



Clay County Collaborative
Successful Partnerships building Successful Families
Administrative Group Meeting Proposed Agenda
Tuesday, June 16, 2020
Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Duane Borgeson, Moorhead Public Schools; Lori Schwartz, Community Action Partnership Lakes and Prairies; Peggie Chisolm, REACH; Jane Neubauer, LCTS Coordinator; Joni Medenwald, The Village Family Service Center; Tina Smith, Lakeland Mental Health; Lindsey Ternes, MN Department of Corrections; Nicole Erickson, Restorative Justice Program; Rhonda Porter, Clay County Social Services, Lanette Krinsky, Parent; Carolyn Strnad, Coordinator

Lanette welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minutes from February 18, 2020, meeting were approved (Tina/Lori) Today's agenda was approved by consensus.

Building Assets, Reducing Risks (BARR) presentation: Duane shared some information on the BARR program. The school had hoped to pull in the Truancy Intervention Program to be a vital link with the program but will be unable to partner with the program because it has closed due to lack of funding. The BARR program began in Minnesota twenty years ago and since then has spread across the country. The program is a systematic process where a group of professionals meets to discuss all students. As part of the program, students identified as at-risk will have a team developed for them, and an action plan developed. The purpose of the program is to identify strengths in students, improve attendance, and school engagement. Each student will have a connection with an adult in the school system. The program will cover 7th grade to 12th-grade students. The district received a large grant to cover the costs and will also be using some of the Achievement and Integration funds.

The FY20 budget was reviewed. MN DHS has notified the Collaborative of our last LCTS quarterly payment for this fiscal year. The amount of \$65,544 is close to what it was the same quarter a year ago.

FY21 Programs and Budget: Carolyn reviewed the FY21 budget. All programs received a reduction in funding. The governance Board decided to no longer provide funding to the Truancy Intervention Program. With that loss of financing, the program has made the difficult decision to close. Due to the uncertainty of how COVID-19 and the fact that schools were online learning will affect our funding, it was determined to take a conservative approach to allocate funds. The Governance Board will be following the budget very closely this upcoming fiscal year and will make adjustments as needed. The Coordinator's position has been reduced by \$8000, which will result in a reduction of office hours. Carolyn's priority will be to meet the needs of the partners with other miscellaneous tasks, such as updating the website to work on as time permits.

LCTS Report: Jane reported that she is still waiting on the analysis report that she asked the LCTS staff at the MN Department of Human Services to complete so that we could identify reasons by the reduction in funding. We are down approximately \$50,000 in LCTS funds this fiscal year. Jane has reviewed the county Title IVE candidacy list, and everything is operating smoothly in that process. Jane will begin to update the staff lists for the random moments and begin scheduling fall training with all LCTS partners.

Coordinator's Report: Carolyn reported on the SOC pilot project As part of the deliverables, we need to set up two pieces of training: Building a Family Driven System of Care and Engaging Families. Both will be webinar-based and at no cost. Youth engagement interviews will take place at the end of the month. Rhonda suggested we look into some culturally specific training. Carolyn will look into it and get back to Rhonda on available pieces of training. Catherine Wright has a presentation that she does on cultural diversity, which is very good.

Agency Updates:

Community Action Partnership Lakes and Prairies is currently working from home but have begun the first phase of bringing some staff back to the office. Supervised visits will start up again. There will be three Head Start classes with eight students who will be transitioning to kindergarten and two teachers. It will be a shortened schedule from the typical full day that they offer.

Lakeland Mental Health Center is using Telemedical Health to see patients. They are now partially open to see those patients who were not able to access a computer or phone call in. Three fte positions were layoff due to a reduction the agency is experiencing in providing CTSS services. One school staff was placed on leave for the summer. A new mental health practitioner is in the process of being hired for the school work.

REACH: The agency is looking at their fall and winter planning. The agency is waiting to see where things are at with COVID-19 restrictions before finalizing plans. No clients are allowed into the office at this time, so food backpacks and food boxes are delivered. They are seeing an increase in mental health appointment requests. A retired pastor has contacted them with interest in offering marriage counseling at the REACH office.

Moorhead Public Schools will bring preschoolers into the building this summer to do assessments.

The Village Family Service Center is using telehealth only to see clients. They will begin Phase 1 on July 1 which will allow for some patients to come in for a face to face appointment. It has been challenging to do video therapy with young children experiencing trauma. Clients can enter the youth DBT group at the beginning of each module. The Girls 360 group has been placed on hold.

Juvenile Probation is developing a reconstitution plan for going back to work. Louis Ocha is starting his community service program back up, and probation officers will be assisting with that if they have clients who want to do their assigned community service. The numbers at West Central Juvenile Center are the same. Youth residing in the shelter are receiving all of their services.

Restorative Justice Program is operating with three part-time facilitators. They are utilizing the Zoom platform or phone calls to reach victims and offenders. Reflection packets are sent out to each party.