

**Otter Tail Family Services Collaborative
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**School-Based Mental Health Work Group Meeting
February 1, 2010 11AM - Noon
Thumper Pond, Ottertail MN**

In Attendance:

Shannon Erickson (FFASEC); John Dinsmore (OTC Human Services); Tamara Uselman (Perham-Dent); Josh Nelson (Lakes Country Service Cooperative); and Jane Patrick (Collaborative Coordinator).

1. John Dinsmore welcomed the group and round of introductions were made. The group reviewed the agenda and a requested was made to place one additional item on the agenda to discuss a SBMH Grant opportunity that is available through Lakes Country Service Cooperative.
2. Jane shared a budget report from the Collaborative for SBMH allocations in FY10. Two districts have received full or partial distributions. Additional allocations will be paid out upon receipt of an invoice from the remaining districts AND upon receipt of the 2009 data that has been requested from each district.
3. SBMH program updates where shared from those districts with programs in place.
4. SBMH programming was discussed for the three remaining districts that do not have specific mental health programs in place. Tamara offered that her school staff, both the mental health professional and the school counselors, could visit with those districts that don't have services if that would be helpful to them. Tamara also offered to be available for superintendents and/or school boards that have questions about the service delivery model in place in Perham.
5. The group discussed plans for FY11 programming and budget requests. Jane shared a five year budget projection with the group which will also be shared later with the entire CEO Group. With existing income and current revenues, it is anticipated that funding would be available at the current rate through June 30, 2014. The group determined they would like to again request \$75,000 for FY11 to support SBMH programming for each district. Since Tamara was the only superintendent in attendance at the meeting, the group decided to make a formal vote for funding as part of the CEO Group when more schools would hopefully be represented.
6. Information was shared regarding a potential grant opportunity which is available from the Department of Education. Jost Nelson from Lakes Country Service Cooperative joined the group today to discuss ideas about how the Collaborative might work together with their organization to pursue this funding using our existing models. The grant is available for enhancing, improving or developing through collaborative efforts between school-based

service systems and mental health systems for prevention, diagnosis and treatment services to children. A discussion was held regarding Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goals and how this affects the grant application. Currently there are 43 AYP schools in the region. The group felt this program could help enhance the existing models by: allowing group sessions at schools that don't have them; improving summer programs; expanding service to the high school or elementary levels for schools that don't have them. The group also discussed Response To Intervention (RTI) data and how to incorporate this into the proposal. Moorhead is the only school in the region that is using this existing model and we might be able to pull this model into the proposal. Using Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) as the screening model on the 15% of students that have conduct disorders – those students in the principal's office regularly that are currently only getting the interventions that are available. Josh will go back and talk with Jeremy to see what the next steps will be. If we decide not to move forward with this grant, we should look at other criteria to somehow incorporate this PBIS model into existing programming.

7. The meeting was adjourned by consensus. The next meeting of the Large Work Group will be held on March 1 at 11AM at Thumper Pond in Ottertail prior to the CEO Group meeting.