

**Full Collaborative Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008; 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm**  
**Max' s Grill; Olivia, MN**

**Present:** Amanda Olson, Harmony Visitation Center  
Amber Mitchell, Renville County student  
Amy Wilde, Meeker County Commissioner  
Ann Orren, PACT 4 YM County Coalition Coord.  
Annie Tepfer, PACT 4 Renville Co. Coalition Coord.  
Beth Leindecker, Renville Co. Human Services Social Worker  
Bob Fox, Renville Co. Commissioner  
Bob Tews, Cedar Mt. School Superintendent  
Brandon Stripling, Yellow Medicine Co student  
Brian Skogen, Canby/PACT 4 School Social Worker  
Bryan Thiery, YMCA Mentor Program Coordinator  
Carmen Clementson, Kandiyohi Co. Family Svcs. Supervisor  
Carmen Tschida, Dassel/Cokato School Social Worker  
Char Erickson, PACT 4 Wraparound Coordinator  
Chery Johnson, Kandiyohi Co. Public Health Asst. Director  
Chris Sullivan, Renville County young adult  
Cindy Louwagie, Countryside Public Health Nurse  
Debb Sheehan, PACT 4 Director  
Debi Brandt, Heartland Community Relations Director  
Diane Winter, MC Public Health Director  
Dick Larson, Kandiyohi County Commissioner  
Donna Henning, Heartland Community Partnership Resource Spec.  
Ed Downey, PACT 4 Evaluator  
Eric Vogel, U of MN Extension Youth Work Institute  
Jane Remiger, Yellow Medicine Co. Commissioner  
Janice Madden, Project SHARE Director  
Jayme Ryan, BOLD School SHARE Advisor  
Jerry Brustuen, Renville County Human Svcs. Director  
Jill Bruns, Renville County Public Health Director  
Jon Marchand, Greater MN Family Svcs Programs Coord.  
Judy Revier, Renville County Outreach Advocate  
Juliane Boraas, Shelter House Youth Advocate  
Julie Nelson, Yellow Medicine Co. Family Services  
Julie Slaughter, Renville County parent  
June Kahlstorf, EV/W IMPACT Coord.  
Kathy Gaslin, EV/W IMPACT  
Kayla Hanson, Western MH/Canby School Counselor  
Kim Hanson, Woodland Centers Unit Director  
Lana Schreiner, GFW SHARE School Liaison  
Laurie Bliss, Yellow Medicine County parent  
Loren Hacker, Canby School Superintendent  
Lori Clasemann, MentorWorks Too Kinship Coord.  
Lynn Kuehn, ECHO Charter School  
Mary Kay Sinner, Renville Co. Public Health Nurse  
Mary Neu, Dassel/Cokato School SHARE Liaison  
Maureen Mitchell, Renville County parent  
Pat Berg, Rice Memorial Hospital  
Pat Thomas, Meeker Co. Social Svcs. Supervisor  
Paul Carlson, NL/S School Superintendent  
Rebecca Warpula, Dassel/Cokato Early Childhood Programs  
Renee Brandt, Project Turnabout ATOD Prevention Coord  
Robin Henderson, YME School Intergenerational Prog.  
Rod DeBoer, Central MN Christian School Superintendent  
Ron Kutzke, Meeker County Commissioner  
Sally Belgum-Blad, PACT 4 21st Century Coord.  
Sharon Hendrichs, Kandiyohi Co Corrections Probation Officer  
Sheree Hable, Renville Co. Human Services Social Worker  
Tammie Knick, GFW School Social Worker  
Tammy Thompson, Meeker Co. Probation Director  
Trisha Sheehan, U of MN Extension Educator  
Virginia Sullivan, Renville County parent  
Wendell Veurink, Greater MN Family Svcs Counselor  
Wendy Walz, Litchfield School Early Childhood Prog.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Julie Slaughter offered a motion to approve the March minutes as presented; Loren Hacker offered a second. Motion carried.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Wendy Walz offered a motion to approve the agenda as written; Jerry Brustuen offered a second. Motion carried.

**3. Video Clip – “Not Those People”**

Due to technical difficulties, this video clip will be shown at a future collaborative meeting.

**4. Grant Update**

PACT 4 has received a grant award for population-specific chemical health services. This grant will begin on July 1st, and includes 2.5 FTE new positions. This is the first time that PACT 4 has received a funding award for more than we requested.

**5. Incredible Years Program Presentation – Early Childhood Committee**

The Early Childhood Committee presented on the Incredible Years program, which included a mini-skit of what an actual class would be like. Classes usually last about 2 ½ hours. The program focuses on using play time as a strong base in the parent/child relationship. From there, the hope is to build up the positives in that relationship and reduce the negatives. One parent who had just been through the Spanish-speaking classes was present to share her experience. The material can also be used in classroom settings. Dassel/Cokato, for example, uses it in their ECFE classes. The Early Childhood Committee is working on a flyer that would include county contact names and phone numbers and hopes to get future class schedules on the PACT 4 website.

