

Full Collaborative Meeting
Wednesday, June 10th; 11:45 am to 1:45 pm
Peter's on Lake Ripley; Litchfield, MN

Present: Amy Wilde, Meeker County Commissioner
Anel Flores, Heartland CCR & R-Latino Outreach
Anna Tensen, Shelter House Youth Advocate
Arliss Stenger, Meeker County parent
Becky Knudson, Heartland CCR & R
Becky Romosz, Kandiyohi County parent
Bob Fox, Renville Co. Commissioner
Carmen Clementson, Kandiyohi Co. Family Svcs. Supervisor
Cathy Nelson-Messer, Heartland Head Start
Char Erickson, PACT 4 Wraparound Coordinator
Chery Johnson, Kandiyohi Co. Public Health Asst. Director
Cheryl Loge, Litchfield School Social Worker
Chris Sullivan, Renville County
Debb Sheehan, PACT 4 Director
Debi Brandt, Heartland Community Relations Director
Denise Olson, Meeker County Probation Office
Denise Shoultz, Harmony Visitation Monitor
Diane Winter, Meeker Co. Public Health Director
Dick Larson, Kandiyohi County Commissioner
Eric Vogel, U of MN Extension Youth Work Institute
Greg Schmidt, MACCRAY School Superintendent
Gwenn Garcia, WCIC/PACT 4 Guía Intervention Spec/Coord.
Jane Ryan, Dassel/Cokato Early Childhood Programs
Janice Madden, Project SHARE Director
Jared Taber, Meeker County Probation Officer
Jon Marchand, Greater MN Family Svcs Programs Coord.
Julie Evenson, Divine House Inc.
Julie Slaughter, Renville County parent
June Kahlstorf, EV/W IMPACT Coordinator
Kim Sheets, The Salvation Army
Laura Eiynek, RCW/PACT 4 School Social Worker
Lori Clasemann, CIRCLE-Kinship Director
Lynette Braun, Rice Hospital PET Program Coordinator
Lynn Kuehn, ECHO Charter School
Pat Thomas, Meeker Co. Social Svcs. Supervisor
Pete Van Der Puy, Central MN Christian School Superintendent
Rick Loseth, PACT 4 Families Supervisor
Robert Finneseth, LAMP-Kinship Program Director
Ron Kutzke, Meeker County Commissioner
Sherri Broderius, ACGC School Superintendent
Tammy Thompson, Meeker Co. Probation Director
Tricia Buggs, PACT 4 Restorative Justice Coordinator
Virginia Sullivan, Renville County parent
Wendell Veurink, Greater MN Family Svcs Counselor
Wendy Walz, Litchfield School Early Childhood Prog.

1. Approval of Minutes

Dick Larson offered a motion to approve the May minutes as presented; Julie Slaughter seconded. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Agenda

Wendy Walz offered a motion to approve the agenda as written; Bob Fox seconded. Motion carried.

3. Grant Updates

We're waiting to hear the results of a justice and mental health collaboration planning grant application that was submitted in March. This is a one-year grant, and if completed successfully, we are allowed to apply for an implementation grant. We also applied for a targeted capacity expansion grant through SAMHSA (Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration), focusing on youth who are using/abusing alcohol and other drugs. This is similar to the Guía program, but is not population-specific. We submitted a grant through the Office of Juvenile Justice to expand/sustain the mentoring programs that are currently in place. Another mentoring grant originating from the same office is due on Monday. This one targets higher-risk kids who may not yet be involved in the criminal justice system but are on the edge – engaging in unlawful behaviors, truancy or other high-risk behaviors. This grant is similar to a program being launched in Yellow Medicine County. This grant would provide input, support and advocacy for youth, in a circle-mentoring format.

We were recently awarded a Birth to Five grant for early childhood mental health. The contracts have been signed and sent back to the State. We've had assurances that these funds will not be on Pawlenty's unallotment list. This is a two-year grant through the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Goals and strategies directly address two clearly-identified gaps in our current service system: an ability to help link a family to resources, and the need for more comprehensive and developmentally-appropriate mental health services for the birth to five population. This grant will use a coordinated, comprehensive spectrum of services to address the mental health needs of infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children.

