Local Advisory Council (LAC) Minutes August 5, 2014

Connected to the meeting via ITV were: Kittson County, Marshall County (Stacy Anderson), Norman County (Randy Potter and Nancy Rhen) and Polk County (Denise Gudvongen, Katie Midgarden and Jeannette Knott)

Absent: Mahnomen County, Red Lake County(Red Lake County had been ready to sign in, but got bumped at the last minute)

The meeting began at 10:30 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Election of officers: This has not yet been completed for 2014 as of yet. At our previous meeting and this meeting we did not feel that we had enough people attending and decided to table this until our next meeting in October.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on whether or not we had a mission statement for our LAC. Those present did not recall seeing one. We decided that it was time to either review and update the one we have(if we find that we have one) or create a new one. Samples of mission statements were sent out and it was requested that those interested submit their thoughts on a mission statement to the group and we will review them in October and work and complete it at that time.

Presentation on "Wellness in the Woods": this was tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion was held on the current status of our meetings, the low numbers and the need to revitalize the group. We discussed how to host the meetings, run the meetings and share responsibilities of follow up(typing up minutes) of the meeting. We also talked about stipends for the meetings for our consumers and some assistance with transportation if needed. Denise has a copy of the "stipend request form" that Polk and some of the other counties had been using. She will forward this to me and I will send out with the minutes.

Randy noted that it would be nice to have a written list of email addresses and/or mailing addresses for the members for mailings and meeting notifications- especially if we will be rotating who hosts the meetings and sends out paperwork. If the counties want to send this information to Polk County, we will prepare an address list for the next meeting.

Polk County will host the meeting in October, prepare the agenda with input from the other counties, type and send out the minutes. We will discuss who will host the December meeting at that time.

Olmstead Act/GRH forum to gather consumer and provider input. It was noted that there will be a series of meetings by DHS to gather information. As some of the counties did not have this information, Jeannette will forward the notice to them.

The next LAC meeting will be on October 21st, the 3rd Tuesday of the month and begin at 10:00. It will be available via ITV in each county and members can attend at other county sites should their home county be unable to connect for any reason (such as it is not available due to court...).

The meeting ended approximately at 11:15 a.m.