the April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. Each sub-committee will be asked to find two vendors. An overview of the conference was given. Rick talked about sponsorship, asking companies to sponsor the conference.
  - ✍ Training for Professionals for Monthly Newsletter, please get any info you might have to Danette Hendrickson and Rick Loeth for training for the newsletter each month as soon as you know about it! The items will go in the Newsletter and a future plan to put it on the web. Good Readership!!
  - Kandiyohi IEC will be on Nature Deficit at the Prairie Woods Center, Date to be announced
  - ✍ Week of the Young Child Wrap Up
  - Meeker did a mini-resource fair, 15 booths. Good weather, and attendance low, Mr. Jim did a great concert. Could be that it was the same night as Willmar and Hutchinson.
  - ✍ Subcommittee Updates
  - Universal contacts: Books are in! Joy in the Journey. Partner Public Health agencies are asked to pick them up ASAP from the Family Services Center in Willmar. They are in the maintenance department for storage. Contact them when you get to the building to get access to them. Department of Public health has “Got your shots?” folders for infants for those who need folders for extra info.
  - Books, Wendy and Rebecca need to get the grant written from Target. Due May 30<sup>th</sup>.
5. Coalition Updates, Litchfield - Summer reading kick-off with the Library, Watercade activity planning. Posted website on business windows during the week of the Young Child. Willmar - No report at this time.
6. Other agenda Items
  - a. Time line for 2008-2009 for areas of discussion:
    - June-Planning for the PrimeWest Grant, writing our Model
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    - September 10 - Speaker to the EC committee from the new Rice Hospital  
Dental Clinic, meeting at the Clinic for a tour
    - October - Home Visiting Models
    - November
    - December
    - January- Kindergarten Transition
    - February - Week of the Young Child (April), Discussion on May  
Presentation
    - March - Brain Conference Discussion
    - April - Week of the Young Child
    - May - Presentation to the Full Collaborative
  - b. Rick shared about a study that linked early neglect with later aggression. Early neglect in the first two years is a great predictor of later aggression in life than abuse during the first two years and abuse and neglect after the first two years.