



Success Partnership building Success Families

Children's Mental Health Work Group

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Lanette welcomed everyone to the meeting. We all shared one good thing. Today's agenda was approved with no changes to the agenda. Minutes from the February 4, 2020 meeting were approved (Leslie Funk/Michelle Thordal)

Presentation: Jason McCoy, Public Health provided an update on the policy work that Public Health and the Substance Abuse work group is currently working on. Jason has worked in the policy area for five years and has never worked with a council that put youth and families first in their decision making. An outline of information on the policy work was distributed. (see attachment)

T-21 prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to anyone under the age of 21. That law went into effect on December 19, 2019. In order to enforce a federal law, local ordinances need to be developed. The ordinance would include the ban on furnishing and have a consequence for possession of tobacco if under the age of 21. The consequence would involve an education class. If they do not want to participate in a class, there would be a fine established. The class educates them on the law and the health consequences of smoking. Attendees would be encouraged to attend cessation classes. The ordinance would restrict the sale of all flavored tobacco, including menthol, to adult smoke stores only. Currently there are 21 tobacco sales licenses in Moorhead (2 are adult smoke stores) and 11 licenses in the county (does not include Barnesville, Dilworth and Moorhead). The adult smoke stores should not give any push back on the restriction because it will most likely increase their business. 22% of Minnesotans 18 – 21 are vaping but had never used cigarettes. Some of the Moorhead city councils are interested in addressing coupon use. \$110 million is spent annually on marketing tobacco. Of that 70% is spent on price reduction techniques including coupons. Most coupons are distributed electronically. There is both a state and federal bill that is looking at controlling internet sales. Locally we can not develop an ordinance that addresses internet sales so the group is concentrating on local sales, furnishing to under age youth and possession. A public hearing will most likely be scheduled for April. Jason offered to help anyone who wishes to speak on the subject. He would like our community members to attend. A Lunch and Learn on March 11th from Noon – 1:00 pm at the Law Enforcement Center will feature two speakers on how companies target minority groups.

Agency Updates:

REACH: Submitting a Drug Free Communities grant through the CDC. There is a three week turn around time. Will be hoping in Hendrum a second REACH Reusable. The need is high in that community. The store space will also be used for distribution of school backpacks, baskets, holiday gifts.

Moorhead Public School: The school is starting to hear Coronavirus and wondering if the school has a plan to close. The MN Department of Health and the MN Department of Education has begun holding weekly calls.

Mobile Crisis Response Program: In February there were 79 phone supports and 66 dispatches for the region. In Clay County there were 26 dispatches which is up from 12 the prior month. Twelve of the dispatches were children which the majority were able to maintain at home. Numbers for the program are increasing which shows that more people in the community are becoming familiar with the program.

Clay County Public Health continues to do outreach work to community providers on the services they have to offer. Family Health is down one nurse. The Family Health clinic just completed some remodeling due to water damage.

Clay County Social Services: Crystal Johnson has been hired as the SELF Coordinator. She will work in part time in both Clay and Becker Counties to offer the SELF program which identifies and works with youth who have been in foster care and are moving towards independence. She will also work part-time in the ongoing unit. They will be hiring a replacement staff for ongoing work.

Lakeland Mental Health: Referrals have increased in the Barnesville school. Services at the Hawley school have been defined and are on track. CTSS service referrals continue to grow.

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