**6. Committee Reports**

a. Executive Board – Jill Bruns reported. The Board reviewed budgets and looked at different formats for reporting. Time was spent on a Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) proposal for parent and youth support, to continue to hear the voices of parents and families but find ways to reduce costs. The board developed guidelines which will be sent to the PAC for their

input and comments. The board voted to continue support for the Family Liaison position that currently is contracted through Woodland Centers and discussed the school-based social work positions that, beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, will be paid at a 75% rate by the schools. Four of those positions will be cut due to school budgets – one at BOLD, two at Willmar, and one at YME. Listened to a proposal from Greater MN Family Services asking for a subsidy for a psychiatrist in our area; tabled due to a need for more study. Discussed the LCTS payback issue in which the federal government decided after an audit that they had overpaid collaboratives. We will need to pay some money back, but it's not as much as originally anticipated.

- b. Adolescent Services Committee – Chris Sullivan reported. Discussed the mental health awareness cards, which have finished printing and are in the process of being distributed to all 6th through 12th grade students in partner school districts. The next phase is making a poster of the card to hang up in places around the communities.
- c. Early Childhood Committee – Rebecca Warpula reported. Committee tweaked the presentation for today and discussed how to continue the Incredible Years curriculum and training in coming years plus how to finance it. The next step is to put the service model in writing to use for future grant writing.
- d. Elementary/Middle School-Age Committee – Eric Vogel reported. Committee is still looking to bring out Dr. Bluhm in 2009. Leading up to his appearance, a social marketing campaign will be used to help build school connectedness.
- e. Mentors Committee – Ann Orren reported. Congratulations to Lori Clasemann, who was named Salvation Army's Northern Division Volunteer of the Year. Continued to discuss sustainability. Also talked about the interview process and what kind of questions to ask of mentors and children.
- f. Wraparound Committee – Char Erickson reported. A new brochure about Wraparound is available on the website and at PACT 4. The DVD is in the final editing stage, and will be available soon. The purpose of it is to give an overview of Wraparound to county workers, school personnel and parents and others; talked about the best ways to distribute it. Also looked at evaluation tools and surveys that are filled out after Wraparound meetings, will begin to implement a progress tool with new teams.
- g. Parent Advisory Committee – Julie Slaughter reported. The committee had a successful garage sale at the Civic Center. A lot of the meeting's discussion focused on the information from the Executive Board on how to decrease costs. Committee is still putting together a cookbook fundraiser. Send Julie any recipes to publish in it.

## 8. Grant Reports

- a. Restorative Justice/Circle Sentencing – Ed Downey reported. Tricia Buggs has been hired as the new coordinator. So far, she has recruited fourteen new volunteers. She has been meeting with community representatives to develop working relationships to build up the program once again, and has been working with other area restorative justice coordinators to do co-training of volunteers.
- b. SHARE – Janice Madden reported. SHARE is in year three, and applying for a no-cost extension for year four. The hope is to keep similar SHARE-funded programs in the schools, but cut back on training dollars. The semi-annual report has been completed and submitted. The advisors and liaisons met this morning and shared notes and ideas. A retreat is being planned for August. A sub-committee has been meeting to work on ways to provide additional mental health services in schools for year four. The Coordinating Council meets following the Collaborative meeting today.
- c. Chemical Health Coalitions – Renville/Yellow Medicine Counties – Ann Orren and Annie Tepfer reported. Through the grants, response “clickers” were purchased to help with surveying groups of kids and community members. They will be used by youth to get opinions on social marketing materials that will be targeted for youth. Answers are chosen by pressing a button on the card-sized device, and responses are completely anonymous. This will help with the grant goal of bridging the gap between perceptions and actual use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Both grants have clicker sets and they will help build a social norms campaign. Renville County is working on a sticker shock campaign: area youth groups visit liquor stores in Renville, Danube and Sacred Heart, putting stickers on larger volumes of alcohol, reminding buyers not to provide alcohol for youth. GFW has Tammie Knick teaching the Class Action and Project Northland curriculums and RCW has Sarah Reznecheck teaching the Towards No Drug Abuse curriculum. Canby kids are planning a dunk tank fundraiser and doing a sticker shock campaign as well.
- d. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Community Center – Sally Belgum-Blad reported. Canby and Renville County West hosted the University of Minnesota Physics Force program. Each school involved in 21<sup>st</sup> Century programming will have access to this program sometime in the three years of the grant. Reports are that Study Island has helped improve the MCA scores, and kids have reported that they seemed much easier this time, so the purchase seems like it was a good investment. This is one

concept that those who wrote the grant had hoped for, and is now being realized.

**9. Other**

- a. Next Meeting – June 11<sup>th</sup> at Peter' s on the Lake in Litchfield.
- b. Brain Conference – The planning committee would like all sub-committees to come up with two exhibitors each for the brain conference. They' ve put together a handout with helpful tips on what to say when recruiting. Contact Danette Hendrickson at PACT 4 once the exhibitors are secured to give her a contact name and phone number.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Shawna Steffen, PACT 4.*