



“Working together to create a better future for children and their families”.

Clay County Early Childhood Initiative

Friday, November 15, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Carolyn welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The 2019 report draft was reviewed. Additional information was added to the report. Carolyn will complete the report and send out for review. See report for discussion information. The report is due to West Central Initiative on December 20th.

The 2020 Work Plan is due to West Central Initiative on December 20th. Discussion items included:

- Supporting Katy Smith’s attendance at the annual early childhood conference to be held in September of 2020. Katy Smith’s fee is \$1,500 plus mileage and hotel. She will offer a parent night on the evening before the conference and a 3-hour workshop at the conference. It was decided to use our \$1000 recruitment and retention funds for this work plan to support this event.
- Supporting the Lake Agassiz Library in their work to add a mobile library bus to their programming. It was decided to use \$2000 in carryover funds to support this item.
- Additional funds for Kidsfest to cover expenses of attending the Hitterdal Hitterfest event.

See attached 2020 work plan report for additional discussion and funding decisions.

Agency Updates:

The Natural Playground project continues to move forward. It will be located at Riverfront Park near the old Ushers restaurant. It will be completed in 2021.

Clay County Public Health home visiting nurses will be attending the CLC Breastfeeding training in Fargo.

The Village Family Service Center has moved to their new offices in the Azula business district in south Moorhead.

Upcoming Events:

Circle of Parents: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Bright Sky Apartments,
Light meal, child care available

Lunch and Learn: Wednesday, November 20th Topic: Vaping among youth

Kidsfest Saturday, April 18, 2020

Next meeting: Friday, December 20, 2019

Clay County Early Childhood Initiative 2019 Work Plan

Goal #1: Increase awareness of the importance of quality early childhood experiences

Goal #2: Continue to build a strong early childhood coalition in Clay County.

Goal #3: Meaningful parent outreach that includes skill building in parenting, promoting reading, and support healthy social and emotional development

Goal #4: Support Child Care Providers to retain current providers and recruit new providers.