

**PACT 4 FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE
EAELY CHILDHOOD MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 2009**

Present: Mary Anderson, LSS; Jodi Wambeke, Willmar EC Programs; Cindy Louwagie, Countryside PH; Donna Henning, Heartland Head Start; Becky Knudson, Childcare Resource & Referral; Mary Kay Sinner, Renville Co. PH; Sandy Peterson, Renville Co. PH; Wendy Walz, Litchfield EC Programs; Cathy Nelson-Messer, Heartland Head Start, Jane Ryan, DC Early Childhood; Rick Loseth, PACT 4; Linda Mathiasen, PACT 4; Diane Winter, Meeker Co. PH

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Approval of July 8 meeting minutes; motion by Mary Kay Sinner, second by Jodi Wambeke. Motion carried.
3. Birth to 5 Grant:
 - Rick distributed copies of a draft baseline survey which will be distributed to those who provide services to the birth to 5 population (public health, Head Start, LSS, Woodland Centers, 1 survey per agency). The surveys will be mailed at the beginning of the upcoming school year.
 - ITV Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation—monthly consultation for providers of mental health services birth to 5. Kandiyohi County Health & Human Services, monthly on the 4th Friday, 9:00—11:30. Format includes case presentations and reflective supervision. Early Childhood Resource Consultants (ECRC) are encouraged to attend at a minimum of one time to gain an understanding of the diagnostic process.
 - Sharing of upcoming trainings—the “Kids First” conference is in January, either the 23rd or the 30th, at Jackpot. Dr. Teri Rose will present in the morning. The afternoon session is Media Wise training. Rick attended the DC 0-3 training. The one-day training may be more appropriate for committee members and partners, Rick would like to host the training locally.
 - Early Childhood Resource Consultants (ECRC) and Mental Health Providers (Woodland Centers and LSS)—the group needs to schedule a meeting to define the referral process. Until then, contact Mary Anderson at LSS, 320-235-5411 or cell 320-583-9060 or Nancy Hood at Woodland Centers. All children birth to 5 with abnormal ASQ-SE scores should be referred. PACT 4 will develop a referral form.
 - Catherine Wright has been hired by the state as a grants coordinator.
 - Childcare providers—discussion of what type of training is needed to support and empower providers to address mental health concerns with parents while maintaining the relationship with the parents. Linda developed a list of draft questions to be used in a focus group with providers to identify needs. The list needs to be narrowed down to 5-6 questions.
 - ASQ-SE--“Users” Meeting will be convened to identify who uses the ASQ-SE, how to better use it and reduce duplication. This will be an agenda item for the September meeting.

- Foundations for Success—looking for sites to pilot ASQ-SE in Somali and Hmong. Rick will discuss with Chery Johnson and Jodi Wambeke if Kandiyohi County meets the requirements of a pilot site. The grant could cover the costs described in the pilot description.
4. Lessons From the Field Series—Rick asked if there was interest again this upcoming year. Changes are being proposed to charge \$20/participant or a flat rate per site. Rick proposed the Early Childhood Committee write a discretionary grant to pay the site fee for Kandiyohi County and for sites in the other counties if there is interest.
 5. Training needs related to the grant—Rick asked if there are other training needs that will increase capacity in addition to that identified for child care providers. Big ticket presenters could be funded with a discretionary grant.
 6. Upcoming training opportunity—“Children’s Development, What to Expect”, 3-hour training being offered at 3 sites in September:
 - September 14, 6:30—9:30, Marshall
 - September 15, 6:30—9:30, Ridgewater College, Hutchinson
 - September 22, 6:30—9:30, Ridgewater College, Willmar

Being no further agenda items, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Diane Winter, PHN
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