



Clay County Local Advisory Council for Children 's Mental Health
Thursday, March 7, 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; Scott Penner, Access; Laura Sitz, Supervisor Solutions; Olivia Larson, Clay County Attorney Office; Shelly Lindbo, Crisis Mobile Team; Hannah Hoffstetter Crisis Mobile; Terri Busch, Public Health; Paul Krabbenhoft, Clay County Commissioner; Megan Hoyer, Barnesville school counselor; Alyssa Lansing, LMHC; Brea Crouse, Solutions; Barb Mohs, LMHC

- Introductions and One Good Thing!
- Approval of February meeting minutes.
 - Motion: Paul Krabbenhoft
 - Second: Lindsey Ternes
 - i. Approved by all.
- Treasurer’s Report: \$5,727.42
Clay County Annual Stipend of \$1,500 was deposited.
- New Business:
 - Update on Billboard – Kelner Communications
 - i. Added “Sponsored by Clay County LAC”
 - Update on LAC survey – feedback.
 - i. Good responses so far
- Agency Reports/Consumer reports

[2024 LAC survey \(professional\) - Google Forms](#)
[LAC survey -parents 2024 - Google Forms](#)

Clay County Commissioners, Paul Krabbenhoft: Continue community meetings to open a PRTF in the area. Those involved so far are LMHC, Solutions, and Clay County Social Services. Both House and Senate files are moving forward for a \$20 million dollar bond. 18 other counties have signed support for a PRTF

in our region. New grants are coming forward for start-up money to get it off the ground (find land to build the facility, planning, development, design, hiring, etc.).

Clay County Social Services: Rhonda Porter is retiring at the end of June, and they are starting the process of refilling her position.

Youth Leadership Council (YLC): Attended the first Foster Youth Ombudsman board meeting, the team will be ready to accept foster care grievances. A group of 4 youths went to a YLC retreat for the summit and 5 youth went to Foster and Youth Day on the Hill 5 youth. At the youth summit they learned about advocating and how to talk to legislators; had 150 people show up and had youth from Clay and Becker County who were actively involved; you can see some video and pictures of the event on Facebook by searching "Foster Child Youth Day on the Hill MN." The youth met with Senator Rob Kupec and talked about extended foster care benefits (to be automatically enrolled in ongoing foster care at age 18 and that youth would have to opt-out if they don't want to be a part of the extended program) and more supports after foster care due to anticipated funding cuts.

Solutions: Hiring every position, waitlist for Rule 79 is 30+ kids, looking to hire more case managers, Marissa Byrne is adult and child prescriber and will see clients in person and is taking new clients, Dr. Michelle Feldmon will be part-time telehealth and is a child psychiatrist starting the end of March and will be taking new cases then.

LMHC Crisis Mobile: doing a pilot program by dispatching a mental health practitioner with paramedics and law enforcement and if appropriate they will call crisis mobile practitioners to come out and do an assessment.

Access: Provide corporate foster care (have 8-10 sites) and have two rule 79 case managers. Building a new site, hoping to be in the new space this summer.

LMHC: Childrens CM waitlist is about 15 kids; lost 2 day-treatment professionals in the schools and looking to refill.

Clay County Attorney's office: Lukas Brandon is doing the restorative justice program and goes to each school in the county weekly. Restorative Justice is focused on keeping kids away from the Juvenile Justice Department (dealing with vaping, THC, low level assaults, etc.). Youth go through various programming and do 'circles' by sitting down to resolve the situation before it escalates. Can refer to restorative justice without having a child 'charged' with a crime.

Barnesville high school: Continue the Sources of Strength (suicide prevention program for grades 7-12) program which works with students to be peer supporters and leaders within the school – funded through a grant and it's going well.

The Village: finishing an Adolescent DBT group and Love & Logic Parenting Group, staying busy at REACH in Hawley and our school-based programs. Have waitlist for in-home, looking to hire. Looking to fill our Children of Incarcerated Parents group which starts in two weeks.

Clay County Juvenile Probation: Staying busy with numbers being on the higher side.

West Central Juvenile Center: 55 bed secure unit and 25 bed non-secure unit with various programs within each unit. Just finished a DOC inspection. Have 61 kids in-house right now. Average stay in the secure unit is about 30 days or less; non-secure is less than that. To be secure, a youth needs to have been charged with at least a misdemeanor then a court order or probation violation to stay. To be in non-secure youth can have a delinquency charge but not required, can be placed by the police, and held for 3 days until a court hearing, or if in social service custody a youth can be placed there. Community Living Independent Program Skills (CLIPS) for youth (16 – 19 years) who have unstable living environment and who have been in and out of various systems (juvenile justice, foster care), live on-site and receive CM and other services, required to have a job or volunteer and work with the team on independent living skills.

Public Health: Shared a success of connecting a mom with therapy services at Solutions; hiring for nurses.

Meeting called to order: 8:36 am

Meeting adjourned at: 9:47am

Minutes submitted by Joni Medenwald

Next meeting: **April 4, 2024, 8:30am Clay County Family Service Center**

Agenda items: Survey results

Link to MN LAC Guidebook:

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