

MEETING MINUTES
Clay County Collaborative
School Age Disability Work Group
March 7, 2022 @ 1:00
Virtual



(1) Welcome and Introductions

- Jill Ambuehl – Collaborative Coordinator
- Mary Ann Martin – DGF ISD
- Donna Atherton – The Arc MN
- Lanette Gorder – Parent Representative
- Kristen DePree – Clay County Social Services
- Duane Borgeson – Moorhead ISD
- Deana Overmoe – Parent Representative

(2) Approval of February Meeting Minutes

- Approved – Duane/Deana

(3) Approval of Proposed Agenda

- Approved - No additions or corrections

(4) Coordinator's Report – Jill Ambuehl

- Not a lot to report on
 - Busy time of year for completing reports – trying to get familiar with the calendar and when things are due
 - Continually learning about our partners and how they correlate with the collaborative
 - This helps a lot when it comes to financials

(5) Partner Overview: Donna Atherton – The Arc Minnesota

- History of The Arc
 - For 70+ years the Arc has promoted and protected the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families
 - Was started by parents and family members who were looking for support/resources as they cared for loved ones with disabilities
 - The hope was to stop the institutionalization of people with disabilities by supporting caregivers
 - The Arc has adapted to address the changes that people with disabilities face across their lifespan
- Mission
 - The Arc Minnesota promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, actively supporting them and their families in a lifetime of full inclusion and participation in their communities
- Values
 - Human and civil rights

- Self-advocacy and self-direction
- Equity and belonging
- Disability justice
- Who We Serve
 - Midstate, Northland, Southeast, Southwest, Twin Cities and West Central
- Programs and Services
 - Individualized Advocacy
 - Community Outreach and Engagement
 - Planning Services
 - Housing Services
 - Self-Advocacy and Statewide Initiatives
 - Public Policy
- What's Next?
 - Building an Arc for all
 - Alignment with disability justice
 - Creating a movement
- For more information on The Arc and their programs please visit <https://arcminnesota.org>

(6) Agency Updates

- Donna Atherton – The Arc MN
 - Annual rose sale is coming up
 - Jill will include information when she sends the meeting minutes
 - Still holding “Games and More” events once per month
 - They try to hold them in person but use a virtual option when necessary
 - ◆ March Activity: Spring Succulents
 - ◆ April Activity: Luau Dance
- Deana Overmoe – Parent Representative
 - Adjusting to retirement and learning to navigate with less structure
 - Has really enjoyed the extra time with her family
 - Has been helping her son prepare for his drivers permit test
 - Encouraging him to try new things
 - ◆ He is currently shadowing speech club to see if he would be interested in participating next year
 - Focusing on abilities not disabilities and instilling self-advocacy
- Duane Borgeson – Moorhead Public Schools
 - Adaptive floor hockey recently started and has been really well supported
 - Had awesome attendance from spectators and a really fun atmosphere
 - Moorhead hockey won their first state tournament game and will play again later this week

Upcoming Meetings

Governance Board: March 3, 2022

Children's MH Work Group: April 5, 2022

Family Support Model (Wraparound): April 6, 2022

Administrative Group: April 19, 2022

School Age Disability Work Group: April 11, 2022