



Clay County Local Advisory Council for Children 's Mental Health
Thursday November 2, 2023 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; Laurie Boeshans, Hawley schools; Mary Mahar, DGF schools; Terri Busch, Public Health; Josh Swanson, Juvenile Center; Angie MSUM Graduate intern working with Representative Keeler; Paul Krabbenhoft, Clay County Commissioner; Lindsey Ternes, Clay County Probation; Lacey Hubert, Clay County Social Services

Minutes submitted by: Joni Medenwald

- Welcome; meeting started at 8:37am
- Introductions and icebreaker
- Approval of October meeting minutes.
 - Motion: Lacey
 - Second: Lindsey
 - i. Motion passed.
- Treasurer’s Report:
 - Fund balance: Bank Statement through Sept. 23: \$3,249.42
- New Business:
 - LAC website
 - i. The group agreed the FirstLink website has a plethora of information on community resources, and we don’t see a need for the LAC to replicate the information.
 - ii. The group discussed going forward with a section of the LAC website focusing on information that would be helpful to professionals. Things that would be more in-depth than FirstLink, such as services offered, types of therapy offered, how to refer, etc.
 - How do we show the needs of our county? Data collection? What does this look like?
 - The team agreed that adding a professional reference section on the website would be helpful in the future, after the site is further developed.
 - iii. First step – update/develop the website
 - Community hearing
 - i. Lacey shared notes from the recent Clay County public hearing where providers, consumers, and state representatives were present to discuss the needs of our county.
 - ii. A Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) was identified as a need.

- The group discussed the shortage of PRTF's and the challenges in getting youth admitted to PRTF's.
- Discussed the need for data to support the potential build of a PRTF.
- The team explored the role the LAC could have in support of the project.
- LAC's purpose
 - i. What is the role of this group? What do we want this group to do?
 - Historically the group was used for local professionals in the community who work with children and families to have time to connect and collaborate with one another to foster strong relationships and awareness of services and programming being offered in our county.
 - ii. Discussed building/developing our website first to increase awareness of the group
 - Some ideas for what to house on the webpage:
 - a. Meeting minutes
 - b. Calander of meetings/events
 - c. Members
 - d. Links to relevant resources such as FirstLink
 - How can we be more present in the community?
- Agency Reports/Consumer reports

Clay County Juvenile Probation: FirstLink came to present to adult and juvenile probation teams. Still identifying a need for adolescent chemical dependency services.

Adjourn: 10:01am

Next Meeting:

- *Thursday November 2nd 8:30-10:00am Clay County Family Service Center*
- Agenda items:
 - o To review the current LAC website & work on developing it further with information we believe would be relevant.

Link to MN LAC Guidebook:

https://mn.gov/dhs/assets/lac-guidebook_tcm1053-386047.pdf