

**Parent Advisory Committee**  
**July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009; 5:30 to 7:30 pm**  
**Kandiyohi County Area Family YMCA; Willmar, MN**

**Present:**

Alex Espinoza, PACT 4 Guía Coord.	Julie Baalson, Kandiyohi County parent
Becky Romosz, Kandiyohi County parent	Laurie Bliss, Yellow Medicine County parent
Char Erickson, PACT 4 Wraparound Coord.	Linda Hocum, Kandiyohi County parent
Diane Moots, Kandiyohi County parent	Polly Peters, PACT 4 Families Liaison
Gayle Dean, Kandiyohi County parent	Sheila Bliss, Renville County parent
Jamin Johnson, Resource Center Program	Sherry Kenney, Renville County parent
	Virginia Sullivan, Renville County parent

**Agenda Items / Topics for Discussion:**

- Jamin Johnson, Resource Center Program
- Input on collaborative meetings
- Scholarship Committee update

**Discussion:**

- The Executive Board is seeking input on what people would like to see at collaborative meetings. Ideas: “real” stories, program presentations, more information during introductions about agency/programs, break-out sessions to discuss issues/topics of interest, encourage spreading out more (mingling) so agency or committee staff don’t all sit together, have relevant, informational sharing on current issues.
- Updates given on current grants and a new grant starting.
- Resource Center Program update was given by Jamin Johnson. There are three facets to the grant program: 1) information/resources; 2) support groups and trainings; and 3) scholarships for families (trainings, resources, etc.) RCP may be interested in becoming members of the Collaborative. Jamin has also spoken with the Adolescent Services Committee about partnering on a project for college-aged youth to talk to middle school students about mental health. There are several support groups currently up and running, including a Down’s Syndrome group, TBI, ADHD and Autism groups.
- Virginia asked for feedback on the “crisis cards” on behalf of the Adolescent Services committee, which continues to distribute the cards.

**Action Taken / Recommendations:**

- Decided to work on a brochure to supplement the flyer. Char will draft a sample one as time permits.
- Scholarship committee is working on a protocol for accessing funds. They will bring a finalized copy to a future meeting.

**Training Needs Identified:**

- Upcoming trainings: NAMI MN Ice Cream Social (July 23); Greater MN Family Services training on Autism Spectrum Disorders (October); Bridges Out of Poverty Conference (August 24, 25); Brain Conference (November 19).

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

- PAC Brochure
- Scholarship Committee Guidelines
- Two PowerPoint slides for collaborative meeting

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

- Ideas for Full Collaborative meetings: “real” stories, program presentations, more information during introductions about agency/programs, break-out sessions to discuss issues/topics of interest, encourage spreading out more (mingling) so agency or committee staff don’t all sit together, have relevant, informational sharing on current issues.
- Resource Center Program considering joining the Collaborative.
- Training scholarships guidelines will be completed soon.

**Next Meeting Date / Location / Time**

August 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Kandiyohi County YMCA in Willmar.