



First Steps Central MN Joint Powers Board Meeting Agenda

May 4, 2023 8:30a-9:30a

Sherburne County Government Center, Oak Room

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Joint Powers Board Attendees: Commissioners Tarryl Clark & Gary Gray

Additional Attendees: Janet Goligowski, Sarah Grosshuesch, Nicole Ruhoff, Leah Krotzer, Kelly Ball

AGENDA ITEM	MINUTES / MOTIONS
1. Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approval of Minutes b. Approval of Agenda 	1. Meeting called to order at 8:36a by Commissioner Clark. Quorum not present. Unable to approve minutes or agenda; will defer to August 3 meeting. Decision to continue with Family Home Visiting Updates.
2. Action Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. None at this time 	
3. Family Home Visiting Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Program Updates (Kelly, Leah) b. Budget Review (Nicole) c. Individual County Updates (Directors) 	a) Program Updates given by Program Manager and Data & Analytics Manager. Slides included prior to meeting in Board Packet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefly reviewed collaborative history and current structure & funding. • Launched electronic referral form, average 581 hits to First Steps website per month in first quarter, continued family and community partner newsletters, gearing up for busy summer season of community outreach events, working with CentraCare as a pillar to their rollout of patient referral process to community resources. • 2,300 referrals received through centralized intake since January 2020. Wright and Stearns referrals have grown in the past quarter. Using referral data to target outreach and ongoing discussions about balancing caseload capacity. • 35 referral sources in first quarter, four of which have sent half of the total referrals: CentraCare- St. Cloud Hospital Family Birthing Center, St. Cloud Hospital NICU, Family Health Clinic, and Wright County Community Action WIC. Have had 88 referral sources since launch of centralized intake. • 292 families served regionally. 17 families served cross-county lines thanks to the Strong Foundations grant. 8.2% growth in total caseload over the past month. 94% of target caseload met for Strong Foundations grant. Have seen 22 FHV program completions year to date. • With funding, required to do statewide Continuous Quality Improvement Project. Focusing on Family Engagement and Retention, which builds off our previous CQI work. In quarter 1, have reviewed data from MDH, gathering qualitative data from FHV staff, planning change activities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold bi-monthly Community of Practices for FHV staff and supervisors to increase knowledge of local resources and promote cross county learning and team building. Lead to ongoing conversations, process change, better efficiencies at individual county levels. Often includes experts from various organizations related to the learning theme of the month. February was focused on Baby Led Weaning/Introducing Solid Foods, joined by CentraCare Pediatric Dietitian. April was focused on the Somali culture and resources, joined by several staff from Somali resources in central MN. • Benton County’s newest PHN hosted 3-part Lactation Lunch-N-Learn, in coordination with CentraCare, for staff. Provided overview of local lactation supports for Central MN families. • Centralized Intake Process will be spotlight for next week’s MDH’s statewide MECSH Community of Practice & recently interviewed for MIECHV grant’s National Innovation Project highlight (will share in late summer). <p>b) Quarter 1 Budget Review: regionally expended 23% of Strong Foundations grants (Sherburne-30%, Benton-21%, Stearns-23%, Wright-16%); Contracts in place for Program Manager role invoicing – invoiced following quarter and will be reflected in expenditures in following quarter.</p> <p>c) Stearns: hiring 2 FHV PHNs and 1 Disease Prevention & Control PHN. Ramping up breastfeeding work in county. Wright: maximizing use of grants and billing structure for FHV, moving two 0.5 FTE case aid positions from Public Health to Child Protection unit. Sherburne: hiring one FHV PHN. Did not receive Promising Practices grant funds; was hoping to use to fund a Community Health Worker position to support traditional FHV programming. Implementing learning from Wright County’s billing processes. Benton: hiring one Disease Prevention & Control PHN.</p>
<p>4. Next Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. August 3rd at 8:30-9:30 AM b. November 2nd at 8:30-9:30 AM 	<p>In-person (Sherburne County Government Center Oak Room) and Virtual (via Zoom) option to join.</p>
<p>5. Adjourn</p>	<p>Adjourned at 9:18a by Commissioner Clark.</p>