



Clay County Local Advisory Council for Children's Mental Health

Thursday, October 2nd, 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, CCSS; Lukas, Restorative Justice; Kaitlin, Family Resource Center; Michelle M, LMHC; Lindsey, Clay County Probation; Lisa, Public Health; Megan, Barnesville schools; Taryn, Access; Madeline, Access; Amy, Mrhd school district, Reagan, intern at Mrhd High schools; Jamie, Ellen Hopkins; Joni, The Village; Barb, LMHC; Elise, LMHC; Danelle, Mrhd Middle schools; Josh, WCJC; Jeremy, LMHC, Paul, Clay Co Commissioner; Kara, PSJ; Lacey, CCSS

Agenda:

Approval of September Meeting Minutes

- Motion: Lacey
- Second: Michelle M
 - o Approved by all

Treasurer's Report

Current Balance: \$5,021.58

New Business

Election of Officers:

- Changes will take effect January 2026
 - Chair- Michelle Mullikin
 1. Motion: Michelle T
 2. Second: Barb
 1. Approved by all
 - Vice Chair – Lacey Hubert
 1. Motion: Josh
 2. Second: Lindsey
 1. Approved by all
 - Secretary/Treasurer – Michelle Thordal
 1. Motion: Michelle M
 2. Second: Kara

1. Approved by all

Approval of 2026 Workplan:

- Motion: Lindsey
- Second: Michelle M
 - o Approved by all

Request to approve childcare stipend for parents to attend LAC meeting:

- The group discussed the time of the meeting as well as offering it via zoom to potentially reduce barriers for people to attend.
- \$50 for attending + mileage reimbursement + daycare reimbursement (\$9/hr. per child)

Motion: Michelle

Second: Lukas

Approved by all

Agency/Consumer Reports

Clay County Social Services: updates regarding services with the current government shutdown – SNAP Oct benefits are expected to disperse on time, social services will continue work as usual, WIC benefits will continue in Oct, child welfare funding continues for Oct, MFIP not anticipating any lapses.

Clay County Commissioners: continue moving forward with the establishment of a PRTF, have given tours of prospective space to representatives who have come to town, hired a lobbyist to assist with the work they are doing.

Restorative Justice: had meeting yesterday with Public Health to address vaping consequences and strategies to increase knowledge of addiction.

Family Resource Center: had a back-to-school event at the library that was successful, gave tips for coping skills and stress management, recent meeting with The Village on ways to partner to help meet client needs.

Juvenile Probation: moving into FSC this month (2nd floor), adult females will be offered the Moving On program for adult women on supervision, juvenile probation has been busy since school started.

Public Health: the family home visiting program is accepting new referrals.

Moorhead schools – schools are busy! Homeless kids are up to 150 as of now, about 40 are unaccompanied homeless youth - struggling to get them a Rule 79 CM; the bus is coming to the schools to offer dental, vision, and immunizations through a partnership with Family HealthCare. Working with the County on the new truancy legislation regarding schools needing to file with the County every time a student has 7 unexcused days – this is not sustainable, the new hire is focused on grades 9-12 to check-in and connect with kids.

Barnesville High School: with grant assistance they have started meal re-packing program to purchase a freezer and supplies to package remaining food at the end of the day promote zero food waste, excited to now offer this program in both the elementary and high schools.

Access: accepting new referrals – send them to Hope.

The Village: Love and Logic Trauma-Informed parenting group is starting next week – funding assistance is available if needed, please call the Moorhead office. A new clinician (Chrissy) was trained in Child Parent Psychotherapy (CPP) and taking new clients, immediate wraparound availability, two supervisors going on maternity leave in the next few weeks.

WCJC: the CLIPs program (teens who live at the facility but have access to the community to work/volunteer, etc.) are having some challenges finding employment options for youth where there aren't other CLIPs clients.

LMHC: Elise joined LMHC and is working with homeless youth - helping kids get birth certificates, state id's, SNAP benefits, bank accounts, etc., the CM team is full, the federal CM rate is increasing, Jeremy is always open to talking about creative ways to help kids/families get services when there are struggles accessing CM.

PSJ: openings for both adult & kids, always call if you have a need as the status of availability can change quickly, availability for children's day treatment (PHP), the virtual tour on the website is nice to refer parents/kids to so they have an idea of services and the space. Walk-in services are always available – don't always need a referral from an emergency department. Nurse practitioners are available for kids and adult medication needs from 9am-3pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, added more LAC's to the children's in-patient team to provide educational components, the out-patient program has LAC's for educational components, only offering substance abuse treatment for adults at this time, November 21st is the Fall Conference which is a more motivational speaker this year.

Meeting called to order: 8:34 am

Meeting adjourned at: 9:49 am

Minutes submitted by: Joni Medenwald

Next meeting: November 6th, 2025, 8:30am at Clay County Social Services Room 4.

Link to MN LAC Guidebook:

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