

**MEETING NOTES**  
**Clay County Collaborative**  
**Children's Mental Health WG**

April 5, 2022  
1:00 - Virtual



(1) Welcome and Introductions

- Jill Ambuehl – Collaborative Coordinator
- Chandra Calixte – Churches United for the Homeless
- Britni Joubert – The Village FSC
- Karla Bracken – Clay County Public Health
- Michelle Thordal – Clay County Social Services
- Jennifer Beilke – CAP LP
- Duane Borgeson – Moorhead Public Schools

(2) Approval of March Meeting Minutes

- Approved – Michelle/Chandra

(3) Approval of Proposed Agenda

- Approved – No changes or additions

(4) Meeting Frequency

- Jill asked the group for their thoughts on moving meetings to a bi-monthly schedule
  - Everyone in attendance was in favor of this
  - Jill will add this to her proposal for the governance board

(5) Partner Overview: Karla Bracken – Clay County Public Health

Karla is a family health nurse for Clay County Public Health

- They work to support low-income families
  - Provide education and resources
    - Pregnancy (Conception – 2 years old) - Must begin the program before the child turns 8 weeks old
    - Child Development
    - Referrals for services
  - Slowly returning to in-home services
    - Goal is to provide education – breastfeeding, child development, nutrition, discipline, car seats, etc.
  - Health Care Consulting
    - Work with child care centers to ensure safe and healthy environments for all children
  - Collaborate with other organizations to meet the needs of clients
  - Operate public health clinic that provides health screenings, vaccinations, drug testing, immunizations, etc.

- Karla will send Jill a copy of the referral form to include with the meeting minutes

## (6) Agency Updates

- Jennifer Beilke – CAP LP
  - Just wrapping up the school year for Head Start
  - Now enrolling for next fall Birth to age 4 - Full day and half day sessions available
  - We will also be holding an 8-week summer program for enrolled children going into Kindergarten in the fall
- Britni Joubert – The Village FSC
  - Things continue to be busy
    - Soon school-based staff will move to outpatient services for the summer – which will help
  - Recently hired one of their interns who will start in the coming months
  - Girls 360 group will be continuing this summer
    - Focuses on building self-esteem, coping skills and healthy relationships
    - For girls ages 12-14
    - Free to all who want to participate
  - Currently taking referrals for in-home and outpatient services
  - The teen LGBTQ+ group that was held over the winter was a huge success
    - Meeting were held in-person with an option to join virtually if needed
      - ◆ They plan to hold this group again in the fall
      - ◆ DBT will also return in the fall - “Doing Your Best Today”
- Karla Bracken – Clay County Public Health
  - Continuing to see COVID numbers go down and settling into the “new norm”
  - Working on outreach to help recruit additional clients in need of services
  - Currently short nurses in family health
    - Job postings are open to those who would like to apply
- Michelle Thordal – Clay County Social Services
  - Placements continue to be high
    - Many have parents dealing with mental health issues and intense substance addiction
  - Now in the last 6 months of the “System of Care” grant which covers costs associated with intense in-home therapy
    - Currently looking or funding opportunities that would allow them to continue programing
  - Working on applying for “Family Group Decision Making” funding from DHS
    - Administrative requirements have increased and the funding amount has decreased
- Chandra Calixte – Churches United for the Homeless
  - Still at max capacity with families in overflow
    - Currently 18 families with 35 children
  - Continue to be short staffed and not enough for kids to do until the weather improves

- Received payment from the State of Minnesota to fully fund the remaining renovations that will create additional family space and much needed updates within the building
- Seeing lots of referrals for mental health from clients seeking support
- Duane Borgeson – Moorhead Public Schools
  - Have spent a lot of time over the last 6 weeks working on boundary change proposals for elementary schools
    - The next proposal will be presented to the school board on Monday night
    - There have been some hard discussions and emotions run high – but they are confident they will find a solution
  - U of M is still working to finish up their mental health audit
    - Hopeful to have results back in July
  - Working to wrap up the year and begin preparing for next year

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Governance Board:** May 5, 2022

**Children's MH Work Group:** May 3, 2022

**Family Support Model (Wraparound):** June 1, 2022

**Administrative Group:** April 19, 2022

**School Age Disability Work Group:** April 11, 2022