



Clay County Local Advisory Council for Children's Mental Health
Thursday May 4, 8:30 am – 10:00 am
Family Service Center 1st floor Room 4

"To promote an accessible, comprehensive and a unified children's mental health system within Clay County."

Members Present: Joni Medenwald, The Village; Michelle Thordal, Clay County Social Services; Lindsey Ternes, Clay County Probation; Lacey Hubert, Clay County Social Services; Tori Gregerson, Solutions; Josh Swanson, West Central Juvenile Center; Cari Lake; DGF Elementary school; Alex Menke, Restorative Practice Coordinator for Clay County Attorney's Office; Janelle Cheney, Clay County Probation; Melony Johnson, LMHC Mobile Mental Health; Paul Krabbenhoft, Clay County Commissioner; Dustin Flaten, Ulen-Hitterdahl schools; Michelle Mullikin, LMHC case management;

1. Introductions and One Good Thing!
2. Approval of April meeting minutes.
 - Motion: Paul Second: Janelle Approved by all
3. Treasurer's Report: Fund balance: \$3,932.90
4. Unfinished Business:
 - Electronic Billboard for Children's Mental Health Awareness month
 - i. Previously used Kelnor Communications and paid \$289.63 for the spot.
 - ii. Contacts were Karen Kelner and Jeff Sanborn
 1. The council wants to support a billboard for Mental Health Awareness Month up to \$500.00
 - a. Motion: Paul Second: Michelle Approved by all
5. New Business:
 - Michelle and Joni presented the LAC report to the Clay County Commissioners this week.
 - i. The group discussed how to use the information from the surveys in the coming year to increase membership and use it as a guide for the work of the LAC this year.
 - ii. The report will be in today's minutes.
 - iii. Alex & Lacey will reach out to contacts at Moorhead schools to invite representatives.
 - Alex with Restorative Practice:
 - i. This is a new position as of July 2022. Does restorative practices in the schools – rotates between all the schools in County. The goal is to keep kids out of the court system and provide educational opportunities for

first time offenses and restore any harm that was done. Last year they did 149 diversions and 80 diversions so far this year. Referrals come from schools, probation, courts, and law enforcement. Incidents can occur both in the community and within the schools to be referred to the program. It is an elective program for families for youth 17 years and under.

- Summer schedule:
 - i. LAC will take July off

6. Next Meeting:

- Review recommendations from 2022/2023 LAC report
- Review 2023 LAC work plan
- Update website with agencies and services offered in the community.
- Schedules spotlights on agencies/programs during meetings

Agency Reports/Consumer reports

Clay County Social Services: three new staff starting this month to return to being fully staff.

DGF Schools: Construction is almost done. Finley is a therapy dog that accompanies Cari daily at the school. New teachers have been hired for the upcoming school year.

Youth Leadership Council (YLC): the STAY program is taking new referrals for teens through age 21. The goal of the STAY program is to build skills to live independently (budgeting, cooking, etc.) Referrals can come from case managers, therapists, etc. Priorities go to kids in foster care. Recruiting more youth for the YLC. Going to Camp Lebanon for a summer retreat in June to learn how to advocate for rights of foster care youth and finish planning for the TLT conference. In July the STAY group and YLC members are going to the TLT (Tomorrow's leaders for Today) conference in Duluth. YLC is 100% youth led with adult just there for guidance.

LMHC Mobile Crisis Unit: Mobil Mental Crisis team covers Clay, Otter Tail, and Wilkin counties. There are 2 staff members for days in Moorhead and 2 staff for days for Fergus Falls. The 2 staff in Moorhead are new: Shelley & Melony. Additional staff are on call for nights, weekends, holidays. The team has been very busy with dispatches and phone calls. When calls come from a school, there is an automatic dispatch.

LMHC: fully staffed for psychiatry and adult services, possibly looking for 1 more therapist. The new building is coming along, hoping to be finished in late fall. Staff will assist with the Police Program this summer.

Ulen Schools: Hiring a new K-12 Dean of Students otherwise staffing has been stable. Potentially looking for new/additional mental health services to come into the school.

Juvenile Center: This is a 55-bed secure and 25 non-secure detention center that serves Clay County and 11 member counties (including Cass County) but will accept youth from across the State of MN. Staff recently completed a 50-hour Autism training.

Solutions: summer programming includes an Incredible Years group that services MA/PMAP clients. Jill McMullen left so looking for a new in-person provider, still have 1 telehealth provider. The team is working on reducing the children's case management and family skills waitlists.

Juvenile Probation: there has been a change in staffing with a juvenile agent going to the adult team. Krystal and Lindsey continue serving all juveniles clients. Robert Fyre is returning mid-May and will be working with adults. They are looking to move the adult felony office into the courthouse. Lindsey & Krystal are looking to form a Girls Group this summer. Registration for the Police Program is Wednesday June 14 at 4pm – location TBD and will meet every Wednesday in June & July for youth ages 8-12. Accept 200 kids and often fills. This is a free group with lunch provided. The juvenile agents will be attending the Red River Children's Advocacy training next week.

The Village Family Service Center: Hired 4 new staff: 2 for PSOP/Wraparound/Family Group Decision Making and 2 therapists. Services are steady at REACH and within the school based mental health program. Currently on a waitlist for in-home therapy and depending on type of therapy for outpatient. Additional staff recently trained in EMDR therapy (trauma model).

Next meeting: June 1st 8:30 – 10:00 am at Clay County Social Services
**** Note no meeting will be held in July ****