

Parent Advisory Committee
June 8th, 2009; 5:30 to 7:30 pm
Kandiyohi County Area Family YMCA; Willmar, MN

Present: Char Erickson, PACT 4 Wraparound Coord. Linda Hocum, Kandiyohi County parent
Debbie Gerrety, Renville County parent Linda Nelson, Kandiyohi County parent
Diane Moots, Kandiyohi County parent Polly Peters, PACT 4 Families Liaison
Gayle Dean, Kandiyohi County parent Sheila Bliss, Renville County parent
Kara Mortenson, Yellow Medicine County parent Sherry Kenney, Renville County parent
Laurie Bliss, Yellow Medicine County parent Virginia Sullivan, Renville County parent

Agenda Items / Topics for Discussion:

- Election of New Chair
- View Wraparound DVD
- Resource Center program

Discussion:

- Clarification of Executive Board parent representation – Arliss Stenger is “parent at large”; Becky Romosz is PACT4 parent voice (not necessarily PAC parent voice).
- Wraparound DVD viewed, with positive feedback. Char will bring that back to the Wraparound committee.
- Resource Center Program – after discussion, PAC feels it would be beneficial for both entities to pursue formal ways of partnering. RCP is in its first year and information can be exchanged that could be of value to PACT 4 and RCP. Some things are similar in mission statements. Char will invite Jamin to the next PAC meeting to clarify their services/point of access, etc.

Action Taken / Recommendations:

- Elected Gayle Dean as chairperson (Sherry Kenney is vice-chair). Since Gayle does not have internet access, Char will meet with her prior to PAC meetings to write up the agenda.

Training Needs Identified:

- School issues related to kids with disabilities (transportation to alternative schools, transition services). Debbie Gerrety suggested contacting PACER for information, as well as NAMI. It was pointed out that there has not been a PACER training in our area for some time.

Future Agenda Items / Unfinished Business / Topics for Further Discussion:

- Continue exploring partnerships with RCP.
- Keep discussing the gap in transition-age services.
- Scholarship committee will meet next month at the beginning of the PAC meeting.

Highlight Three Items to be Shared at Full Collaborative / Items to be Brought to Executive Board:

- Recommendation to pursue ways PACT 4 can partner with the Resource Center Program.
- Ongoing need is the gap in transition-age services. PRIDE-4 is greatly missed.
- New Chair

Next Meeting Date / Location / Time

July 13th, 2009 at 5:30 pm at the Kandiyohi County YMCA in Willmar.