

Hennepin South Services Collaborative

Coordination Teams & Facilitator Forum Update

May 2010

Self-Sufficiency Coordination Team

Participants: Susan Bongaarts, Hennepin County; Jim Downie, MN Workforce Center; Patricia Fenrick, City of Eden Prairie; Kerry Holtmeier Hallee, Eden Prairie FamiLink; Katie McKenna, VEAP; Michelle Nast, Cornerstone; Howard Odor, Normandale Community College; Pat Rigoni, Bloomington Public Health.

Mission: To facilitate collaborative solutions that support people participating in the MFIP program, the unemployed, and those working and remaining in poverty move toward self-sufficiency.

Outcome Implementation Status:

- The team coordinated a seminar focused on programs that support a livable wage that are receiving stimulus/new federal funding on May 4th at Creekside in Bloomington. 50 people attended this event. The programs and speakers included:
 - Unemployment Insurance – Jim Hegman
 - Workforce Investment Act – George Ryan
 - Dislocated Worker Program – Steve Barker
 - CAPSH – HIRED-SHARRA employment counseling – Judy Swanson

A big, THANK YOU to Creekside for providing space for this event and the State of MN, the MN Workforce Center, and CAPSH for providing speakers.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 1st, 1 – 2:30 pm at Cornerstone, Bloomington

Schools & Community Partnerships Coordination Team

Participants: Barton Erickson, Cornerstone; Kerry Holtmeier Hallee, Eden Prairie FamiLink; Carol Huttner, Bloomington Schools; Terri Johnson, Eden Prairie Schools; Nancy Kaczrowski, Bloomington Schools; Ali Turner, HC Library; Suzanne Kpowulu, Bloomington Schools; Laurie Lindblad, FCS; Lisa Rahn, Richfield Schools.

Mission: To facilitate collaborative solutions that support children's readiness for school, regular attendance in school, and educational success.

Outcome Implementation Status:

- The team hosted a seminar on Purposeful Parent Engagement for our communities' school administrators, cultural liaisons, parent engagement teams & teachers on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. THANK YOU to Bloomington schools for providing space and Family and Children's Service for providing speakers. 42 people attended. The evaluation was completed by 21 attendees; on a scale of 1-10 with ten being high 43% rated the seminar 9/10 and 38% rated the seminar 7/8.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 18th, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm at Cornerstone, Bloomington

Health and Mental Health Coordination Team

Participants: Kerry Holtmeier Hallee, Eden Prairie FamiLink; Mary Lutterman, Penelope 35; Mike McCawley, Fraser; Sheila Pettis, Charaka; Pat Rigoni, Bloomington Public Health; John Reilly, FCS; Denise Royer, Bloomington Human Services; Dana Tran, Cornerstone; Lynn Wutschke Kron, Fairview Southdale Hospital.

Mission: To facilitate collaborative solutions to reduce barriers and improve access to health and mental health care, enhance community awareness of issues and resources, and provide educational opportunities for human service providers.

Outcome Implementation Status:

- The team held a seminar with Hennepin County on the Front Door and mental health services on March 10, 2010. THANK YOU to Cornerstone for providing space and equipment, the City of Bloomington for providing beverages, and Hennepin County for providing our speakers. 72 people attended. The evaluation was completed by 61 attendees; on a scale of 1-10 with ten being high 41% rated the seminar 9/10 and 51% rated the seminar 7/8.
- The team has begun a partnership with NAMI to promote their existing mental health awareness initiatives. A brown bag event on mental health and reducing stigma in our communities and organizations was held on April 19th at Penelope 35 in Bloomington and 28 people attended this event. THANK YOU to Penelope 35 for offering space and Sue Abderholden, Executive Director of NAMI, for speaking.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 18th, 1 – 2:30 pm at Cornerstone, Bloomington