



**Anoka County Children and Family Council
and Executive Committee Combined Meeting
Meeting Notes
January 9, 2025
Blaine Human Service Center – Room 300**

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ACCFC and Executive Committee Present:

Rick Sells, Co-Chair, *Anoka County Corrections*
Rachel Perez, *Spring Lake Park School District #16*
Lori Schmidt, *Anoka County Community Action Program (ACCAP)*
Connie Moore, *Alexandra House*
Steve Knutson, *Neighborhood HealthSource*
Chris Lindquist, *St. Francis ISD #15*
Colleen Pederson, *Spring Lake Park School District #16*
Bukola Oriola, *The Enitan Story*
Tom Shaw, *Anoka-Hennepin ISD #11*
Heidi Geiss, *Anoka-Hennepin ISD #11 Homeless Liaison*
Rory Moran, *Emma B. Howe YMCA*
Marissa Smook, *Lee Carlson Center*

Community Partners, Collaborative, County Staff, and Others:

Mandy Meisner, *Anoka County Commissioner*
Dave Kent, *Anoka County Finance / Human Services*
Jill Brown, *Jill Brown PR*
Craig Malm, *Jill Brown PR*
Peggy McNabb, *Anoka County Human Services Administration*
Diana Hoffman, *Anoka County Social Services and Behavioral Health*
Kellie Tienter, *Anoka County Economic Assistance*
Kelsey Fuglsby, *ACCFC Coordinator*
Nancy Norman, *Anoka County Attorney's Office*

Discussion Items:	Notes:
<u>Welcome</u>	ACCFC Co-Chair Rick Sells: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcomed everyone to this meeting of Anoka County Children and Family Council. Thank you for attending.• Read the ACCFC Mission Statement: <i>Nurture collaborative efforts by building bridges and networks between people and agencies who share a vision of a healthier community for children and families.</i>• Noted the 2025 meeting calendars for both the ACCFC and its Management Committee on pages six and seven of the agenda.• Noted the ACCFC meeting calendar has been reduced to four meetings per year, so please enter in your 2025 calendar and plan to attend.• Noted pages three through five of the agenda as contact information for those on the ACCFC. Please contact Kelsey with any needed updates.• A reminder that only one eligible representative from each council or executive partner should vote on listed action items.• Noted the parent representative vacancy on the council. Please make referrals to Kelsey.

<p><u>General Business</u> Minutes Approval*</p>	<p>With one revision to the RFP due date to January 31, there was motion by Connie Moore and second by Rory Moran approving the November 14, 2024, minutes of the combined Anoka County Children and Family Council and Executive Committee meeting. Motion carried.</p>
<p><u>Informational</u></p>	<p>Anoka County Children and Family Council Budget Update David Kent, Anoka County Finance, provided an overview of the 2024 / 2025 ACCFC budget information on pages 12 through 15 of the agenda, noting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projected revenue for 2024 is at \$750,000, which, having been at \$500,000, represents the best year the ACCFC has had in a long time. Received \$154,391 in November from Quarter 3 cost reporting. • Proposed 2025 budget is up from \$500,000 to \$600,000. Hopefully we will continue to exceed that amount in 2025. • Projected expenditures are coming in at \$652,181, while budgeted at \$634,000. ACCFC administrative expenses are at \$68,000 for 2024. • Projected cash balance at year-end 2024 is at \$1,816,680. Based on the 2025 budget, will increase to about \$1,827,000. • This cash balance represents roughly three years of continued operations / spending at current pace should our funding change or be discontinued. • Four-year required spend down is on track to be met, with \$182,721 needing to be spent by year-end. Most of our 2025 spend down will be met by year-end 2024 as well. Our risk of having to return unspent funds is minimal. • Bar graph visual of LCTS revenue earnings by calendar quarters from 2019 through 2024 continues to show the positive trend we are on.
<p><u>Informational</u></p>	<p>LCTS Update, Kelsey Fuglsby Kelsey noted that the positive direction of our LCTS funding is due in large part to the efficiency of accurate cost reporting / over one-half of the funding equation. Kelsey added a reminder and her thankfulness for this funding component that we do have control over. Will be great if it keeps going.</p> <p>With interest in improving the LCTS process and school connections, Kelsey will be dropping in our schools over the next few months to reconnect with recorders. Kelsey is also giving thought to reasonable and effective training implementation. Will report back at the April meeting.</p>
<p><u>Informational</u></p>	<p>Grant Procurement Schedule Review Kelsey distributed the Anoka County Children and Family Council RFP 2025 schedule / deadlines, noting the Web address of the application, working to ensure everyone has easy access to it. <i>I encourage you all to apply.</i> RFPs will go before the full ACCFC for final approval in April.</p>
<p><u>Strategic Planning 1</u></p>	<p>History of Collaboratives, Review of State and Federal Priorities, and the ACCFC Kelsey presented a Prezi slideshow with the intent of engaging continued conversation that started at the November meeting, outlining the history of collaboratives, a review of state and federal priorities, and the impact of the ACCFC. Posted on the ACCFC Website.</p> <p>Kelsey noted the importance of basing our ACCFC work this year on DHS's overall direction for collaboratives, which is to promote prevention and early intervention strategies through an expansive public health approach encompassing all developmental dimensions of well-being (cognitive, social,</p>

