



Clay County Collaborative

Successful Partnerships building Successful Families

Administrative Group Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Members Present: Lanette Gorder, Parent Representative; Duane Borgeson, Moorhead Public Schools; Michelle Olsonoski, Clay County Attorney's office; Lindsay Ternes, Department of Corrections; Hannah Gilbery, Churches United for the Homeless; Tina Jacobson, Lakeland Mental Health Center; Joni Medenwald, The Village Family Service Center; Rhonda Porter, Clay County Social Services; Lori Schwartz, Community Action Lakes and Prairies; Carolyn Strnad, Coordinator;

Lanette welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minutes from the December 17th meeting were approved as presented. (Hannah/Duane) Today's agenda was approved by consensus with one addition of a presentation by Jason McCoy, Clay County Public Health.

Jason McCoy, Clay County Public Health is working on tobacco use among youth, including vaping, cigars and hookah. In December a T21 bill was passed at the national level. The bill prohibits the selling of tobacco products to anyone under the age of 21 years old. It does not address furnishing a tobacco product to youth under the age of 21. Jason is currently working with a group that is approaching city council members, school boards, superintendents and county board to put policies in place that address what the national bill did not include.

1. A policy that prohibits furnishing a tobacco product to anyone under the age of 21.
2. A policy that provides a consequence for those under the age of 21 that are possession of tobacco products. This would be more along an education course consequence rather than punitive.
3. A policy that makes it illegal for a store to accept coupons for tobacco products. These coupons tend to be marketed to youth and those of low economic status.
4. A policy that prohibits the sale of flavored tobacco in stores with the exception of the adult only tobacco stores.

To date they have met with 6 of the 8 Moorhead city council members who are in support. School boards are also in favor of the work that Jason and his group are doing. A bill will be introduced at the state level regarding some of the above policies, but it is the local ordinances that police look to direction on the process to follow. The group hopes to have the policies in effect by the end of the school year. Jason is asking the group to reach out to their policy makers to discuss the approval of the policies. Jason is available to answer any questions you might have and would be happy to do a presentation to your agency staff and/or Board. Here is his contact information. Jason McCoy Jason.McCoy@co.clay.mn.us 218-299-5220. There will be a Lunch and Learn featuring a speaker on targeting key groups with tobacco messaging.

Collaborative Intensive Bridging Services (CIBS). This new service is part of a pilot project that Region 4 applied for as part of the Systems of Care SAMSHA grant that the state received. It serves children with significant mental health needs and their families that cannot be addressed safely in the home. The intention of the program is to reduce length and incidents of residential treatments resulting in keeping children in their home and community. It is an intensive medical model that is therapy driven and skill building for both the child and the parent. The parent must agree to participate fully in the program. If the child should require a short

residential stay, that stay will occur in the non-secured program at the West Central Juvenile Center. Lutheran Social Services will provide the therapy, skill building and medication monitoring for the duration that the child and family are in the program. Each therapist will have a case load of 4 to 6 clients. The state did not award all of the funds requested so it will be offered in the counties of Grant, Pope, Ottertail, and Clay. Counties are also putting money from their out of home placement budget line. The Collaborative signed a letter of support to assist with the project. Two of the deliverables of the contract include family engagement and youth voices. Carolyn will meet with Rhonda and Michelle Thordal to develop a plan for the scope of those two deliverables. Other deliverables of the grant will be addressed through other regional county partners. Those areas include evaluation, health equity, Cultural and Linguistical Appropriate Services (CLAS), social marketing, and expansion and sustainability.

The FY20 budget was reviewed. The budget reflects the invoices paid as of December 31st. A reminder on discussion on reporting need prior to quarter two invoice payments.

LCTS Report – Jane provided a written report that is attached to the minutes. Jane has been working with the state to investigate why our last quarter payment was much lower than the previous year same quarter amount.

Collaborative Coordinator's Report: The showing of the movie Resilience that was to occur last week at the Bright Sky apartment building was cancelled and is in process of being rescheduled. The Local Advisory Council for Children's Mental Health has distributed both a professional survey and a parent survey. Both surveys were sent to this committee with a request to complete the survey and distribute it. The regional group of Collaborative Coordinators met with Ann Boerth to discuss the need for a stronger voice at the state level, possibly even a seat at the many advisory councils. Our region will be hosting the spring statewide collaborative coordinators meeting. Tabitha Amundson also attended the meeting and gave important information on the system of care grant. Kidsfest will be held on April 18th 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Moorhead Center Mall. Any agency interested in having a resource booth should contact Carolyn. There is no cost for a booth.

Agency updates

Moorhead Public School is currently undergoing strategic planning for the district. Groups are meeting and will be reporting to the Board. Planning is also occurring for the high school remodel and the Career Academy. The school will be using at least one no school day to make up for a snow day.

Restorative Justice has hired 2 part time facilitators that are working 8 hours a week. Michelle is doing supervision of the program and has a case load of clients. They are working to address the backlog of cases that occurred when the full-time staff resigned. The Restorative Justice program is now taking all referrals for alcohol, tobacco and marijuana and determines where the case should go through the RJ program, Aspen, or to the court. 221 cases were referred last fiscal year.

Lakeland Mental Health has hired a new professional for the Moorhead school system providing services to middle and high school students. Katherine Smith has been hired as a children's case manager. Racheal Aluise was also hired. A decision was made to increase psychiatric services time at West Central Juvenile Center.

Department of Corrections: A change in services occurred at the end of January with a decision to not attend all court hearings on possible probation cases. This change has freed up time for probation workers to meet more frequently with their clients. Workers are experiencing full caseloads. All of the probation staff attended the mental health first aid training. Supervision fees collected will be used for bus passes to clients they serve to help reduce the barrier of getting to appointments and office visits.

Churches United for the Homeless is focusing on a couple of new projects. They are looking into a possible supportive housing program for seniors. They may be moving the shelter and the food pantry to the land adjacent to Bright Sky Apartments.

The Village Family Service Center has hired another out patient therapist. With the extra space in the new building they are looking to adding group therapies. In the spring they will be starting an adolescent DBT group and a Love and Logic Group. They are also looking into starting a Girls 360 group. There is no waiting list for in home services. The REACH mental health project is booking out a full week. This project is funded through the Collaborative. There are also providing four full day therapy services in the Hawley school district. The bowling fundraiser for the big Brother Big Sister program is coming up.

Clay County Social Services submitted a proposal for the summer self-program that was approved. This program is for youth aging out of foster care or were in foster care at one point in their lives. The program is now called STAYED. Crystal Johnson will take on the role of transition independence case manager. The half of her work will be in child protection. Next year, they hope to get funds to cover the position as full time.

Community Action Lakes and Prairies (CAPLP) has three main focusses: Head Start, Housing and Economic Empowerment. They provide a number of self-sufficiency programs. Their VITA tax site just opened up. They are offering more daytime hours this year due to staffing. In Breckenridge they are moving forward with building an office and have a housing support staff opening. The agency was recently interviewed by KVLV on child care and the components of the rumors of shortages. It was a great opportunity to shed light on the need for affordable quality childcare in our communities. Lori will share their annual report with us when it is completed this spring.

Next meeting: April 21, 2020