



Success Partnership building Success Families

Children's Mental Health Work Group

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Lanette welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone shared one good thing! Minutes from the September 1, 2020 meeting were approved. (Merri/Chandra)

Carolyn reviewed the Collaborative Fy20 report that included data on the children served under Collaborative projects. A copy of the report will be emailed to the group.

Agency Updates:

The Village Family Service Center is busy implementing their Wednesday walk-in clinic. A free mental health clinic is open to those with a Clay County address. Participants have the option of walk in or scheduling a zoom meeting with a mental health professional who will offer support and share resources in the community that might be helpful to the individual. Funding for this clinic is provided by CARES funds through Clay County. The clinic will operate until the beginning of December.

Freedom Resource. staff are currently working from home. The plan is to begin limited appointments in office starting October 12th. An appreciation for the agency volunteers and advocates will be held virtually.

Mobile Crisis Response Program: Five new on call staff have been hire. A full-time staff person has been hired and the program has a new coordinator. For the month of September, the program saw overall fewer calls for support. In Clay County for September a total of one child dispatch and no child stabilizations, 4 adult stabilizations.

Moorhead Public Schools: The district is closely following the numbers of community outbreak of COVID. Program delivery models are dependent on the numbers. 8th grade went to hybrid because of the number of teachers out on quarantine or the virus. The elementary schools are utilizing the hybrid model but are hoping to go full time in the near future. The High School is on hybrid until the 19th. Teacher conferences this year will be virtual. Only district staff are allowed in the buildings. School nurses are doing contact tracing. More information on COVID is located on the district dash board on their website.

Clay County Social Services: This is the last year of the Collaborative Intensive Bridging System pilot program from the MN Department of Human Services SAMSHA grant funds. The group is working on sustainability.

REACH received CARES funding from Clay County Public Health and Social Services. They are using those funds to provide a teacher support group for teachers in the rural school districts served by REACH. It has been very successful with a good number of teachers signed on to participate in the group. The funding goes through early December. REACH received a \$25,000 grant from the Department of Education for the food backpack program which is helpful with needs for the program doubling this year. Winter gear distribution is happening

and plans are underway for the Spirit of Giving season that distributes food baskets and gifts. It will be provided as a drive by service this year because of COVID.

Churches United for the Homeless: Two families were housed this past week for a total of five families moving into permanent housing in September. Additional housing vouchers have become available due to COVID. Down home and Furniture Mission have helped set the homes up for families. College students are coming in to provide homework support and activities for the children. All elementary age children at the shelter are attending Robert Asp. They attend school two or three days a week according to the hybrid schedule and attend enhanced learning program through the school and YMCA on the non-school days.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 1pm – 2:30pm