



Clay County Collaborative

Successful Partnerships building Successful Families

Administrative Group

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Present: Bryan Hanson, West Central Juvenile Center; Laurie Schwartz, CAPLP; Duane Borgeson, Moorhead Public Schools; Joni Medenwald, The Village Family Service Center; Jeremy Pratschner, Lakeland Mental Health Center; Jamie Hennen, Clay County Public Health; Lindsay Ternes, Department of Corrections; Michelle Olsonoski, Clay County Attorney; Hannah Gilbery, Churches United for the Homeless; Rhonda Porter, Clay County Social Service; Chris Martin, Moorhead Police Department; Lanette Krinsky, Parent; Carolyn Strnad, Coordinator; Guest: Jill Ambuehl;

Lanette welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minutes from the May 21, 2019 were approved as written (Joni/Hannah). Today's agenda was approved by consensus.

Presentation: Jill Ambuehl, HYPP (Hawley Youth Prevention Program): Jill is the program coordinator for the Prevention program that is funded through SAMSHA and the state of MN. The program is currently in the fourth year of a five year of the planning and implementation grant. The program is working towards a drug free grant while establishing programs that can be sustainable should no additional funding be awarded to the program. The focus of the work is on alcohol although they are also working to address the vaping issue that has become a growing issue in Hawley. The grant is specific to working with the Hawley Public School system and community. Two cohorts direct the work of the grant. One cohort is student led and the other involved student leaders and community members. The model used within the program is one that concentrates on the 90% of the student population that does not use alcohol or other drugs. Built into the program are positive messaging, addressing community norms, youth activities and giving youth a voice. Youth involved in the youth group spend time volunteering in the community, assisting with activities such as "sticker shock" and community picnics and events. An educational opportunity for the community take place on a regular basis, with the talk on vaping the most popular of the events held in the past year. Research shows that the best time to start having a conversation with your child is in 5th grade. The grant work covers grades 5-12. Results of community and student surveys show that there is a 60% increase in parents who talk to their kids monthly or more often about alcohol and drugs. Youth are 39 times less likely to not drink alcohol if the they think parents care. HYPP's next meeting is September 17th at the REACH office. All are invited to participate on the committee.

FY19 budget was reviewed. This is not the final budget as there remains a few programs who have not submitted their last voucher.

The FY20 budget was reviewed. Two new administrative costs in this fiscal year are \$1,200 for office rent and \$600 for office phone.

Carolyn reviewed the 2018 Collaborative report that was submitted to the MN Department of Human Services in June. Information on the report is taken from the work plan reports that are submitted by the various programs on a semi-annual basis.

The Local Advisory Council for Children's Mental Health annual survey and board report was reviewed. The report is submitted to the county board on an annual basis. The Report includes information on the strengths of the children's mental health system and gaps in services.

LCTS Report: Jane is busy with training school staff in preparation for school starting. We received notification of our first LCTS funds. \$76,524 which is approximately \$10,000 over last year's, same quarter, funds.

Coordinator report: Work groups took a break over the summer time, they are gearing up for starting up again in September. The following events have been scheduled:

Circle of Parents group starting at Bright Sky Apartments September 10th 1:00 pm

Resilience movie showing at Moorhead Public Library September 16th 6:30 pm

Resiliency Building Community Conversation: October 8th. 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Family Engagement: Understanding the Mental Health System training Monday, October 14

Region 4 will be hosting the state-wide Collaborative Coordinators meeting in October.

Over the summer a Longest Table event was held in partnership with the cities of Moorhead and Dilworth. The event was very well received and the Leadership Team reviewed the feedback received from the evaluation survey. This year Dilworth hosted the event. Next year, Moorhead will be hosting the event at Gooseberry Park on June 10th.

Agency updates:

West Central Juvenile Center is still in construction phase. Hopefully by the end of August they will be able to move youth to the upper floors where construction is completed. The Center continues to be at full capacity. Once the construction is complete, they will move from 45 beds to 75 beds in the non-secure section. Additional staff will be hired with the increase in youth.

CAPLP: Lakes and Prairies have officially changed their name to reflect the "community action" as first in the work that they do. Head Start staff came back this week to begin preparing for the new school year. The program, both Head Start and Early Head Start are fully enrolled with a waiting list. A new full-day classroom will be added to this year's programming.

Moorhead Public Schools are also preparing for the start of the school year. A Jumpstart classroom has been added at Robert Asp Elementary School. With the increase in youth at the Juvenile Center, the school is working to increase their services to youth at the Center.

Village Family Service Center has opened a second location in Fargo. The new location will hold all of their clinical programs while the office will be used for administrative offices and the Big Brother, Big Sister program. The new Moorhead office build is on schedule and will hopefully open in November. The new Moorhead office will be located in front of the Hornbachers in south Moorhead.

Lakeland Mental Health Center is fully staffed in the psychiatric department. New Psychiatric appointments are booking out a month, with follow up appointments typically booking out two weeks. The children's case managers participated in the Police Program registration day. They provided activities for kids to do while waiting. It was well received by program staff and families.

Clay County Public health is hiring a full-time nurse for Barnesville Public School. There is a public health nurse present in the other rural school districts.

Juvenile Probation: Matt Verdoes is the new probation officer who has been assigned to work with the Moorhead youth receiving probation. He will share the Moorhead caseload with Lindsay. Robert Fyre covers the rural part of the county.

REACH: Lexi from Village Family Service Center started providing therapy services August 1st. Her schedule is filling up fast. The Collaborative approved a pilot project with REACH to assist in covering copays and no insurance children seen by the Village

Restorative Justice: Program staff participated in the summer youth program. An intern working with the program is in training to do some facilitation work and will have cases assigned to her. With some changes in the County Attorney's office, all diversion cases are now going to Amanda, Restorative Justice coordinator. The program uses Aspen for the chemical use cases. Amanda will be present in the Moorhead Middle Schools again this year. The pilot project that started last year has proven to be valuable to students and the school because of the ability to address the harm done in a more efficient and timely manner.

Church's United for the Homeless has been a big spike in families requiring housing this summer. They are utilizing overflow which is typically only done during the cold winter months. A Circle of Parents Group will be starting at Bright Sky Apartments in September.

Moorhead Police program School Resource officers are gearing up for another school year. 185 youth participated in the summer police program. The Police League will start up again this fall. Police officers volunteer their time to take groups of youth to various events in the community.

Next meeting: October 15, 2019 Jason McCoy will present on the work he is doing on vaping.