



Success Partnership building Success Families

Children's Mental Health Work Group

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Lanette welcomed everyone to the meeting and all shared one good thing. The meeting agenda was approved by consensus. Minutes from the November 5, 2019 meeting were approved. (Bryan/Leslie)

FY20 Update:

Flex funds: A total of \$260 in flex requests have been granted. Remaining balance is \$4,740

Circle of Parents: When the program initially started, we had four trained facilitators. Due to movement within careers, three of the facilitators have moved from the area. In order to run the program efficiently and according to guidelines, and according to directions received from the supervising agency, MN Communities Caring for Children. The second concern is the lack of referrals to the program. After several attempts to start the program and with much appreciation for the partnership with Churches United for the Homeless and Bright Sky apartments, attendance has been only 1 to 2 parents at a time. In order to move forward with the program, we will need to have at least one more person trained as a facilitator and get a minimum of five parents interested in the program. It was suggested to advertise the groups through Community Education.

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs): The program is in need of additional trainers. Please let Carolyn know if you are interested.

Presentations: Please let Carolyn know if you have a program or project that would be interested in presenting at the workgroup meeting.

Agency Updates:

REACH: Just finished up with the Thanksgiving baskets. The Glyndon food pantry located at the Lutheran church has been operating since fall and is experiencing a lower than anticipated use among residents in the area. If anyone has ideas for marketing information on the food pantry, let Peggie know. 172 children have signed up for the holiday gift program and 150 food baskets. The agency maybe expanding to Hendrum to meet increasing needs in that community. Currently REACH's service includes Norman county and Clay County east of Dilworth to the county line.

Social Services: The agency is working on the respite grant request for next year. Michelle will be attending a state meeting on rural transportation needs. There will also be a regional meeting regarding the volunteer program. Michelle and Carolyn attended a state meeting on the Collaborative Intensive Bridging Services (CIBS) which is part of a state systems of care grant that Minnesota received from SAMSHA. The program provides intensive mental health services to youth with the goal of reducing the need for residential treatment. The county is in the process of drafting a memorandum of understanding with Friends of the Children who works with children age 4 through age 6 and continues through high school with them.

Churches United for the Homeless: Four families accessed housing in November. Three families will be moving into their own housing this week. The Dorothy Day Food Pantry has started their super shelf program for which they received a grant to operate. The program operates as a shopping/client choice rather than picking up an already selected box of food. Friends of the Children will begin working with four children from the shelter. This is a specialized mentor program that works with the child and parent up to 8 hours a week. Part of the work is done within the school environment. Melody is working with MSUM to set up a track program for kids in the shelter and Bright Sky apartments. Staff is working on the arrangements for the annual Christmas party.

West Central Juvenile Center: Construction is continuing on the first floor of the Center. The Center is operating in near full capacity in both the secure and non-secure programs. As more space begins to open up they will be expanding program options for youth staying at the Center.

Lakeland Mental Health: The annual bake sale will be held on Friday, February 13th beginning at 10:00 am. CTSS services are going well in the schools.

Mobile Mental Health Crisis Response Program: The program is short one staff in Otter Tail County. They have received a number of applications and expect to have someone hired and working in the county soon. In November the program provided assessments for 21 children in the region, with four of those assessments with Clay County children. With the assessment 81% of the children were able to stay home.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 1pm – 2:30pm