



Clay County Local Advisory Council for Children's Mental Health

Thursday, May 1st, 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: Michelle Thordal, Clay County Social Services, Tanner, Solutions; Angie, Family Resource Center; Lacey, Clay CCSS; Joni, The Village; Kara, Prairie St. John's; Madeline, Access; Katie, Mobile Mental Health; Jeremy, LMHC; Josh, West Central; Lukas, Restorative Justice; Megan, Barnesville High School, Michelle M., LMHC; Terri, Clay County Public Health

- **Approval of April meeting minutes**
 - Motion: Michelle
 - Second: Terri
 - i. Motion passed
- **Treasurer's Report: \$6,871.58**
 - LMHC requesting \$750 for summer CTSS programming (treats, meals, fun activities in the community, volunteering, etc.)
 - i. Motion: Megan
 - ii. Second: Lindsey
 - 1. Motion passed
- **New Business:**
 - Reviewed LAC Report to Board
 - i. Will get out the gift cards to the winners of the drawings
 - ii. Discussed the ongoing feedback from the survey regarding transportation barriers
 - 1. The team discussed barriers they are aware: limited bus stops, extended time it takes to get places using the bus system, etc.
 - a. Next year's survey - ask for more information about consumers' ideas for solutions to transportation barriers.

- b. Break down transportation in the survey next year – ask what the barriers are and give five or so options of common ones we are aware of to aide in narrowing down the issues.
- The billboard is up by the Moorhead DQ
- Summer meeting schedule
 - i. The team discussed and agreed to take June & July off from meeting.
 - ii. Will come back in August:
 - 1. Agenda items:
 - a. Planning for back-to-school nights and bring the new swag out to the schools
 - b. September is suicide prevention month and recovery awareness month – do we want to do anything?

Agency/Consumer Reports:

Clay County Social Services: CPS team is moving offices around and taking space on the 4th floor. Staff working on Motivational Interviewing certification. Fully staffed teams.

Family Resource Center: Website – www.claycountyfrc.com Go to website or email the team if you have referrals or needs to reach the team. No phone number available right now.

Solutions: have 14 on the waitlist right now. Taking referrals for ABC ARMHS families – this is a group for parents with kids 6 to 24 months old. 10 sessions model in the home. The child needs to finish the 10-week model before they turn 2 years old.

Juvenile Probation: registration for Moorhead police summer youth program is Wednesday, June 11th from 4-7pm for ages 7-12 years; need to bring a parent for registration. The group will meet every Wednesday. Starting June 3rd every Tuesday probation is doing a Decision Points group – which is an evidence-based cognitive behavioral intervention program. Unsure if they can accept outside referrals right now but reach out to Lindsey or Crystal if you have a referral.

Access: taking referrals for Rule 79 CM

Prairie St. Johns: busy time of year and near capacity daily for PHP & in-patient services. Adolescent PHP programming runs through the summer months. The Professional Education Series is always on the 4th Tuesday of every month, free and virtual; reach out to Kara if you're not on the email list to receive updates. Adults in PHP or day treatment (substance abuse and/or mental health tracks) have 48 beds for supportive housing for the 30 days of treatment. Have financial assistance available for housing costs if that is a barrier to treatment. There is a new Director of Clinical Services named Anthony Marucco.

Crisis Mobile: slight increase in children calls in the last month. There is a new supervisor who will start next month and be officed out of Moorhead.

Public Health: some offices are moving around within the building, home visiting is busy and taking referrals, continue trying to hire nurses.

LMHC: most/all services they offer are fully staffed right now, working on summer programming.

The Village: two therapists attended a play therapy conference where parents are co-therapists, we have openings for outpatient clients and DC:05's assessments.

Youth Leadership Council: There are 4 youth graduating high school and going to college. The youth do quarterly meetings virtually with other councils across the State to foster connections. There is a retreat in June and a conference in July. If you know of a youth age 14 to 23 who are current or past foster kids and are interested in advocating for youth rights reach out the Lacey or Crystal.

West Central Juvenile Center: training staff in a new program called Thinking Trauma – all juvenile center staff across the State of MN will be trained in this model. The Girls Transitional Living Program is planned to open in a few weeks.

Restorative Justice: held a conference at MSUM a few weeks ago that went well. Caseloads are extremely high. Peter Ferguson will be doing 10 hours/wk. of preventative work at Horizon East.

Barnesville High School: 2 staff from LMHC are doing presentations with 7-12th graders around reducing mental health stigma this month for mental health month.

Next meeting: August 7th 2025, 8:30am at Clay County Social Services Room 4.

~ NOT MEETING IN JUNE & JULY ~

Meeting called to order: 8:34am

Meeting adjourned at: 9:43am

Minutes submitted by: Joni Medenwald

Link to MN LAC Guidebook:

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