



Clay County Collaborative
Successful Partnerships building Successful Families
Administrative Group
Tuesday, June 15, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Lanette Gorder, Parent Representative; Peggy Chisholm, REACH; Duane Borgeson, Moorhead Public Schools; Michelle Olsonoski, Clay County Attorney office/Restorative Justice Program; Rhonda Porter, Clay County Social Services; Joni Medenwald, The Village Family Service Center; Jill Ambuehl, Collaborative Coordinator beginning July 1; Carolyn Strnad, Collaborative Coordinator; Jane Neubauer, LCTS Coordinator;

Lanette welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no changes to today's agenda. Minutes from the April 20, 2021 meeting were approved. (Duane/Joni)

FY21 budget summary as of May 31, 2021, was reviewed. We will be carrying over approximately \$145,000 into FY22

Members discussed the FY22 proposed budget. The Governance Board will be meeting on June 24 to approve the FY22 budget. As part of that discussion, they will be setting an amount that they are comfortable carrying over into the next fiscal year. After discussion today, the Administrative Group recommends that the Collaborative carry over as much revenue as possible due to two concerns. Those concerns included a possible continued reduction in LCTS collection and the possibility that Social Services will not be contributing to the school-based mental health program. In addition, changes being made at the state level on the contracted amount required for children's targeted case management will leave a void in the department's budget. Another discussion today was the effectiveness of the school-based mental health program currently working in schools. The group asked Carolyn to check in with schools on the programming. Budget lines and program purpose were reviewed.

Coordinator transition process: Jill is attending Collaborative meetings when she is available. Training meetings with Carolyn have been scheduled.

LCTS Report: Jane has set up a meeting with Social Services to go over the LCTS process. The changes that were made with the Moorhead participants have not resulted in additional revenue. Referrals to the candidacy list through the Rule 79 process have been limited. Jane will be setting up fall training with the schools.

Coordinator's Report: Carolyn attended the ACE statewide Collaborative meeting. There is an expectation by the state that all Collaboratives will develop a resiliency plan. Therefore, Carolyn will be asking for one-time funds to be used for a community meeting. The members of the Children's Mental Health workgroup will be supporting the coordinator with this work.

Agency Updates:

REACH: Jill will be starting a new position within the agency as a Prevention coordinator. The HYPP program will continue, but it will be expanded to take on other community needs of children and families. They will start the new work with Hawley and move to further schools/communities as the project progresses.

Social Services is working on the budget, which will go before the County Board next week. Social Services will be hosting a retirement party for Carolyn. A flyer will be going out with the date, time, and location.

Restorative Justice Program had been working with Lutheran Social Services in North Dakota for training and support. LSS has now closed but continues to work with restorative justice through consensus councils, a tri-state program.

The Village Family Service Center has hired an intern who started on June 1, 2021. There is room in her in-home caseload at this time. A Girls 360 group will be starting this summer. Staff is back in the office seeing clients in person based on client and practitioner's comfort. Lexi is busy seeing clients at the REACH office. Things are also active at the school. During the summer, therapists will be working 2 to 2 ½ days while also doing some in-home therapy. This fall, two new hires will begin working at the clinic. One of the therapists specializes in art therapy.

Moorhead Public School is waiting on directions for how next year's post-pandemic school day will look. However, the school is opening that there will be some loosening of COVID restrictions. Summer programming started today. Extended School Year programming will begin next week.

Next meeting: August 17, 2021