

Clay County Local Advisory Council for Children 's Mental Health
Thursday February 1st 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; Michelle Thordal, Clay County; Laurie Boeshans, Hawley schools; Terri Busch, Public Health; Paul Krabbenhoft, Clay County Commissioner; Lindsey Ternes, Clay County Probation; Megan Hoyer, Barnesville school counselor; Kara Baeth Dukart PSJ; Alyssa Lansing, LMHC; Josh Swanson, Juvenile Center; Nicole England, Solutions.

Agenda:

- Introductions and One Good Thing!
- Approval of December meeting minutes.
 - Motion: Terri
 - Second: Megan
 - i. Motion passed.
- Treasurer’s Report:
 - Fund balance: \$5,727.42
 - i. Clay County 2024 annual stipend of \$1500 was deposited.
 - ii. Reserved Children’s Mental Health billboard through Kellner for \$600.
 - 1. Will add “Clay County Local Advisory Council” to the billboard.
 - iii. Discussed how funds have been historically used for community events for kids like KidsFest (buying treats, sponsoring a movie in the park, etc.) or stipends for parents/consumers to attend LAC meetings.
- New Business:
 - Reviewing and updating last year’s LAC annual survey
 - i. Professionals survey
 - 1. Reviewed. No changes are needed.
 - ii. Parent/Consumer survey
 - 1. Reviewed. Discussed adding how many years you have resided in Clay County to the survey.
 - iii. Joni will update the flyers & QA codes for this year.
 - 1. Need to add closing dates on the email out to everyone and the flyer.
 - Reviewed contacts for survey distribution:
 - i. Moorhead school district (including Probsfield):
 - 1. Contact: Duane Borgeson:
 - a. Michelle will see if they will send out the survey schoolwide.
 - 2. Amy Riccio-Galde (? Not sure if this is the correct person)
 - a. Homeless liaison for Moorhead public schools
 - ii. DGF school district:

1. Contact: Mrs. Shelley Cervantes
 - a. Michelle will see if they will send out the survey schoolwide.
- iii. Ulen-Hitterdal Public Schools:
 1. Contact: Dustin Flaten
 2. Michelle will see if they will send out the survey schoolwide.
- iv. Hawley Public Schools:
 1. Contact: Laurie Boeshans
 - a. Will ask to send it out school wide.
- v. Barnesville Public Schools:
 1. Contact: Megan Hoyer
 - a. Will ask to send it out school wide.
- vi. Head Start:
 1. Contact: Lori Schwartz
 - a. Michelle will reach out to Lori.
- vii. Private schools in Clay County:
 1. Contact:
 - a. ----- will reach out to Park Christian
 - b. Lacey will reach out to St. Joes
- viii. Home school networks (they have a local newsletter - FMCHE (Fargo, Moorhead, Catholic Home Educators)):
 1. Contact:
 - a. Terri will see if anyone she knows has a connection to their newsletter.
- ix. Lake Agassiz Education Cooperative
 1. Contact: Laurie Boeshans
 - a. Laurie will share with the team and families.
- x. Women Infant Children (WIC)
 1. Terri Busch will contact Sue at WIC
- xi. Clay County Collaborative website
 1. Michelle to send to Marisa Bengtson-Loerzel
coordinator@claycountycollaborative.org
- xii. Clay County Facebook/social media pages:
 1. Michelle will request a post be made on Clay County socials.
- xiii. Clay County Probation officers (adult & child):
 1. Contact: Lindsey Ternes
 - a. Confirmed they will send out to colleagues and families/youth.
- xiv. Clay County Public Health:
 1. Contact: Terri Busch
 - a. Terri will send it to the team.
- xv. Clay County Daycare & Foster Care Providers
 1. Contact:
 - a. Michelle will share with the teams & families.

- xvi. Clay County Early Childhood Initiative
 - 1. Contact:
 - a. Will send to Jodi Jordet at ecicl原因county@gmail.com
- xvii. West Central Juvenile Center:
 - 1. Contact: Josh Swanson
 - a. Confirmed they will send out colleagues & to families/youth.
- xviii. Restorative Justice:
 - 1. Contact: Olivia Larson
 - a. Linsdey will reach out to Olivia to share the survey.
- xix. Churches United
 - 1. Contact: Michelle will email Paster Sue
- xx. Public places:
 - 1. Clay County Social Service Building – put up questions with QR code to click on
 - a. Put up on the bathroom stall doors – Terri Busch will do this.
 - 2. Local Churches across the County
 - 3. REACH
 - a. Joni will have the provider put up a flyer.
- xxi. Kids Source
 - 1. Put an ad out with the QR code.
- xxii. Prairie St. Johns
 - 1. 1. Contact: Kara
 - a. Kara will share when on speaking engagement, with PSJ colleagues, and in the facilities.

Agency Reports/Consumer reports

Clay County: Hosted Safe Talk last week and had 36 people participate.

The Village: Participating in Giving Hearts Day next week and gearing up for Bowl for Kids' Sake in March. Starting a Children of Incarcerated Parents group next month – open to any referrals, call The Village to register.

Commissioner Krabbenhoft: County Board is working with Representative Keeler and community agencies on a bill to support grant funding to develop a PRTF.

LMHC: Renovations continue throughout the building. Trans-Em which is a referral-based program to help adults find employment is now housed at LMHC.

West Central Juvenile Center: Seeing a need for long-term programming for female youth in our area and beyond; looking at additional space and programming options to meet this need. Have 55 secure beds and 25 unsecure beds.

Solutions: Starting 2 new mental health practitioners. Have openings for ABC referrals (6 months -2 years old children). ABC is an in-home model but can be done in the office, includes video taping that creates a montage at the end of the model that is given to the families. Not doing Incredible Years or Dino School in the Spring since the Fall group was pushed back. Received a grant to do parenting education and parenting support groups that incorporate some Incredible Years components. Participating in Giving Hearts Day for AIM clinic for equipment and resources. AIM open house being held February 8th 11-1pm; come learn more about the mission of Solutions, the AIM program, and tour the building.

Hawley Schools: Hiring a social worker for additional support for k-12. Hopefully starting in the next month to help with high need things happening with students such as discharging from hospitalization, communication with parents, etc.

Public Health – Continue to be short-staff, currently down 3 home visiting nurses.

PSJ: The in-patient hospital is currently accepting people 13 years and older (temporarily) until the demand for adult services reduces. Still have full day treatment for all ages. Continue giving tours of the new hospital. Medication management is available for youth and adults via walk-in on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am – 3pm at St. Genevieve place (across the street from hospital). Call the main number if you need medication management outside of Tuesday or Thursdays. T-shirt design project: PSJ asks all kids from elementary through high school to design a t-shirt for staff (nearly 400 people) to wear during Childrens MH month (May). A prize is given to the winner of the T-shirt project. Kara will share the link of how kids can participate. All the artwork they receive goes to an art gala at the mall during May to showcase the art.

Meeting called to order: 8:33am
Meeting adjourned at: 9:33am
Minutes submitted by: Joni Medenwald

Next meeting: **March 7, 2024, 8:30am Clay County Family Service Center**
Agenda items:

[Link to Caregiver/Parent Survey:](#)

[Link to Professionals Survey:](#)

Link to MN LAC Guidebook:
https://mn.gov/dhs/assets/lac-guidebook_tcm1053-386047.pdf