4. Committee Reports

a. Executive Board – officially began the 2008 audit process with the State Auditor's Office. The Board reviewed and approved changes to the Purchasing and Reimbursement policy, received a report on current investments, reviewed committee reports, and heard an update on the keynote speaker for the 2009 Brain Conference on November 19th - Esther Sternberg, M.D. Her speaker's bio can be found at the following e-address: <http://macmillanspeakers.com/speaker.aspx?name=esthermsternberg>. The LCTS payback begins in July and we will begin invoicing the impacted school districts. We will begin advertising for a new part-time coordinator position for the Birth to Five mental health grant.

b. Adolescent Services Committee – a guest from the Resource Center attended to discuss partnering and information sharing. Also discussed the second printing of the Resource Card.

- c. Early Childhood Committee – continued to discuss the early childhood mental health grant, the providers partnering with PACT 4 on it, the referral processes, and third party billing.
- d. Elementary/Middle School-Age Committee – did not meet in June.
- e. Mentors Committee – discussed possible joint summer activities, such as fishing in July and a Prairie Woods visit in September, despite the fact that the programs have limited or no funding beyond June 30th. All program coordinators are involved in community gardens in their areas.
- f. Wraparound Committee – conducted the first youth Wraparound survey-it went very well. The youth that participates and completes a survey will receive an appreciation of \$5.00 from Subway. Among other areas, the survey questions how youth feel about the Wraparound process. The committee also discussed Wraparound sustainability.
- g. Parent Advisory Committee – elected a new chair, watched the Wraparound DVD, and discussed ways to partner with the Resource Center program. The committee also welcomed two new members.

5. **Early Childhood ASQ:SE**

Members from the Early Childhood Committee presented information about the ASQ:SE (Ages and Stages Questionnaire-Social/Emotional). Eighty percent (80%) of mental health issues go unidentified without the use of a screening tool such as this one. The ASQ:SE is an easy-to-use tool with a deep, exclusive focus on children’s social and emotional behavior — it’s cost-effective, parent-completed, photocopyable, and culturally sensitive. Field-tested by professionals with thousands of families and enriched by their feedback, this research-validated screening system helps home visitors, educators, caregivers, and service providers assess children’s social-emotional development at 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 48, and 60 months. With the results, professionals can quickly recognize young children at risk for social or emotional difficulties, identify behaviors of concern to caregivers, and identify any need for further assessment.

6. **Grant Reports**

- a. Restorative Justice/Circle Sentencing – the Department of Justice will not be funding Restorative Justice Programs in the next budget cycle, but the program received funding through a grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation, for \$60,000 over two years. By using Adolescent Services grant dollars to supplement it, the program is fully funded for the next two years.
- b. SHARE – the Coordinating Council met and reviewed the budget and expenditures, and what needs to be completed before the end of the grant on September 30th. They also discussed continuing a modified version of the SHARE survey that schools have been doing. The information is quite useful both to schools and as data in applying for grants. The next meeting is on August 19th. The Advisors/Liaisons will hold their last meeting on August 12th.
- c. 21st Century Learning Community Center – today, 21st Century staff are involved in a MN DNR Project Learning Tree/Project WET. This academic enrichment training covers ways to get kids outdoors and interested in the environment. Year-end reporting is fast approaching. Local Site Coordinators are busy compiling data and completing year-end reports this month and into early June. PACT 4 staff will utilize all of the local data to complete year-end federal and state reports as well as to establish budgets for Year 3. The new fiscal year of the grant, Year 3, begins on August 1.
- d. Guía – Creating Lasting Family Connections sessions will begin on June 25th, and will run every Thursday evening through September, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The grant hosts a two-day Circle training this weekend in Spicer. Staff are kicking off summer activities with youth by visiting the MN Zoo on June 11th. There are now almost 30 youth in the program.
- e. Chemical Health Coalitions – both coordinators are at training in St. Paul today sponsored by the Wilder Foundation, which is doing the evaluation for the grant. Both grants have a number of summer activities planned, as well as beginning discussions for fall activities and events.

9. **Other**

- a. Next Meeting – July 8th at the Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building in Willmar.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Shawna Steffen, PACT 4.