

**Parent Advisory Committee**  
**August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008; 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**  
**Kandiyohi County Area Family YMCA; Willmar, MN**

Present: Char Erickson, PACT 4 Wraparound Coord.      Linda Nelson, Kandiyohi County parent  
Debbie Gerrety, Renville County parent      Polly Ann Peters, PACT 4 Family Liaison  
Gayle Dean, Kandiyohi County parent      Rosa Eddy, Kandiyohi County parent  
Kelly Roschild, Kandiyohi County parent      Sherry Kenney, Renville County parent  
Laurie Bliss, Yellow Medicine County parent      Suzanne Wordes, Kandiyohi County parent  
Linda Hocum, Kandiyohi County parent      Virginia Sullivan, Renville County parent

1. Approval of Agenda and July minutes  
No minutes submitted from July' s meeting. Motion by Kenney , second by Gerrety . Motion carried to approve the agenda.

2. PACT 4 Updates  
Special populations grant – there are three new positions filled, but still looking for a grant coordinator.

Healthy Teen Relationships grant – did not receive approval of application.

Character Ed grant – still pending.

Next Collaborative meeting – September 10<sup>th</sup> in Willmar at Health & Human Services Building.

Committees – will be sharing information about “ Parent Friendly Committees” w ith Executive Board. It w as brought up that new comers to the PAC often feel confused and/or unw elcome. Decided to have an “ Orientation Packet” or flyer to give them. Sherry w ill start w orking on this. Also discussed having a designated “ Welcomer” to look for and w elcome new comers. Transition age is a difficult time for accessing mental health resources. Several parents are struggling for support and services for their young adult children. Would like to see the Adolescent Services Committee break into tw o groups (9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade; transition age) or spend equal time focusing on each. Char w ill print off copies of committee meeting minutes for all committees.

3. Training Updates  
Poverty Conference – August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>; registration deadline passed but call Heartland if still w ant to attend.  
MA CMH – Free Parent Workshop; September 27<sup>th</sup>.  
CMH – What You Need to Know ; August 25<sup>th</sup>.  
NAMI – Evidence-Based Practice for CMH; August 14.  
Brain Conference – November 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Greater Minnesota Conference – October 16<sup>th</sup>; Redw ood Falls, RAD is topic

4. Brochure – see above; w orking on orientation packet

5. LAC – there is confusion over the makeup of the LAC in some counties. Discussed using a different approach, talking to county commissioners, trying to keep this as a positive endeavor, etc. Kandiyohi County LAC meets in September but has not met over the summer.

5. Other  
Budgeting – Virginia gave helpful tips on budgeting, w ebsites that show w ays to save money, shopping tips, using coupons, etc.

Char w ill create a “ Master PAC Notebook” w ith minutes from 2007 to present.

Fundraising – voted not to participate in the fall West Central Tribune garage sale, held at the Civic Center, due to not enough time to prepare and lack of follow -through from last time. Regarding the recipe books, Julie w as not present to give an update on the progress. There w as discussion on w hether or note recipes need to have the source's name cited. Debbie w ill follow up w ith Julie on this.

6. Next meeting – July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 6:00 pm at the YMCA.

5. Adjourn  
Motion by Wordes, second by Willing. Motion carried.

*Minutes submitted by Char Erickson*

*MISSION: “ To be the voice of all parents / caregivers in the four-county area of Kandiyohi, Meeker, Renville and Yellow-Medicine and to share that voice with PACT 4 partners”*