



## **Clay County Collaborative**

*Successful Partnerships building Successful Families*

### **School-Age Disabilities System Work Group** **Monday February 3, 2020** **Meeting Minutes**

Lanette welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no changes to today's agenda. Minutes from the November 4, 2019 meeting were approved. (Merri/Amanda)

The Kids Activities brochure, links to the Collaborative website and to Arc Mn website resources will be shared with schools, clinics, and Collaborative partners.

The Kids Activities brochure was reviewed for updates.

#### Agency Updates:

**Freedom Resource:** The Living Well 102 starts on Thursday. It is a ten-week class that meets weekly at 1:30pm. Attendees will work on becoming more independent. The class is for high school students receiving services and young adults.

Deana encourages us to remember about the Center for Inclusive Childcare in the work we do with young children with disabilities trying to access child care services.

**Red River Farm in the Dell:** Alyssa is getting ready for Giving Hearts Day. The agency is restructuring the way employment will be set up for the summer workforce. There will be two different categories. The first group will be those with disabilities that will work for \$8.50 an hour. The second group will be higher functioning adults with disabilities that will provide assisted supervision of staff.

**Arc MN West Central:** Ongoing dances and Arc Games and More schedules were distributed. Donna is starting a self-advocacy group. Meetings will be held the first Thursday's of the month beginning in March. The group will be for older students and young adults. The group will work on sharing your story, learning about the rights movement for disability equality and how it applies to themselves.

**Moorhead Public Schools:** Moorhead residents can participate in an online strategic planning survey by clicking on the survey link on the school's website. They are also looking for participation in focus groups. Work is ongoing with the Career Academy which will open in fall of 2021. Due to retirement, moving and other issues the school is looking to hire seventeen positions in special education with a couple of individuals for speech therapy and one in OT. The district is currently working with Fargo and West Fargo to offer classes through a partnership with MSUM that will assist staff in obtaining licensure for the various teaching positions. The school district will teach the class, with the first-class piloting in March. There is a shortage of general education teachers and special education teachers. Other changes coming up include the educational

opportunities with the expansion of the West Central Juvenile Center and Med-TV services to students who have barriers getting to medication monitoring appointments.

Natural Playground is undergoing a number of fundraising efforts to raise money to build a playground that will be located by the old Usher's House at Davy's Park. The five area Rotary clubs are taking the lead on this activity.

March meeting: Carolyn will ask Duane and Mary Ann to share child count numbers from 2019

April meeting: Scott Masten will share information on Lake Agassiz Special Education Coop.

**Next meeting:** March 2, 2020 1:00 pm

### **School-Age Disabilities Work Group**

- The School Age Disability Work Group will, when available, partner with Collaborative partners and outside agencies to bring training for families and community members.
- The School Age Disability Work Group will identify in what systems children with disabilities are served, invite such agencies/groups/etc. to work group meetings to learn more about those agencies and provide input to them on family friendly programming.