

Full Collaborative Meeting
Wednesday, June 9th, 2010; 11:45 am to 1:45 pm
Peter's on Lake Ripley; Litchfield, MN

Present: Amy Wilde, Meeker County Commissioner
Ann Orren, PACT 4 Yellow Medicine Co. Coalition Coord.
Anna Tensen, Shelter House Youth Advocate
Annie Tepfer, PACT 4 Renville Co. Coalition Coord.
Arliss Stenger, Meeker County parent (Executive Board)
Becky Knudson, Heartland CCR & R
Brenda Warren, Meeker County Probation Officer
Cathy Nelson-Messer, Heartland Head Start
Char Erickson, PACT 4 Wraparound Coordinator
Chery Johnson, Kandiyohi Co. Public Health Asst. Director
Chris Sullivan, Renville County
Cindy Louwagie, Countryside Public Health Nurse
Clark Gustafson, Meeker Co. Social Services Director
Deb Spaeth, Prairie 5 Child Care Resource & Referral
Debb Sheehan, PACT 4 Director
Debbie Gerrety, Renville County parent
Denise Muñoz, CIRCLE-MentorWorks Too-Kinship
Elaine Bolland, Harmony Visitation Center Coord.
Greg Schmidt, MACCRAY School Superintendent
Greta Smolnisky, PACT 4 Juvenile Justice/Mental Health Grant Coord.
Jane Ryan, Dassel/Cokato Early Childhood Programs
Jared Taber, Meeker County Probation Officer
Jessica Grund, Heartland Community Action Agency
Jill Bruns, Renville County Public Health Director
June Kahlstorf, EV/W IMPACT Coordinator
Linda Mathiasen, PACT 4 Birth to 5 Grant Coord.
Linda Senst, McLeod County PHNS/ Collaborative
Lori Clasemann, CIRCLE/MentorWorks Too-Kinship Director
Lynn Kuehn, ECHO Charter School
Mary Kay Sinner, Renville Co. Public Health Family Health Sprvsr
Pat Thomas, Meeker Co. Social Svcs. Supervisor
Polly Ann Peters, PACT 4 Family Liaison
Rick Loseth, PACT 4 Families Supervisor
Ron Kutzke, Meeker County Commissioner
Shannon Slagter, Kandiyohi Co. Public Health Intern
Shayna N., Heartland Community Action Agency
Susan Arvidson, Yellow Medicine Co. Family Svcs Social Worker
Tammy Minton, PACT 4 Social Worker at Litchfield Elementary
Tammy Thompson, Meeker Co. Probation Director
Tanya Smith, Kandiyohi Co. Public Health Intern
Tina Schauer, McLeod Family Connection
Tom Farrell, BOLD School Superintendent
Tricia Buggs, PACT 4 Kandiyohi Co. Community Circles Coord.
Virginia Sullivan, Renville County parent
Wendy Walz, Litchfield School Early Childhood Prog.

1. Approval of Minutes

Arliss Stenger offered a motion to approve the May minutes as presented; Tricia Buggs seconded. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Agenda

Cathy Nelson-Messer offered a motion to approve the agenda as written; Amy Wilde seconded. Motion carried.

3. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Board – June's meeting began with the State Audit Entrance Interview, and after several years we are now on a low-risk status; reviewed the Services and Resources Analysis reports that the committees have worked on. In future grant planning, the target areas identified in those reports can be used to search for grants that address those issues. Board also continued discussion on the next round of competitive grants and the process surrounding it.
- b. Adolescent Services Committee – Greta Smolnisky attended to inform the committee about the Juvenile Justice/Mental Health grant and its progress; also discussed youth resources and the distribution of remaining crisis cards.
- c. Early Childhood Committee – discussed at length 2010/ 2011 goals and how to get the word out about social/ emotional screening; received an update on the birth to five grant – committee is happy that funding for it was not part of state budget cuts; and discussed the brain conference keynote speaker, Dr. Nancy Minshew, who specializes in autism. The conference is on November 16.
- d. Elementary/Middle School-Age Committee – discussed committee membership; may do a survey to find out the best way to recruit members; talked about the possibility of moving committee meetings to schools to showcase school programs and what they look like, what would be the best time for meetings, and other ideas.
- e. Wraparound Committee – looked at evaluation tools for Wraparound (Progress Tool and Satisfaction Survey) and how to best use them; discussed ways to partner with the faith-based community, many of whom are involved in Wraparound teams already, the committee would like to have them attend committee meetings. A couple of parents who have successfully gone through the Wraparound process have offered to share their story with other parents and ways to take them up on the offer was discussed.
- f. Celebrating Success Committee – discussed various awards or recognitions; the committee decided to use the PACT 4 annual meeting as the venue for the recognitions; members will check with other programs that have award/ recognition programs to get ideas; committee would also like to recognize people who have been involved in PACT 4 for five or ten

years. The outline of the process will include a formal application and a committee to evaluate those applications. The next meeting is following PACT 4's July collaborative meeting.

4. Lori Clasemann – Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin'-By World

Lori recently went through training to become a facilitator for the "Gettin'-By" process – a parallel tract of the "Bridges Out of Poverty" training. The 20-session training included the following topics: philosophy, theory, motivation and incentives, long-term support, mental models, content and process, and practice sessions. It's based on Philip DeVol's *Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-by-World: Building Your Resources for a Better Life*. Participants examine the impact of poverty on themselves and their communities. Their examinations produce information that is needed to design successful approaches to ending poverty and building sustainable communities. They create plans to build their own resources and come to the decision-making and planning tables in their communities as fellow problem-solvers with people from all classes, races, sectors, and political persuasions.

A participant in the program spoke about her experience going through the modules – there are fifteen of them. Eleven personal resources are defined in this program: financial, emotional, mental, spiritual, physical, social, relational, hidden rules, language, integrity, motivation. Participants choose which three resources to increase; they set a long-term but measurable goal for each resource (using SMART guidelines-Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Time-Specific); and they write down the steps to meet each goal – daily, weekly, monthly; and finally, when all goals are met, success is celebrated.

Lori stated that after the first week of this process, participants "get their dreams back; they get their future story back." She has been able to keep the costs for the process low through donated host site space and childcare time. For more information about "Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin'-By World", contact her at 320-329-8202.

5. Grant Reports

a. Birth to Five Mental Health Grant – Linda Mathiasen, grant coordinator, spoke about the progress of the grant. There is one year left – it ends June 30, 2011. Kandiyohi County has been working with ACMC on piloting the ASQ-SE (Ages and Stages Questionnaire-Social Emotional) with 18-month olds at their check-ups. Head Start does the ASQ-SE every six months with their families. Two service providers are contracted through the grant and meet monthly via ITV with key grant staff. Bi-monthly, public health; mental health professionals; PACT 4; and Head Start meet to talk about developing the system so when the grant ends, the same level of services can continue, and possibly be billed out. Head Start and Help Me Grow (formerly called IEIC-rebranded on a statewide level) recently provided training to 62 people on the ASQ-SE tool. Grant staff are also discussing how to incorporate it in ECFE settings in school districts, and to child care providers to help them learn to catch problems early. Point contacts for the grant in each county are: Joan Mohs and Jody Ammerman in Kandiyohi County, Mary Kay Sinner and Sandy Peterson in Renville County, Cindy Louwagie in Yellow Medicine County, and Heather Ziehl in Meeker County.

b. Juvenile Justice/Mental Health Grant – Greta Smolnisky, grant coordinator, spoke about the grant's progress. It has been six months since the planning grant began. The purpose of the implementation grant is to reduce recidivism among juvenile offenders, and an implementation application was submitted in April. Results will be announced in a couple of months. Through planning meetings for the implementation phase application, each county developed its own programming to fill gaps, dependent upon the available resources, needs, and populations in each county.

6. Other

a. Next Meeting – July 14th at the Health and Human Services Building in Willmar.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Shawna Steffen, PACT 4