

**PACT 4 FAMILIES
EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 12, 2010**

Members Present: Jane Ryan—Dassel-Cokato Early Childhood, Rick Loseth—PACT 4, Mary Kay Sinner—Renville County Public Health, Sandy Peterson, Renville County Public Health, Cindy Louwagie—Countryside Public Health, Diane Winter—Meeker County Public Health, Becky Knudson—Childcare Resource and Referral, Deb Spaeth—Childcare Resource and Referral, Cathy Nelson-Messer—HCAA Head Start, Becky Revier—RCW Early Childhood Program

1. Motion by Mary Kay Sinner to approve the March 3 meeting minutes with the following changes to page 2, IX, item vi; “Prairie Five and Countryside Public Health are holding Incredible Years (2 years to 8 years) train the trainer training in 2010 through the Bush Foundation grant.” Second by Jane Ryan. Motion carried.
2. Cathy Nelson-Messer called for additional agenda items. Added to the agenda were 2 items, review of the PACT 4 Annual Meeting and Second Step Training. Agenda approved by consensus.

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

2010 GOALS—Cathy asked the committee to identify needs to focus on in order to be well positioned for any upcoming grant opportunities.

- ECFE Goals—how to identify struggling families needing assistance; Screening Process—is there specific information to distribute to families at screening? Potential funding partners identified were Target grants and APMC funds to support literacy.
- Child Care Resource and Referral—childcare needs within the Somali community. Consider the Michigan wheels on social-emotional development. Rick will discuss with Linda M. purchasing the wheels through the ECMH grant and will also inquire if there is a Spanish version. Other suggestion included the “Child Development Birth to 3 Years” wheels and the ASQ half sheets “What My Child Should Be Doing”. Deb Spaeth inquired whether the committee would consider partnering to sponsor “Community Café” on raising awareness of social-emotional development in friends, family and neighbor child care settings. May want to consider providing “The 6 Keys” to parents and providers. Deb will bring more information of the community cafes to the June meeting.
- Jane Ryan participated in a webinar that released the results of a national survey of 1600 parents which indicated that 46% of parents obtain their information from grandparents, 3% from the internet. Jane will email the link to the committee.

ECMH Grant Update—30 children served as of the last reporting period. Continue to support LSS and Woodland Centers to streamline their processes. 62 persons attended the combined ASQ-SE trainings, PACT 4 is considering an annual training this fall to include a general overview or infant mental health. Becky K. suggested a session on

developmentally appropriate environments. Jane R. asked for clarification of the referral process as she has received a complaint from a parent. Rick and Linda will further look into the complaint.

Annual Meeting—early childhood focus, Dr. Reed Sulik presented on infant social-emotional development.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- Full Collaborative Presentation—tentatively scheduled for the November meeting in Renville County, Rick will confirm with Shawn if that date is available. The committee will continue to discuss over the summer.
- Second Step Training—Rick asked if there is a need as he is willing to schedule if there is adequate interest.

5. PARTNER UPDATES/UPCOMING TRAINING

- Mental Health Institute in early June at the College of St. Benedict, focusing on postpartum depression, infant and parent mental health.
- Inclusion Institute—June 19 at Concordia/St. Paul
- Chippewa County Incredible Years Class in Montevideo started last week with 6 families in attendance.

6. Next meeting June 9, 2010—Parent Room at the Meeker County Family Services Center, Litchfield.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Winter, PHN
Meeker County Public Health