



Success Partnership building Success Families

Children's Mental Health Work Group

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Members present: Peggy Chisholm, REACH; Lanette Gorder, Parent Representative; Duane Borgeson, Moorhead Public School; Jill Ambuehl, new Collaborative Coordinator; Carolyn Strnad, Coordinator;

Lanette welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no changes to today's agenda. Minutes from May 4, 2021 meeting were approved. (Peggy/Duane)

Agency Updates:

REACH is celebrating its 30th Anniversary Thursday, June 3, 2021. There will be music by the Front Fenders, a fashion show, domino cereal box fall, bike giveaway, and activities. The event is free and open to the community. The agency is holding a Tai Chi class in person at a local church. Access to the food pantry will stay the same as it did during the pandemic restrictions. The staff found it a time saver and a more organized way to assist the family in accessing the pantry. A detailed intake form is completed, which the staff member uses to fill the pantry order for pick up. The agency is receiving two to three referrals each week for mental health needs. The referrals are typically for children's mental health services.

Moorhead Public Schools will host a groundbreaking ceremony for the new high school on Wednesday, June 2. Truancy issues continue to be a challenge at the high school level. It has been challenging to get this age group to engage in school. The pilot project Go Guardian began at the middle school. Students using the search option on the computer to look up self-harm are flagged to school administration during the school day. Lakeland Mental Health Center will cover after-school hours. The school will be doing a mental health assessment. They have reached out to the University of Minnesota for assistance with that project. Both Lakeland Mental Health Center and Solutions will continue their school-based mental health services over the summer.

HYPY students will be helping with the REACH anniversary celebration. They will be helping serve the popcorn and root beer floats, coordinate a soccer game and distribute inflatable guitars and microphones for the music portion of the event. The group is planning summer activities for youth, including possibly assisting with clean-up at a local cemetery. The prevention grant ends at the end of June. Jill has been busy transitioning that work and finishing the required paperwork.

The next meeting is Tuesday, September 7, 2021