



Clay County Collaborative

Successful Partnerships building Successful Families

Administrative Group Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Members Present: Duane Borgeson, Moorhead Public Schools; Jon Ellerbusch, Barnesville Public School; Hanna Gilbery, churches United for the Homeless; Joni Medenwald, The Village Family Service Center; Lanette Krinsky, Parent; Lindsay Ternes, Probation; Lori Schwartz CAPLP; Michelle Olsonoski, County Attorney office; Jill Ambuehl, REACH; Rhonda Porter, Social Service; Tina Jacobson, Lakeland Mental Health; Carolyn Strnad, Coordinator

Lanette welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minutes from the August 20, 2019 meeting were approved (Hannah/Michelle)

Presentation: Jason McCoy, Clay County Public: Jason updated the committee on the work being done. The Substance Abuse work group has started up again. Their focus will be on vaping and the work will include three areas: Policy, education, and consequences for students found vaping in the school building. The use of vaping has increased across the country and so has the number of deaths and respiratory illnesses. Rural MN has passed the metro area for most vape use. Cigarette use is down. As the dangers of vaping become more known, there will most likely be a shift in vaping back to cigarette use. 70% of students are reporting that they are getting their vaping supplies from older students. The work group is looking at the possibility of changing the tobacco policy so that no one under the age of 21 can purchase tobacco products. Studies show this has a 25% reduction in tobacco use. An ordinance restricting tobacco sales to age 21 has passed in Wilkin and Otter Tail counties. Jason shared information on several curriculums available to teachers and youth groups. The American Lung Society has released a program INDEPTH which is an alternative to suspension. If enough schools sign on to the program, the association will send a trainer here. The program leads the students through a series of discussion to help them stop vaping. Two youth cessation resources: NOT (Not on Tobacco) and Ditch JUUL could be the answer to helping youth stop vaping and tobacco use. Jason is available to present to parents, community members, teachers and peer groups. He is also available to work with teachers and school staff to use the various free curriculum options that he has available. Under his current grant he is not able to speak at school lyceums. Jason is working with Lakes Country Service Coop on contracting with a company that makes sensors for bathrooms. The sensors are a work in progress with some bugs to work out before they can be used more effectively. Substance Abuse work group meets on the first Monday of the month at 10:00 am in room 4 of the Family Service Center. All are welcome to attend or send a staff person.

FY19 budget was reviewed. Three agencies have not yet completed their final report and/or submitted an invoice. Once those agencies are paid out the FY19 budget can be finalized and carryover amounts will be known. Consensus of the group was to recommend to the Governance Board to review the funding policies to reflect a date for the semi-annual report and invoice for timely reporting and financial accounting.

FY20 budget was reviewed. The budget notes an increase in school based mental health funding due to a request from Lakeland Mental Health for funds to add additional mental health services to Moorhead middle

and high school and \$5,000 for therapy within any Clay County school. School based Collaborative funds can not be used for students on an IEP or in a Day Treatment program.

LCTS Report: Jane will be training the paraprofessionals at Moorhead Public Schools this week. Still working on a time to train teachers. Jane will also be sharing information on LCTS at the next regional Collaborative Coordinators meeting.

Coordinator's Report:

Community Resilience Conversation was held October 8th. It was well attended and the data gathered will help the planning team to identify next steps. Thank you to Churches United for the Homeless for hosting the event at the Bright Sky apartments. The Conversation was the third and final phase of the requirement to move forward ACEs and resiliency through the Collaborative.

Understanding Children's Mental Health System of Care training was held October 14th. 18 people were in attendance. NAMI provided the speaker for this comprehensive system of care training. This is part of the System of Care federal grant under which Clay County has a pilot project on Community Intensive Bridging Services (CIBS).

Lakeland Mental Health has an opening for a mental health professional in the school. Working on the school-based program. Case loads for Rule 79 are full with a long waiting list. Reimbursement rates for case management cover the cost of the program. CTSS reimbursement does not cover the costs of the program. Moorhead Public Schools is working with Fargo and Sanford on a project. More news to come at the next meeting! Staff are providing opportunities for community members to learn about the upcoming bond vote. Should funds be approved, they will be used to remodel the high school and add an addition onto the building to accommodate the increase in student population.

Social Services: The 2020 budget is fairly set with not much of a change from the current budget. There was a state reduction in the respite grant and a reduction in screening grants. The agency has two openings in the child protection unit. The agency will start doing targeted case management for children with a small case load.

REACH: Lexi from the Village Family Service Center who provides mental health therapy to students has been a positive support during some tough community issues. The agency is gearing up for Spirit of Christmas and the winter gear distribution events.

The Village Family Service Center will be moving into their new building next week Lexi is providing mental health therapy at the Hawley schools and at REACH. With two new providers wait time for therapy and in home is at a minimum.

Probation: Juvenile Center is full on both secured and non-secured sites. Youth residing there are in need of some intense mental health services. The agency had a presentation on Friends of the Children (Dave Kemper). This is a new program that serves children at the age of 5 or kindergarten and mentors and supports them through the school years until graduation. While it was not a fit for their program it was of interest to those working with younger children. The program is a two generational approach with someone working with the child and a mentor for the parents.

Restorative Justice facilitator Amanda Hostad presented to a MSUM class and will be presenting to a class at MState. The program is in need of volunteers.

Churches United for the Homeless will be working with Friends of the Children. The program will work with several of the children at the shelter and Bright Sky apartment. The shelter has started overflow housing to help get people out of the cold.

CAPLP Lakes and Prairies Community Action had a ribbon cutting for their new senior transportation program. The ribbon events were held in several locations in the county. This service will pick up seniors and bring them into town to do whatever they would like to do such as shopping and meeting a friend for coffee or lunch. In October their will be an all staff meeting. The presenter will be on opioid addiction. A decision was made that staff will be carrying Narcan. The agency is looking to hire a coordinator to do some two-generation approach work – whole family approach.

Next meeting: December 17, 2019