

**PACT 4 FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE
EARLY CHILDHOOD MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 2010**

Present: Cindy Louwagie, Countryside PH; Mary Kay Sinner, Renville Co. PH; Diane Winter, Meeker Co. PH; Chery Johnson, Kandiyohi Co. PH; Jane Ryan, Dassel-Cokato EC Programs; Becky Knudson, Childcare Resource & Referral; Rick Loseth, PACT 4; Linda Mathiasen, PACT 4

- I. Welcome and introductions
- II. Approval of June 9 meeting minutes; motion by Diane Winter, second by Mary Kay Sinner. Motion carried.
- III. Agenda approved with one addition (Rick on Lessons on the Field); motion by Mary Kay Sinner, second by Jane Ryan.
- IV. Meeting facilitator-Becky Knudson
- V. Meeting recorder appointed-Linda Mathiasen; Reporter appointed-Jane Ryan.
- VI. Early Childhood member on Collaborative Recognition Team-Wendy Walz.
- VII. 2010 Goals
 - a. Purchasing a children's book, such as *The Way I Feel* for broad distribution.
 1. Jane Ryan is compiling average number of children screened at Preschool Screening in the four counties.
 2. Linda Mathiasen to send a list of PACT 4 school districts.
 - b. Full collaborative presentation—Rick to secure November date.
 - i. Topic to be identified. Briefly discussed the fit of inviting Alexandria schools to share about their Challenge program grant accomplishments and teacher-child interaction therapy training.
 - c. At September or October meeting, it was proposed to re-visit goals submitted to PACT 4 Executive Board.
 - d. Discussion of hosting a large group presentation through the Birth to Five grant. Target audience is school administrators, mental health professionals, early childhood school staff and possibly childcare providers.
 - i. Michelle Fallon was identified as one possible speaker.
 - ii. Thursday night (child care providers) and Friday (all others) model works well.
- VIII. Early Childhood Mental Health Grant Update
 - a. ACMC has decided not to become a second pilot site for the ASQ:SE in Somali. They are going to focus attention to screening of 18-month children during well child visits to more clinic sites.
 - i. If Public Health (Meeker/Renville/Yellow Medicine) receives a referral from ACMC or another medical clinic, contact Linda Mathiasen. KPH has a sample referral form.
 - b. Visits to Somali Women's Center continue through Kandiyohi Public Health.
 - c. A survey using survey monkey is underway to all child care providers in the four counties. Hard copies will be provided to child care centers for individuals to mail back.
 - d. Training for child care providers is being offered this fall through Child Care Resource & Referral. The survey postcard includes the training options. Training (three-hour overview developed by the grant) is available in Willmar (Oct. 5), Litchfield (Nov. 16), Granite Falls (Nov. 9) and Olivia (Nov. 30). The first three keys of "Six Keys" will be offered in Willmar (first three Thursdays in November). All courses offered at reduced rate through the grant.
- IX. Partner Updates
 - a. Mental Health First Aide: four-day session starting July 19 was shared. It was a free training funded in part by Child Abuse Council. Contact Cindy Louwagie for details.
 - b. PACER.org is a good resource for bringing training to the area.
 - c. Early Literacy Conference being held in August in Willmar.
 - d. Reminder: Countryside Public Health in Yellow Medicine is hosting Incredible Years training to those interested in being a trainer. Being held possibly in Benson on Oct. 26, 27, 28. We are reserving 10 spots for EC members.
 - e. Reminder: Becky Knutson has lending library including Happiest Baby on the Block.

- X. Update on Alexandria Schools: They are offering a four-day training in August for interested “coaches” of teacher-child interaction therapy (based on parent-child interaction therapy) through DePaul University in Chicago.
 - a. They currently have all teachers, paras and support staff for ages two to seven years trained. The suggestion of bringing them to a Full Collaborative has been shared.
 - i. If interested in learning more about the training, contact Linda Mathiasen.
- XI. Mental Health Care Coordinator available in the clinics.
 - a. Chery Johnson shared conversations with Douglas County Public Health regarding their mental health collaborative. They have a public health nurse onsite at the clinic, making referrals from physicians easy and mental health visits convenient for families. Mental health professionals meet with clients at the clinic and communication and progress is kept by the care coordinator.
 - b. They have an electronic process for ASQ:SE screening and also conduct screenings for older children. Many sites around the state are inquiring about their system, which has been in place over three years. PrimeWest is a major contributor to the process as well as the clinics and public health.
 - c. Chery will contact Blue Cross Blue Shield to share information and determine opportunities.
- XII. Brain Conference is set for November 16. If you have any suggestions, forward them to Cathy Nelson-Messer. Dr. Nancy Minshew from University of Pittsburgh will be the keynote.
- XIII. Lessons from the Field
 - a. Rick is seeking a discretionary grant for host ITV sites in Willmar and Olivia. These quarterly sessions are very well attended and have proven informative.
- XIV. No additional agenda items; meeting adjourned.
- XV. **Next EC meeting: Wednesday, September 8 at 10:00 a.m. in Willmar at KCHHS.**

Submitted by Linda Mathiasen, PACT 4
Birth to 5 Mental Health Grant Coordinator