

NOTES - Clay County Collaborative School Age Disability Work Group

October 4, 2021 @ 1:00
CCFSC – Room 2



(1) Welcome and Introductions

- Jill Ambuehl – Collaborative Coordinator
- Mary Ann Martin – DGF Public Schools
- Deane Overmoe – CAP LP/Parent Rep
- Merri Christlieb – Freedom Resource
- Lanette Gorder – Parent Rep
- Kristin DePree – Clay County
- Donna Atherton – ARC Minnesota

(2) Approval of June 2021 Meeting Minutes – **Approved (Merri/Deana)**

(3) Approval of Today's Proposed Agenda – **No Additions or Changes**

(4) Coordinator's Report – Jill Ambuehl

- Update on Transition
 - I am beginning to find my bearings
 - Trying my best to get acquainted with financials
 - Everyone has been very supportive and helpful – including Carolyn
 - Continuing to learn as I go...
- Communication
 - Additional Contact Info
 - pandicoordinator@ruralenrichment.org
 - Office (218)483-3145

(5) Group Purpose, Expectations and Responsibilities

- Review Descriptions of Group

School-Age Disability Program: (From the Website)

Members are service providers who offer support to families currently raising a special needs child and parents of special needs children. Together these providers identify the needs of families and provide input concerning programs and services that are available to both the child and family.

- Members feel that the group;
 - Connecting families to resources
 - Promotes collaboration among organizations
 - Increases knowledge of programs and opportunities
 - Increases shared resources
 - Gives professionals a place to voice concerns, needs and ideas
 - What has the group worked on in the past?
 - ◆ Have worked on updating resources within local websites
 - ◆ Presentations from new agencies or programs
- ⇒ Are there projects that we would like to pursue?

- The group would like to increase education of community members
 - Resources, opportunities, etc.
 - Connecting families to resources is a big part of this groups work
 - ⇒ Are there presentations we would like to hear?
 - Members indicated that they would like to learn more about Jill's role in Hawley and at REACH
 - Starting next month each person will give a high-level overview of their organization and position
 - Jill will go in November and we will select a person for December at that time
- Meeting Frequency
 - Do we feel that this group should continue to meet on a monthly basis between September and June?
 - Could we meet semi-monthly or quarterly?
 - ◆ After a group discussion it was decided that the SADWG will continue to meet monthly at this time
 - ⇒ We can re-evaluate in the future if we think we should meet less frequently
 - Members mentioned that attendance used to be much higher for this group
 - Jill will reach out to some of the parent reps that stopped attending when the pandemic hit
 - Kristin DePree has offered to try and recruit some additional parents/families
- What do we need from Jill as a coordinator?
 - How far in advance would you like/expect to receive agendas?
 - Friday before meeting
 - How soon after a meeting would you like/expect to receive meeting minutes?
 - Within a Week

(6) Agency Updates

- Merri Christlieb – Freedom Resource
 - Busy planning and preparing for their annual People's Choice Awards - VIRTUAL
 - October 28th
 - \$25/person
 - Silent Auction
 - 50/50 Raffle
 - Merri will send Jill the specifics so Jill can share with the group
- Donna Atherton – ARC Minnesota
 - Trying to safely get back to in-person activities
 - They recently held a dance - attendance was a little bit lower than usual
 - Upcoming Halloween Dance/Party
 - October 25th – 6:30 at the Armory
 - Masks required
- Deana Overmoe –
 - CAP LP
 - Officially moved to Belsley Blvd. in south Moorhead (where solutions used to be)

- Hiring for many positions – details available on the website
- Parent
 - Adjusting to being back in school full-time
 - Would like to learn more about the 504 process
 - If anyone has any advice, resources or information on the 504 process can contact Deana directly

Upcoming Meetings

Governance Board: December 2, 2021

Children’s MH Work Group: October 5, 2021

Family Support Model (Wraparound): October 6, 2021

Administrative Group: October 19, 2021

School Age Disability Work Group: TBD (November 1, 2021)