

PACT 4 FAMILIES
EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 13, 2009

Members Present: Lynette Braun—PET, Jane Ryan—Dassel-Cokato Early Childhood, Rick Loseth—PACT 4, Mary Kay Sinner—Renville County Public Health, Jodi Wambeke—Willmar Early Childhood, Cindy Louwagie—Countryside Public Health, Diane Winter—Meeker County Public Health, Becky Knudson—Heartland Childcare Resource and Referral, Anel Flores—Heartland Childcare Resource and Referral, Chery Johnson—Kandiyohi County Public Health, Cathy Nelson-Messer—Heartland Head Start

1. Motion by Cathy Nelson-Messer to approve agenda, second by Jane Ryan. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Mary Kay Sinner to approve the February 11 meeting minutes, second by Chery Johnson. Motion carried.
3. Rick updated the committee on the DHS early childhood mental health grant application which focuses on underinsured and uninsured children ages 0-5 with mental health needs. The grant seeks to increase capacity and reduce waiting lists for children referred for mental health services, and will utilize Lutheran Social Services and Woodland Centers to provide services. One half of the grant must be applied to children's mental health services delivered by a children's mental health provider (Woodlands or Lutheran Social Services). \$340,000 over 2 years which is less than the original request. Thus, the budget and work plan have been adjusted accordingly. Removed from the budget was support of the Incredible Years programs. Left in the budget was to increase the capacity of childcare providers to have better recognition and understanding of children's mental health utilizing courses already in place and increased capacity through train the trainer courses.
 - CTSS (Children's Therapeutic Support Services)—children must have a mental health diagnosis by a mental health professional and services delivered by mental health professional or mental health practitioner under the supervision of a mental health professional. Services are billable under medical assistance and some insurance plans.
 - Linking capacity—development of early childhood resource consultants in each county utilizing Project SUCCEED core staff that can meet with families and observe children to determine the next steps in the referral process. Rick would like to have a planning meeting to determine how to make use of what is already in place to develop the linking capacity portion of the work plan.
 - PACT 4 will hire a program coordinator at 2 days/week. Start date is unknown until the contract is signed. PACT 4 will utilize the Early Childhood Committee for planning and ongoing input.
4. Brain Conference planning committee representation—Cathy Nelson-Messer may be able to participate on the planning committee, will use e-mail for planning as much as possible.

5. The committee viewed the ASQ-SE training video in preparation for the presentation at the Full Collaborative meeting in June. Diane will send an e-mail asking for volunteers to plan and present the ASQ-SE at the June meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Winter, PHN
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