

Full Collaborative Meeting
Wednesday, July 8th; 11:45 am to 1:45 pm
Kandiyohi Co. Health & Human Services Building; Willmar, MN

Present: Alex Espinoza, PACT 4 Guía Coach/Coordinator
Al Stoeckman, YME School Superintendent
Amber Mitchell, Renville County student
Ann Stehn, Kandiyohi Co Public Health Director
Anna Tensen, Shelter House Youth Advocate
Brian Skogen, Canby/PACT 4 School Social Worker
Bryan Thiery, YMCA Community Outreach Director
Carmen Clementson, Kandiyohi Co. Family Svcs. Supervisor
Chantell Kay, Shelter House
Char Erickson, PACT 4 Wraparound Coordinator
Chery Johnson, Kandiyohi Co. Public Health Asst. Director
Chris Sullivan, Renville County
Cindy Louwagie, Countryside Public Health Nurse
Danielle Hendrickson, PACT 4 Guía Coach/Liaison
Debb Sheehan, PACT 4 Director
Debbie Gerrety, Renville County parent
Debi Brandt, Heartland Community Relations Director
Diane Winter, Meeker Co. Public Health Director
Dick Larson, Kandiyohi County Commissioner
Elaine Bolland, Harmony Visitation Center Coordinator
George Dubie, Greater MN Family Services Director
Gwenn Garcia, West Central Intgrtn Collab. Guía Coach/Coord.
Jane Remiger, Yellow Medicine Co. Commissioner
Jane Ryan, Dassel/Cokato Early Childhood Programs
Janice Madden, Project SHARE Director
Jennifer Mendoza, PACT 4-Guía Coach/Liaison
Jerry Brustuen, Renville Co. Human Services Director
Jon Marchand, Greater MN Family Svcs Prog. Coord.
Julie Slaughter, Renville County parent
Kara Mortenson, Yellow Medicine County parent
Kim Hanson, Woodland Centers Unit Director
Laurie Bliss, Yellow Medicine County parent
Linda Hocum, Kandiyohi County parent
Loren Hacker, Canby School Superintendent
Lynette Braun, Rice Hospital PET Program Coordinator
Lynn Kuehn, ECHO Charter School
Mary Kay Sinner, Renville Co. Public Health Nurse
Maureen Mitchell, Renville County parent
Pat Thomas, Meeker Co. Social Svcs. Supervisor
Paul Carlson, NL/S School Superintendent
Pete Van Der Puy, Central MN Christian School Super.
Rick Clark, BL/H School Superintendent
Rick Loseth, PACT 4 Families Supervisor
Ron Kutzke, Meeker County Commissioner
Shelly Huseby, Goodwill/Easter Seals Mission Svcs Mgr
Susan Arvidson, YMC Family Svcs. Social Worker
Tammy Thompson, MC Probation Director
Virginia Sullivan, Renville County parent
Wendy Walz, Litchfield School Early Childhood Prog.

1. Approval of Minutes

Julie Slaughter offered a motion to approve the June minutes as presented; Pat Thomas seconded. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Agenda

Bryan Thiery offered a motion to approve the agenda as written; Carmen Clementson seconded. Motion carried.

3. School Connectedness DVD

The DVD is something that the Elementary/Middle School-Age Committee has been working on, and is funded by SHARE dollars. It was made primarily at Gibbon/Fairfax/Winthrop School District. All PACT 4 partner school districts have a copy of the DVD, and it is also available on PACT 4's website.

4. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Board – the Board will be having a daylong retreat in either August or September. Will be discussing how to impact the legislative system. The audit by the State of Minnesota is going well, and three grants are wrapping up their year and submitting reports to the state.
- b. Adolescent Services Committee – the second “crisis card” printing is done and cards will be distributed to parents in the fall with the back-to-school packets that are sent out by school districts. At the next meeting, future projects/agenda items will be discussed.
- c. Early Childhood Committee – discussed the theme for the annual brain conference (The Healthy Brain) and the keynote speaker – Esther Sternburg. An ad has been posted for a two-day per week coordinator position for the birth to five grant. Will next meet on August 19th to continue discussing the grant.
- d. Elementary/Middle School-Age Committee – brainstormed ideas on how to boost registrations for the School Connectedness conference.
- e. Mentors Committee – discussed collaborative summer activities for all the programs, other funding sources, and community garden participation.
- f. Wraparound Committee – discussed how the Signs of Safety philosophy is similar to Wraparound, and youth surveys on Wraparound.

g. Parent Advisory Committee – watched the Wraparound DVD and talked about partnering with the Resource Center Program.

5. Jason’s Journey – Linda Hocum

Linda, who has been an active member of the Parent Advisory Committee, used to serve on the Community Evaluation Team and is co-chair of the Local Advisory Committee for children’s mental health, spoke about her son Jason’s journey through the mental health system.

6. Grant Reports

a. Restorative Justice/Circle Sentencing – the steering committee is examining expanding Circles in Kandiyohi County, potentially using them with Prairie Lakes Youth Programs as part of a youth transition plan from out-of-home placement back into the community; and with Kandiyohi County Family Services as a tool to use with truancy-involved youth.

b. SHARE – there are three months left of the grant, final bills are being submitted and paid. The Coordinating Council will meet on August 19th to learn final results of the SHARE surveys.

c. 21st Century Learning Community Center – summer programs are going strong in sites. Year two of the grant ends July 30th. Year-end reports are being prepared for the State, and will be shared at a future Collaborative meeting.

d. Guía – staff will present the *Creating Lasting Family Connections* curriculum to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee meeting on July 17th in Alexandria. Year one has finished and a final report to the State is being compiled. The first year has been a learning experience and staff learned what worked and what didn’t, leading to changes and adjustments in programming.

e. Chemical Health Coalitions – both coordinators are at a MOST of Us® training institute in Bozeman, Montana. Year end reports for both grants are finished and have been submitted to the State.

9. Other

a. Next Meeting – September 9th at the Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building in Willmar. We will be conducting a “speed-netting” exercise. All agency/school representatives are to bring brochures or other materials from their agency to help facilitate the process of learning about each other.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Shawna Steffen, PACT 4