

**Otter Tail Family Services Collaborative  
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**School-Based Mental Health Work Group Meeting  
November 2, 2009 11AM - Noon  
Thumper Pond, Ottertail MN**

**In Attendance:**

Shannon Erickson (FFASEC); Bill Klein (Lakeland Mental Health Center-66); Gene Benson (Lutheran Social Services); Todd Cameron (New York Mills); John Dinsmore (OTC Human Services); Tamara Uselman (Perham-Dent); Rakshya Ban (Prairie St. John's); and Jane Patrick (Collaborative Coordinator).

1. John Dinsmore welcomed the group and round of introductions were made. The group reviewed the agenda and requested that an item be added to discuss options for programming in the three schools that currently do not have programs in place.
2. The group began with an overview of what each district at the table is currently doing to provide programming. Funding sources for programming include: special ed dollars, safe school funding, general school funds, CTSS and third party billing revenues and grant funding. Staffing in each school ranges from .5 to 2.5 FTEs.
3. The group discussed what options might be available to help the smaller three districts to establish programming. It was pointed out that SBMH is still a Collaborative priority and that all the partners need to try and help to identify viable options for the students served by the remaining three districts. Suggestions for moving this initiative forward included:
  - Suggest that the mental health providers develop a financial model for the smaller schools to consider based on historical data for the number of kids served by the former Collaborative model
  - Encourage the three superintendents to work together to identify options for collaborative programming among the districts.
  - Jane to touch base with the districts to let them know that the group is interested and able to help trouble shoot and identify workable options.
4. Financial updates where shared. A total of \$75,000 has been allocated among all of the districts although none has been distributed at this time. Funding per district is broken down as follows:

**Enrollment-based Distribution of Funding**

	<b>H</b>	<b>BL</b>	<b>UW</b>	<b>PP</b>	<b>NYM</b>	<b>PR</b>	<b>P/D</b>	<b>FF</b>
Enrollment as of 2/09	362	508	542	550	704	956	1432	2415
FY10 Allocation per district	<b>\$3,636</b>	<b>\$5,101</b>	<b>\$5,442</b>	<b>\$5,523</b>	<b>\$7,069</b>	<b>\$9,600</b>	<b>\$14,379</b>	<b>\$24,250</b>

Jane will distribute a copy of the most recent billing form to the superintendents so they can submit for reimbursement once these costs have been incurred.

5. John Dinsmore shared information about the fact that the State will be seeking proposals for health plan contracts. This could impact the providers for various medical services including those with PMAP, PGAMC MinnesotaCare services. John explained that an RPF will be coming out in February inviting health insurance companies to submit proposals for serving low income families beginning in 2011. John requested feedback prior to December 15<sup>th</sup> from all local service providers on what the challenges and benefits are to using each provider. Providers can also provide feedback on what services they feel should be covered under Minnesota Health Care Programs.
6. The group reviewed their work plan for FY10. There are some challenges with local data collection but Jodi and Jane are working to resolve those challenges. Jodi Wentland is also working with the state to identify reporting options that would reduce the need for providers to duplicate CASII and SDQ data. The challenge with this new system is that it is not yet functional, but it is hoped that it will be available prior to the end of the fiscal year when the data is needed. The local providers also discussed the fact that they would need to have access individually to the data in order to use the information about their individual services.
7. A big thank you was extended to those members of the group that participated in the fall Mental Health Conference in Duluth. It continues to show commitment and dedication from the group in sharing best practices in research-based mental health strategies.
8. Partner sharing:
  - Rakshya shared a new on-line mental health screening tool which is available from Prairie St. John's. She agreed to share the link with the group electronically.
9. The meeting was adjourned by consensus. The next meeting of the Large Work Group will be held on January 25, 2010 at 11AM at Thumper Pond in Ottertail prior to the CEO Group meeting.