



Clay County Collaborative
Successful Partnerships building Successful Families
Governance Board
Thursday, September 5, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Present: Monica McConkey, Prairie St. John's; Lanette Krinsky, Parent; John Docken, CAPLP; Mike McCarthy, Lakeland Mental Health Center; Scott Steffes, Moorhead Public School; Janelle Cheney, MN Department of Corrections; Marla Field, Barnesville Public School; Jim Haney, Clay County Board; Pete Larson, Arc MN West Central; Hope Deutscher, REACH; Carolyn Strnad, Coordinator;

Lanette welcomed everyone to the meeting. The agenda was approved as written. (Mike/John) Motion to approve the May 30, 2019 minutes was approved. (Jim/Scott)

Quinn Jaeger, Clay County Social Service Child Protection Unit Supervisor provided Board members with a brief presentation on the Truancy Intervention Program. In late fall of 2018, the Truancy Program was selected by the University of MN Humphrey School as an evaluation project for their students. Over the course of many months the group took data from our Truancy Program and evaluated it, while also reviewing literature to identify any best practices. Currently in Clay County, truancy numbers are rising. For some children it is a lack of transportation options, lack of parental involvement or simply that the student (typically late middle school to high school range) feel that school has nothing to offer them and they do not want to go. Data from the study showed a strong indication that an early and intensive intervention improved attendance. Data trends showed that family engagement also made a difference in student attendance. The Truancy Intervention Leadership Team has been meeting with probation, School Resource Officers, the police and sheriff departments to discuss the issues and to keep the lines of communication open. Currently the program is hiring a family advocate and will assign schools once that person is hired and ready to go. Until then limited assistance will be provided to Moorhead High School and no assistance will be available at Red River Alternative Learning Center. Data continues to be collected and will be reviewed in the spring to see if changes made had an impact on the program.

The FY19 budget was reviewed. Several programs have yet to submit their final report. Carolyn will send out a reminder. Next year, a cut off date for final reports and invoices will be given so that the annual budget can be finalized on a timelier manner.

The FY20 budget report was reviewed. As part of new procedures, Pete Larson will review the monthly expenditures and sign off on them. Carolyn will provide them via email.

Lakeland Mental Health request for FY20 was reviewed. The agency is asking for an additional \$22,000 to provide CTSS services at Moorhead High School and Horizon Middle School East and

West. Lakeland Mental Health is also asking for \$11,000 for individual therapy for students in Clay County that do not have insurance. The Moorhead Public Schools has agreed to provide \$5,000 in additional dollars for those two programs. Motion to approve a total of \$33,000 to Lakeland Mental Health Center to provide CTSS to Moorhead Public School students and individual therapy to Clay County students was approved. (John/Mike)

LCTS Coordinator Update: Our next LCTS revenue will be \$76,524. Jane has provided training to all the school districts with the exception of Moorhead Public Schools who will receive training on October 16th.

Coordinator's Report: Carolyn has attended the various meetings held on the Truancy Intervention Program. She will be attending a meeting next week regarding the Mobile Crisis Response Program. The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Resiliency work required by the MN Department of Human Services is entering its third stage in Clay County with a showing of the Resilience movie (September 16th) and a Resilience Community Conversation (October 8th). Once completed the Collaborative will move to the final stage, stage four with implementing a community plan to build resilience within our youth and families. Circle of Parents is starting on September 10th and will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's of the month. Work groups are up and meeting again after taking a summer break. Carolyn is working on a family resource book. The Financial Unit waiting area and interview rooms have been outfitted with child friendly activities which should help appointments with financial workers to go a bit smoother.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is Thursday, December 5, 2019