



Clay County Collaborative
Successful Partnerships building Successful Families
School-Age Disabilities System Work Group
Monday December 2, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Lanette welcomed everyone to the meeting. One addition to the agenda- presentation on Farm in the Dell of the Red River Valley. Minutes from the November 4, 2019 meeting were approved. (Ann/Meri)

Presentation: Farm in the Dell of the Red River Valley. Alyssa Knecht, Executive Director of the organization shared information on the operations of the farm. Currently the organization employs 22 individuals with a variety of abilities and 4 supervisors. It is exciting to see employees coming to work at the beginning of the growing season with little to no confidence that they know what they need to do, to ending the season with dreams of careers in a variety of areas. The farm grows a variety of vegetables and some fruits which are offered to sale to the community. In the future they hope to have a “U pick” strawberry patch and additional fruit trees. This will increase community interaction and activity on the farm. There is a house on the property where several employees who do not require direct services live. Other individuals come out to the gardens to volunteer their time. One area that is being worked on is the mobility issues with the gardens themselves. An annual apple festival fundraiser is held in the fall with the employees and volunteers making apple pies and desserts for sale.

Resource discussion: The group reviewed the Who Do I Call brochure developed by the Local Advisory Council for Children’s Mental Health and the Community Activities brochure developed by this group and last updated fall of 2018. These two brochures can offer parents and professionals with resources to call when looking for services or activities for children and youth. Information needs to be available in different formats – print and online. Kristen will check to see if the Community Activities brochure can be added to the Social Service section of the county budget. Updated information needs to be distributed to agencies, schools, and health organizations.

Agency Updates:

Arc Holiday Potluck is tonight beginning at 6pm.

Freedom Resource is hosting a Freedom in Action Holiday Luncheon on Tuesday, December 10th beginning at noon at the Freedom office located at 2701 9 Ave. S. Fargo . Please RSVP to Jana at 701-478-0459

Next meeting: January 6, 2020 1:00 pm