



Clay County Local Advisory Council for Children's Mental Health

Thursday, April 3rd, 2025 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Family Service Center, 715 11th St N. Room 4

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

Members Present: Lacey, Clay CCSS; Joni, The Village; Kara, Prairie St. John's; Alyssa LMHC; Michelle M., LMHC; Kylie (intern), LMHC; Angie, Family Resource Center (FRC); Kailyn, Family Resource Center; Lindsey, Juvenile Probation; Josh, West Central; Tanner, Solutions; Madeline, Access; Terri, Clay County Public Health; Paul, Clay County Commissioner; Katie, Crisis Mobile; Barb, LMHC

Approval of March meeting minutes

- Motion: Kara
- Second: Joni
 - Motion passed

Treasurer's Report: \$6,871.58

- Deposit: \$2,000 – Clay County yearly contribution
- Credits: \$587.70 --4imprint cost for sign and bags
 - \$112.00 Gift cards for survey raffle

Presentation: Family Resource Center

- Family Outreach Coordinators Kailyn Allen and Angie Walswick
- Goal is to offer a welcoming space for families, no physical location – meet with families within community
- Helping people make connections in the community
- Providing 'light touch supports' to connect people with needed services, doing warm hand offs, reducing mental health stigma, etc.
- Have a Family Advisory Board that helps identify what needs they see in the community, create parent support groups, etc.
- Flex spending available to help meet needs – at this time thinking there will be a financial household limit per year

- Working on a website with a calendar of where they will be that day so people can find them; the team will also be going out to where people are gathering.
- Clients will do an intake with Angie or Kailyn; can be done in person or via phone
- Stakeholder meeting April 10th 9am – 10:30am at Hjemkomst Center
 - o Will hold these meetings quarterly
 - o Please come!
- Inclusive Moorhead Events – Sunday April 13th from 3-5pm – free meal, family activities and community engagement and connections
 - o Please come!
- Partnering with Creative Communities Consulting

New Business:

- Correction to the March minutes: billboard is with Kelner Communications, not Newman Signs, as indicated in March minutes.
- Review of 2024 Report to the Board
 - o No suggestions for changes to the report layout/information
 - o Survey has been taken by 46 participants and parents as of today
 - o Lacey will create and send out a poster with QR code for people to share in public places or agencies (attach to minutes)
 - o Caregiver/Parent Survey <https://forms.gle/Sp9hgwyokrdS2KH99>
 - o Professional Survey: <https://forms.gle/Vs8wmnw19pSkijQ28>
- Who To Call – waiting on old PDF then Lacey will work to update and bring to the group
- Any member can request funding for a special project by emailing Michelle the request and it will come to the next LAC meeting.
- Discussed ongoing struggles with low reimbursement rates for serving MN MA/PMAP clients, especially with the recent reduction in reimbursement for providing CTSS services.

Agency/Consumer Reports:

Clay County Social Services – Hiring an investigation team member and a case aide, timelines for placing kids are shorter than usual, however seeing more struggles with keeping kids in placements due to their high acuity mental health needs.

Foster Youth Ambudsperson Board - Working on the Foster Care Bill of Rights, in legislative committee right now, waiting to see if it will be heard this legislative session. There are 6 new appointees to the Board (currently have: judge, children's social worker, foster youth, guardian ad litem, non-profit agency social workers)

Youth Leadership Council – recently went to Youth Foster Care Day on the Hill, attendance was lower than previous year. Had two members lead the Youth Training Summit event and did a great job.

Lakeland MHC – children's case management waitlist is low – main hold-up is kids being referred without a DA and not attending DA session when scheduled. Concerned there may be cutbacks in schools next year, which could put more pressure on Rule 79 case managers. Used the \$500 from LAC last year to run a kid's summer group with good success, hoping to do it again this summer. Planning to hire another full-time children's case manager.

Juvenile Probation – a pilot project with Clay County & Moorhead Public Schools called School Attendance Review Board (SARB). Currently working with 5 Moorhead High students with high truancy concerns. There is

a mentor assigned to each student who is very involved and has regular check-in to problem solve challenges to attendance. Noticing mental health issues are a common contributor to school/class attendance. They are hopeful the pilot project will go well and the program will grow in the coming years. It's a voluntary program; parents need to be involved. Not able to offer transportation and know that is a barrier to attendance. Michelle from Clay County Attorney's office, Victim Services submitted a grant proposal to continue Restorative Justice services and to be able to expand them.

West Central Juvenile Center – nearing the end of the construction project for the teenage female transitional program – female version of CLIPS. Programming is nearing completion, the team has all been hired, hoping to have it up and running by next month. Using Girls Moving On curriculum.

Solutions – have 18 on children's case management waitlist, hiring CTSS practitioners

Public Health – doing home visiting outreach and getting referrals but having challenges with knowing the classifications regarding the status of some families to know what benefits they are eligible for. Continue seeing financial struggles, being on the verge of homelessness, transportation challenges.

County Commissioners office – seeing shifting of funding for programs from the state level to the county level. Will continue to prioritize social services and public health services. Working on a building for the PRTF, consulting with others, have good support for this project to happen.

Crisis Mobile – doing a lot of outreach activities.

Prairie St. Johns – celebrating military families in April. Openings in children & adolescent services (in-patient, PHP, etc.).

The Village – no waitlist for outpatient clients for some insurances (state funded), waitlist for in-home services, working on potential summer groups.

Next meeting: May 1, 2025, 8:30am at Clay County Social Services Room 4.

Meeting called to order: 8:32am

Meeting adjourned at: 9:42am

Minutes submitted by: Joni Medenwald

Link to MN LAC Guidebook:

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