

## **Clay County Collaborative Coordinator's Recommendations**

The following are my initial recommendations based on the information gathered during the strategic planning process, survey results, discussions within work groups and Administrative group meetings. The steps outlined will assist the Collaborative in aligning its work with the new priorities for Collaboratives set by the MN Department of Human Services.

New Priorities:

- #1: Promote Mental Health & Well-Being of Children, Youth & Young Adults
- #2: Support Healthy Growth & Social Emotional Development of Children, Youth & Young Adults
- #3: Strengthen Resilience & Protective Factors of Families, Schools & Communities

The following recommendations are in no particular order or priority.

1. Bring service systems together to coordinate and integrate resource/services for children, youth and families.
  - Move from current “silo” project/program” focus to addressing whole child system needs. Encouraging and aligning child-serving systems to ensure a continuum of care
  - Integrated, coordinated care work group – areas to be addressed in this group, include common application, web based tracking system, coordination of care, etc.
  - Form a Transition age work group to address programming for transitional age 12-21
  - Review the use of strength based, child centered, youth guided and family driven programming within Collaborative programming
  - Eliminate Substance Abuse work group: incorporate into coordinated care work
  - Eliminate School Age Disability work group – use as the basis for new transition ae work group
  - Eliminate Family Support Model work group and incorporate into coordinated care work group.
  - Explore integrating funding and improving the flexibility, efficiency, and use of existing resources
2. Utilize general funds to rebuild current website to one that meets needs identified in survey.
  - Resources
  - Programs
  - Education
3. Increase involvement of parents, caregivers, and youth at all levels
  - Improve and increase access to resources/services and helping families navigate service systems
  - Increase participation by parents, caregivers, youth in Collaborative work groups
  - Increase educational opportunities for family members
  - Use of holistic family, community and systems approaches

4. Explore possible web based tracking
  - Address HIPPA concerns
  - Review models
  - Explore funding sources
  - Address “turf” issues
5. Explore need for and funding options for interpreters.
6. Trauma Informed Care/Adverse Childhood Experiences:
  - DHS pilot begins in January
  - Training on Adverse Childhood Experiences
  - Training on early intervention/resiliency building
  - Develop community action plan
  - Develop cohort of presenters
  - Research possibility of “train the trainer” options
7. Meet with rural providers including rural school districts to determine how best to meet the needs of families in the rural area.

To be determined:

- Option of continued funding for current programming
- Option of restructuring funding for current programming
- Funding for additional recommendations including: website redesign, web based tracking, parent education, and ACE work;