emotional/behavioral, physical, environmental, economic, spiritual, and educational/vocational).

Kelsey acknowledged her firm belief that the work of the ACCFC is meeting the rules and procedures that DHS has documented for collaboratives. DHS has tasked collaboratives to:

- Improve outreach and early identification.
- Coordinate assessments and services across agencies.
- Integrate funding and resources.

Colleen Pederson raised a discussion as to what *early identification* means. Early identification of what? While there was discussion surrounding early identification of *risk*, Kelsey will seek and report back a response to that question from the state.

Kelsey noted her hope, interest, and encouragement for ACCFC meetings to become active in identifying and addressing issues that are occurring – and refreshing the collaborative nature of the ACCFC. *Is there room for us to do more or to do something different to make sure we are adapting to community and partner needs?*

Kelsey reviewed DHS priorities for collaboratives, again noting her belief the ACCFC work and projects are meeting those priorities:

1. Promote mental health and well-being of children, youth, and young adults.
2. Support healthy growth and social emotional development of children, youth, and young adults.
3. Strengthen resilience and protective factors of families, schools, and communities.

Kelsey spoke to:

- Mandated collaborative partners / *at the table*.
Our membership structure has stayed fairly the same over the years, with just a bit of growth and change. Should we adapt that?
- Changes to the ACCFC over the years in response funding fluctuation. For example, dismantling the school-based teams initiative; establishing CAFs.
Not every collaborative receives LCTS funding.
- Random moments.
- LCTS claiming flow – control and focus vs. no control.
- LCTS funding and spending authority.

Commissioner Meisner asked about the impact to funding, given the elimination of a free and reduced lunch count. Kelsey has been told the state is continuing to use prior data; normal fluctuation to date, but that metric may change.

Kelsey noted the impressive impact of the ACCFC over the past 32 years and encouraged folks to check out the statistics by way of **ACCFC By the Numbers** -- Prezi slides available on the Website / November 2024 meeting.

Strategic Planning 2

With Kelsey noting a 2025 goal of re-establishing what the ACCFC membership wants to do this year -- she, Jill, and Craig facilitated a feedback-

gathering exercise seeking member experience with the ACCFC over the years.

1. Are we meeting the needs of the community and your organization?
2. Do you feel we are spending money in a way that meets DHS priorities?
3. Do you have ideas or issues with the way we spend funding?

There was lengthy conversation with the gist being the RFP application process for one-year funding. The hoops with the RFP are not worth the time and energy for funding that drops off after one year; no sustainability. Poor return on investment. There was agreement that the funding process needs to be made easier; possibly bypassing the RFP with just a simple application process. There was discussion and strong comparison of the grants to the ease, flexibility, and appreciation of the sponsorships and school-based site funds. Acknowledgement of how well and independent the CAFs are working. There was strong support for shifting spending to an easier process. *Other ways to get funding out the door in an equitable way.*

Kelsey thanked everyone for their honesty. *I look forward to hearing more.*

Kelsey is interested on feedback as to what the state and feds expect of us as well. Please contact her with your thoughts.

Strategic Planning 3

Review and Next Steps – tabled to April meeting agenda.

Updates

Community and CAF updates were presented by meeting participants over the course of the meeting as acknowledged in the agenda.

- **Closing**

Thank you to all from Rick Sells for being here today. Thank you for your thoughts and contributions.

Kelsey acknowledged Strategic Planning Part 3 – Review and Next Steps will be on our April agenda. From today’s strategic planning discussion, Kelsey noted the RFP as being the hot topic needing to be addressed. Her plan is to work with Jill on development of a structure for next steps and formal conversation surrounding how LCTS funding is being distributed. The first step will be an email survey from Kelsey seeking suggestions and gathering information on how and where LCTS funding should go, so watch for that.

- **Next Meeting**

Anoka County Children and Family Council
Thursday, April 10, 2025 / 2 p.m.
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