



Clay County Collaborative
Successful Partnerships building Successful Families
Administrative Group Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Members Present: Lanette Krinsky, Parent; Duane Borgeson, Moorhead Public Schools; Peggy Chisolm, REACH; Jon Ellerbusch; Jamie Hennen, Clay County Public Health; Joni Medenwald, The Village Family Service Center; Lori Schwartz, Community Action Partnership Lakes and Prairies; Tina Jacobson, Lakeland Mental Health Center; Carolyn Strnad, Coordinator

Lanette welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minutes from the October 15, 2019 meeting were approved. (Duane/Peggie) Today's agenda was approved by consensus.

Presentation: 2020 Census - Joe Pederson, MN Council of Nonprofits:

This year coming up is the census; Census day is in April but the packet of information is going out in January. Currently there are eight congressional districts in the state and we are at risk of losing one of the districts because of population. There is a significant impact on funding if the census is not accurate. The last census round, our county was the only one that showed a decrease in early childhood numbers. Because of that, Head Start received an approximate cut of \$80,000 a year for ten years. Lakes and Prairies knew that the number of children they served was going up now down but there is no appeal process with the census. Getting an accurate census count of our young families, elderly and immigrant populations is essential. The paperwork will go out first as a postcard with a code to complete the form online. If there is no response, a paper copy will be mailed out and the third attempt will be someone coming to your door. Not everyone is connected to the internet and some are not trusting the internet to keep their data safe. It will be important for seniors going south for the winter to list their address as MN so that the funding comes to our state and not where they stay for the winter. Two areas where there occurs an undercounting are the mobile park in north Moorhead and the mobile park by Romkey Park. There will be a special count completed for those living in group homes or nursing homes. The count has nothing to do with citizenship. It is a count of people residing in the state. For more information on the census check out <https://www.minnesotanonprofits.org/>

FY20 Budget was reviewed.

LCTS Report – Jane Neubauer Coordinator update as provided at the Governance Board meeting. Quarter 3 payment of \$45,787 was significantly lower than the same quarter last year. We saw a similar trend in FY15 and FY16. Jane will check to see what the IVE rating was during that process. A brief discussion was held on the Family First Preservation Act which may or may not affect our funding levels. The Act will address keeping kids at home, reducing out of home placement and has specific criteria for the Tittle IVE candidate list. Funding from the federal government flows to the state who will be looking at grant funding to counties to address the change in funding. The effect on Collaboratives has not been determined.

Jamie noted that public health also saw a reduction in their third quarter LCTS revenue.

Coordinator's report – Carolyn Strnad

- The Administrative Group recommendation to include a date for final invoice of the fiscal year was approved by the Governance Board. The date for final invoices will be August 30th.
- Restorative Justice program coordinator has resigned her position. The program was notified in October that the Office of Justice Program funding source for the program would not be awarding renewal funds. To address these changes the county attorney's office will not be hiring a new coordinator. Michelle Olsonoski, county attorney office, will serve as coordinator. Two additional part time facilitators will be added to the staff for a total of three part time facilitators each working 8 hours per week.
- Circle of Parents program facilitator has moved out of the area. Because of that change, the program has shut down. Remaining program funds will go back into the general fund.
- Truancy Intervention Program is down a staff person due to a family advocate leaving the program.

Agency updates:

Barnesville Public School: The school is experiencing an increase of absenteeism due to illness both among students and staff. The building plan for the new construction was approved. Bids for the work will go out in January. Depending on the spring thaw, construction will begin by June 1st with completion December of 2021

REACH: The current Prevention grant cohort will be applying for the Drug Free Community grant coming out after the first of the year. The Spirit of Giving program is tomorrow. They have received 221 gifts for children that will be distributed.

Moorhead Public Schools is entering a tele mental health research program with Sanford Health. A generous donor provided the seed money to UND who will be doing the research project. Sanford matched the donation. A psychiatrist will provide services to students via tele med. Research portion of the program will go through UND. You do not have to be a patient of Sanford to participate in the program. Insurance plans will be billed when possible. Program funds will take care of the rest of the cost. Fall of 2021 the career academy will be completed. High school construction will start this summer with the move of the parking lot.

The Village Family Service Center recently held an open house for their new building. They will begin to do tele med utilizing a provider from out of state. The program will be based out of the Fargo office.

Public Health has four nursing positions open. Family health is fully staffed and nurses are completing training. Healthy Families America and Nurse Family Partnership are taking referrals for their programs.

Community Action Partnership Lakes and Prairies is experiencing a full Head Start and Early Head Start program with a waiting list. They are working with Moorhead schools for some possible available space when the construction and refiguring of the early learning building occurs. They have purchased land in Breckenridge this summer for office space. The building will be large enough to meet their needs with extra space for renting out.

Lakeland Mental Health has hired a mental health professional that will be starting in the day treatment school-based program. The holiday cookie fundraiser was a success. Money raised will be used for transportation options for families needing to get to appointments.

Next meeting: February 18, 2020