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Cultural & Linguistic Competency Committee
Central MN Mental Health Center
St. Cloud, MN
January 6, 2010
4-5:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Attendees: Chris Kern, Michelle Ulfers, Sara Dahlquist, Bill Affeldt, Mayuli Bales, Joan Collins-Marotte, Les Green Abdirahman, Brenda Mahoney, with MaryJo Cobb & Tara Freed via conference phone

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review and Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

Announcements/Reports – Personal Stories & Updates

3. Continuing Business –
 - a. New Year Updates – Chris Kern updated the group about the website he has been working on with Tara which has resources for and about the LGBT & Q Community. Joan, Les, & Mary Jo V viewed a final draft of this website prior to the meeting and were very impressed. Les recommended that Tara/STARS/CLC use the same website format to provide information for and on our other CLC communities. Mary Jo V suggested that it would be good to have this information on our partner county's and agencies websites.
 - b. Girl's Writing Group – Les and Abdi have worked to put together a follow-up writing group this weekend (January 8-9th) at St. Cloud State University. It is expected that between 7 and 10 girls will attend.
 - c. Sustainability Needs & Planning work – Much of the meeting was spent reviewing the projects and activities that the CLC Committee has been involved in these past few years. Parents have informed STARS that they want services of the existing cultural guides/family support specialists and Somali care coordination to continue. Catholic Charities is in the process of applying for one Federal and one State grant to continue these services, as well as the STARS Scholars and some new offerings. The Girl's Writing Group is expected to continue via State Cloud State University (SCSU) connections. Interpretation equipment will continue with guidelines for usage and a home to be determined. Additional community interpreter services are being explored. Youth Soccer support will be sought. Website work is still being done. ATTITUDE change was noted as a very important sustainability piece that has occurred and will carry on. Mary Jo Verschay will complete the Sustainability Questionnaire on behalf of the CLC Committee; she will send it to the CLC Committee for review and comment prior to sending it to Chris Woessner.
 - d. STARS Scholar – With the new funding available for STARS Scholars, the Committee was informed that Rachel Krueger, an applicant from SCSU, with a field placement at Sherburne County was being processed for one STARS Scholar position. Brenda Mahoney agreed to be the SCSU's contact for the full time STARS Scholar placement opportunity this summer or fall at Stearns County Human Services.

System Transformation of Area Resources and Services

4. New Business

- a. Review Budget for Year 6 – The CLC Budget page was handed out for review. It was noted that this budget paid for already approved CLC activities and set the course for our work. Only budget change activities would be brought to the Committee for approval.
- b. Meeting time change to 3 – 4:30 p.m. starting in February was approved.
- c. Martin Luther King Day – Committee members were told to get involved and share what is happening in your community, even if you have to work that day.

Meeting Adjourned: 5 p.m.

Action items for next meeting

What	Person(s) Responsible	Due Date

Next Meeting:

- Agenda items for next meeting
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Upcoming Meetings

Committee	Date/Time	Location