



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Lincoln High School Training Center | Thief River Falls, MN

Resource Providers present: Ken Yutrzenka – Pennington County Human Services, Catherine Johnson – Inter-County Community Council, Colleen MacRae – Northwestern Mental Health Center, Missy Sletten – City of Thief River Falls Park and Rec, Sean Ranum – Northwest Regional Development Commission, Brad Bergstrom – Thief River Falls Public Schools, Carey Castle, Northland Community and Technical College, Kelsy Blowers – Northland Community and Technical College, Grant Nelson – Pennington County Sheriff, Jennifer Hedrick – Land of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging, Tori Peterson – Occupational Development Center, Shadron Cooper – Pennington County Sheriff, Kelly Taggart – Violence Intervention Project, Andrea Volk – Quotable Kids Speech Clinic, Lisa Hinrichs – Early Childhood Family Education, Early Childhood Initiative, Parents Forever, Marcia Haglund – Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, and Ray Kuznia – Pennington County Sheriff.

Also present: Melissa Beach and Jessica Spaeth – Compass Business Consulting.

The meeting began at 1:00 pm with a welcome and introduction by Melissa Beach of Compass Business Consulting. Resource providers introduced themselves and the agencies they represent.

Resource Group Organization

Beach gave a detailed description of the resource group organization and expected outcomes of the group.

Website Project Introduction

Beach and Spaeth presented the newly developed website penningtoncountyresources.org. It was determined that the logo will drop the word “group” and state only Pennington County Resources. All materials will be updated to reflect the change. The group reviewed the content worksheet developed to collect content from each resource provider and the proposed sitemap for the site. Each provider was asked to provide their agency’s program information, descriptions, contact information and website addresses which will be added to the new site. Compass Business Consulting will provide website analytics when the site goes live. The deadline to submit agency program information is Friday, May 12, 2017.

General Group Updates and Discussion

Ken Yutrzenka – Assist in processing of MFIP, TANIF, and healthcare, cash assistance, income maintenance and social services, child/adult protection, senior and child services, child care assistance, child support. All services/programs are based on state funding.

Sean Ranum – Economic development planner and revolving loan funds, regional arts council, grant writing services, community development.

Jennifer Hedrick – Serves 21 counties, Senior Linkage Line, many services to senior population, healthcare application assistance.

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Brad Bergstrom – Concerns with Pre-K funding at the state level.

Shadron Cooper – New Justice Center being built, technology changes for dispatchers, social media and code red presence, penningtoncountysheriff.org.

Missy Sletten – New hockey season beginning, 4th Annual Community Expo coming up.

Kelly Taggart – Umbrella Tree Program, shelters, community collaboration.

Lisa Hinrichs – ECFE programs and opportunities available from August – April, ECI Dolly Parton Library (children 0-5 receive one book per month totaling 60 books by age 5), Parents Forever class offered three times per year, next class in May.

Andrea Volk – Services for speech and language for birth through age 21, teen night out once a month, late talker groups, marketing done through social media.

Tori Peterson – No longer doing custom products, DHS, DEED programs, focus on getting people employed where they live.

Catherine Johnson – Serving Pennington, Red Lake, Eastern Polk, and Clearwater counties, energy assistance, weatherization, employment and training services, Head Start and Early Head Start, food shelf.

The next meeting and website presentation will be held Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 10:00 am.
Location to be determined.

The meeting ended at 2:34 pm.