

PACT 4 Families – Early Childhood Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 10th; 10:00 am to 11:45 am
Family Services Center; Litchfield, MN

Members present: Rick Loseth, PACT 4; Chery Johnson, Kandiyohi County Public Health; Diane Winter, Meeker County Public Health; Anel Flores, HCAA-CCRR; Wendy Walz, Litchfield Early Childhood; Becky Knudson, HCAA-CCRR; Cathy Nelson-Messer, Heartland Head Start; Jane Ryan, Dassel/Cokato Early Childhood

- 1) Approval of May minutes:** by consensus (at that time, too few were present)
- 2) Approval of agenda:** by consensus (at that time, too few were present)
- 3) Early Childhood Grant:** Rick Loseth reported that PACT 4 will advertise and post for a part-time coordinator position. Woodlands and LSS are excited to be a part of this project. Rick will attend a DC 0-3 conference in Moorhead. The goal of this project is sustainability through billing procedures. Next steps: hire a coordinator (2 days per week); identify early childhood resource coordinators (4 or 5), contract with existing early childhood personnel; establish a training plan; identify families using ECFE and public health. Rick described the hierarchy within the field of mental health: Mental Health Professionals are able to do diagnoses and some therapy; Mental Health Practitioners are supervised by Mental Health Professionals, and are able to do coaching and skill development.
- 4) Presentation to the June Full Collaborative:** Cathy, Jane, Chery and Wendy reported on their plan to show a short clip from the ASQ-SE video. They have a handout which shows the process and points of contact. It will be a 10-15 minute presentation.
- 5) General Updates:** Cathy told about an Early Childhood Institute.
- 6) Brain Conference:** Keynote presentations are being selected.

Next meeting: July 8, Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building, Willmar

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Knudson
HCAA – Child Care Resource and Referral