



Clay County Collaborative

Successful Partnerships building Successful Families

Administrative Group Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Members Attending: Lanette Gorder, Parent/Chairperson; Lindsay Ternes, Probation; Duane Borgeson, Moorhead Public Schools; Jane Neubauer, LCTS Coordinator; Hannah Gilberry, Churches United for the Homeless; Joni Medenwald, The Village Family Service Center; Michelle Olsonoski, Clay County Attorney office; Carolyn Strnad, Collaborative Coordinator;

Lanette welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes from the February 16, 2021 meeting were approved (Duane/Joni). Today's agenda was approved by consensus with no additions or corrections.

The FY21 budget was reviewed. Invoices from agencies that have submitted their semi-annual report have been processed. We are waiting on one more LCTS payment. It is doubtful that we will hit our goal of \$225,000 in estimated revenue.

Coordinator Transition process: Interviews were held last week. The hiring committee did select a candidate to recommend to the Governance Board. Once the Board has approved the selection, notification will take place. Once the candidate accepts the contract, this group and all Collaborative partners will be notified.

LCTS report: Schools are in session now, and there have been very few missed random moments that should help increase revenue. Probation and Public Health can add staff to the random moments list up until July. All new Moorhead Public School staff have now been added. Jane is working on setting up training for next fall. Duane shared that virtual training works well for the teachers, but in-person training works better for the paras.

Coordinator Report: The FY22 funding applications have been submitted. After talking with the web developers, there will be a change in our responsibility for updating the website. The Coordinator will now be submitting changes to the technical assistance staff, editing and making any changes required. This service will be included in the four hours of assistance per year that we receive as part of our contract with Arvig.

Agency Updates:

Lindsay Ternes shared that probation will be moving to the first floor of the courthouse in June. They will occupy the space currently used by the court administrator, who will be moving to the courthouse's second floor.

Churches United for the Homeless has opened Safe Haven, a women's shelter for the Fargo Moorhead area. Once the moratorium on evictions ends, the agency is preparing for an uptick in homeless families and individuals. Safe Haven will be for unaccompanied women, which will open up additional family space at Churches. Groundbreaking for the senior housing will occur in the fall, with a planned opening in late 2022 or

early 2023. School attendance has been good this spring. Children at the shelter are eligible for summer school programming. Staff is seeing more mental health needs in the clients they are serving. The Village Family Service Center will have a new in-home therapist starting in May. A Girls 360 group will begin in early June. The agency continues to use a hybrid method of seeing clients through TeleHealth or in person.

Restorative Justice numbers are low this year. Referrals to the program are coming in from school resource officers. The program is in the process of looking for space to hold in-person meetings.

Moorhead Public Schools have developed an expanded summer school program – Excel. There will be a limit of 150 students per elementary building. The program will include reading, writing, math, fun activities, and lunch. Referrals are now being taken for the program. It will run Tuesday through Thursday from 8 Am – Noon. Transportation will be provided. A PAY's lab, a vocational assessment program for students with disabilities, has been added as part of the Career Academy.

Jane shared dental opportunities for agencies and schools. They have funding for dental professionals to come in to see children as part of an agency's offering or school day. They are working to have a dental assessment included as part of the vision, and hearing screening schools do in the fall. Please contact Jane if you need dental supplies. The Early Childhood Dental Network has hired someone to work with high schools to recruit students to the field of dentistry. Summer internships in dental offices may be available.

Coordinator's report – Carolyn Strnad

Agency updates

Next meeting: June 15, 2021