

Parent Advisory Committee
April 13th, 2009; 5:30 to 7:30 pm
Kandiyohi County Area Family YMCA; Willmar, MN

Present: Alex Espinoza, PACT 4 Guía Grant Coach/Coord. Laurie Bliss, Yellow Medicine County parent
Char Erickson, PACT 4 Wraparound Coord. Linda Hocum, Kandiyohi County parent
Dave Schmidt, Renville County parent Linda Nelson, Kandiyohi County parent
Diane Moots, Kandiyohi County parent Mike Kenney, Renville County parent
Gayle Dean, Kandiyohi County parent Polly Peters, PACT 4 Family Liaison
Julie Slaughter, Renville County parent Sherry Kenney, Renville County parent
Kelly Roschild, Kandiyohi County parent Virginia Sullivan, Renville County parent

Agenda Items / Topics for Discussion:

Jamin Johnson from West Central Industries Resource Center Program
May is Mental Health Awareness Month
Scholarship Committee
LAC Updates and PACT 4 Updates
Tabled showing of Wraparound DVD until May

Discussion:

- Jamin Johnson told about the West Central Industries Resource Center Program. Their mission is to “give people what they need when they need it” with respect to disabilities. Focus areas are autism, ADHS, TBI, mental health, and Down’s Syndrome. They provide support, referrals and networking and hope to have a scholarship fund. It is intended to fill gaps in services/supports. Jamin passed out flyers and a calendar of events.
- The PAC checking account is closed and the money has been put into a scholarship grant fund.
- The Mobile Crisis Unit will likely not be extending past June 30th, 2009 due to not being utilized as expected.
- PACT 4 Updates – a mental health grant for birth to age five kids was received; did not receive the Cohort 4 21st Century grant; applying for a mentoring grant through the Department of Justice; Guía has 25 youth enrolled, starting to get set up for the family part of the program; looking for volunteers for their circles; received the Pohlad camp scholarship grant again this year, for first-time campers ages 8 to 15 (PACT 4 priorities are for 11to 15); Full Collaborative meeting in May will be in Olivia.
- PAC Issues – May is Mental Health Month – show a small clip of the TV show “Monk”.

Action Taken / Recommendations:

- Scholarship committee: Linda Hocum, Kelly Roschild, Laurie Bliss, Becky Romosz, Virginia Sullivan. This committee will propose a process/procedure/criteria for accessing funds.
- PAC can inform Resource Center Program of trainings or events that they would like to see in our area.

Training Needs Identified:

- Sensory Processing Disorder, NAMI local chapter

Future Agenda Items / Unfinished Business / Topics for Further Discussion:

- View Wraparound DVD at May meeting

Highlight Three Items to be Shared at Full Collaborative / Items to be Brought to Executive Board:

- PAC checking account closed and money put into grant scholarship fund. Committee formed to come up with process or procedure for accessing funds.
- Suggestion to show a clip of the TV show “Monk” at the Collaborative meeting as it gives a humorous but insightful look into OCD and the impact it can have on a daily life.
- Hoping to get Meeker County parent involvement on this committee again.

Next Meeting Date / Location / Time

May 11th, 2009 at 5:30 pm at the Kandiyohi County YMCA in Willmar.