



Clay County Local Advisory Council for Children 's Mental Health
Thursday, April 4th, 2024, 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; Lacey Hubert, Clay County; Josh Swanson, Juvenile Center; Lindsey Ternes, Clay County Probation; Laura Sitz, Supervisor Solutions; Terri Busch, Public Health; Andrew Lloyd, Public Health; Paul Krabbenhoft, Clay County Commissioner; Alyssa Lansing, LMHC; Barb Mohs, LMHC; Kara Baeth Dukart PSJ; Laurie Boeshans, Hawley schools; Alissa Betta, Head Start CAPLP; Anastasia Glasser, school-based supervisor Solutions.

- Introductions and One Good Thing!
- Approval of March meeting minutes.
 - Motion: Lindsey Ternes
 - Second: Barb Mohs
 - i. Approved by all.
- Treasurer’s Report: \$5,727.42
- New Business:
 - The team discussed issues with telehealth services and state laws for providers licensures that contribute to challenges when a boarder community.
 - o Shared what’s being done regarding advocacy for licensure compacts.
 - Explored how to get families resources regarding how to get into care.
 - o FirstLink – is a place that identifies many options and has free printable flyers/posters.
 - o [Printable Resources | FirstLink \(myfirstlink.org\)](#)
 - o Could the LAC develop a cheat sheet that can be put in Kids Source on how to access care?
 - o Tables at school conferences or back to school nights to increase awareness.
 - o Often families don’t pay attention to mental health services until they are in crisis or in need of services.
 - LAC survey results:
 - o The team reviewed and discussed the results and themes from the professional and caregiver survey.
 - o Great turnout!!!!
 - How can we get other professionals and communities to participate the way Hawley schools did!?
 - o The team would like the raw survey data shared.
 - o Michelle & Joni will compile the data for a report that will be shared with the Clay County Commissioners board in May.

- Agency Reports/Consumer reports

Public Health – This week is National Public Health week April 1-7th, still seeing Covid and adult and child RSV in the community; have free COVID testing kits that can be picked up at the clinic or on 3rd floor room 102 of the County building; Terri can also drop some off if requested. Terri distributed Covid tests to agency's present for waiting areas.

Clay County Social Services – Quinn Jaeger was hired as the new director in anticipation of Rhonda's retirement this summer. Quinn will start the transition in May. His current position, CPS investigations and assessment supervisor will be refilled. There are 2 CPS job openings. Josh Arvidson from CPS investigations is transitioning to adult services.

Clay County Youth Leadership Council (YLC): the group met with Rob Kupec when at Foster Care Day on the Hill. The groups had a big win – a foster care education grant that was potentially getting cut has been fully funded! This grant allows kids who have been in foster care to get a free college education.

Clay County Commissioners – Representative Krabbenhoft is having frequent contact with legislature for the bonding request for the PRTF; Rep Keeler and Rep Krabbenhoft testified last week on this topic; amended the \$20 million request to \$10 million and to change to a phased approach to do a slower build of the facilities growth (start with 12 beds then add more). The new detox center is moving along and hoping to have it available for use starting in September 2024.

West Central Juvenile Center – they have identified a need for a female version of the CLIPS program and have approval to move forward with the open space that came from the detox center move to develop this program. It will be for teenage girls ages 16-19 who need transitional programming (10 beds).

The Village: looking to hire 2 in-home therapists, no availability for new in-home cases until positions are hired, still have availability for outpatient clients, finishing up an adolescent DBT group.

Prairie St. Johns – PHP is a 2–4-week day program for youth; currently have openings. Transportation to/from PHP by PSJ staff extends to the Dilworth city limits; if outside of town, there is a partnership with Ronald McDonald House that will do a transport to PSJ every day and will house people who need a place to stay if coming from out of town. Anyone can come in and get a tour of the new facility or meet with any of the team members, just call Kara to get set up with tour. Pictures of the PHP program and facility are on Facebook, just "like" the PSJ page. There is a virtual tour on the PSJ website to share with families/kids so they can get an idea of what the facility is like. Walk-in med management is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-3pm; can also call to set up an appointment.

Solutions: Running a summer Dina School program at Rober Asp on Tuesdays through Thursday and offering a morning and afternoon program. Participants need to be referred to the program by a Solutions clinician and have an active DA and parents willing to participate. If you know someone who could benefit from the group, have them reach out to Solutions for next steps. Have added 2 providers for medication management (Marissa and Dr. Fellman (only doing telehealth)). Priority for medication services is given to Solutions clients but hoping to open the service up to those outside of Solutions. Looking to hire 2 CM's – hoping to have the positions filled shortly with good interviews recently.

Juvenile Probation: Janelle transferred to a different district so a new supervisor, Dale Arnold was hired for her position and started last week. The Moorhead Police summer program will be at the Moorhead Career Academy on Wednesdays starting June 5th and runs through August. The group will meet every Wednesday

from 4-7pm and is for kids ages 8-12. They are always looking for adult mentors to help with the program. Moorhead Police are partnering with Elevate Human Potential and doing a CrossFit for Teens program for teens ages 13-18. The youth attend 15 CrossFit sessions and 1 mentoring session. This program meets every Tuesday and Thursday in June and July from 12:00pm – 1:45pm. The Moorhead Police are hosting “Badges for Baseball” a baseball team for 11 and 12 year olds. Practices and games start in May and run through July; equipment and uniforms are free. Registration for either program is open at www.moorheadpal.org and will be open until both programs are full. Contact scott.kostohryz@moorheadmn.gov for additional information or questions about either program.

Childrens Mental Health Awareness Day is May 9th and May is Childrens Mental Health Month!

Meeting called to order: 8:38 am

Meeting adjourned at: 9:57 am

Minutes submitted by Joni Medenwald

Next meeting: **May 2, 2024, 8:30am Clay County Family Service Center**

Agenda items: Report for Clay County Commissioners board meeting

Link to MN LAC Guidebook:

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