

ATTACHMENT NETWORK MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 21, 2007, at Aulneau Renewal Centre

Present: Yvette Savard-Preston, chair (Aulneau Centre), Joanne Brown, recorder (Obawaanaan, New Directions), Marge Chomoway, treasurer (Winnipeg Child and Family Services, Foster Care), Laurie Marcella, steering (Healthy Start), Karen Johnston, steering (Children's Special Services, FASD Outreach), Pam Freeth, steering (Marymount), Patti Sutherland (Elizabeth Hill Centre), Lois Collins (WRHA Families First), Laurie McPherson (WRHA Mental Health Promotion), Jean MacKinnon (Aulneau Centre), Sue Morrison (Child Development Clinic), Kara Moss (AFM Youth Services), Mary Warmbrod (Aurora- AAMFT and private practise), Lori Rudniski (WISH), Marion Ross (WRHA Families First coordinator), Cathy Seitz and Susan Painter (Villa Rosa), Holly Puckall (Family Centre), Darlene Girard (HCMO)

Welcome and Introductions

Roundtable

New Directions- Obawaanaan is making use of attachment lens in counselling, hoping to seek funding to possibly create more of a clinic that will make use of triple p and attachment interventions

Mary- attachment is part of several courses at Aurora (Sue Johnson's Emotional Response), using attachment in private practise, and Mary was part of the group producing the DVD (see later)

Laurie- attachment interwoven in program

Marge- supported foster parents to take training in attachment, working with foster families to use the attachment lens

Kara- sees high risk youth, looks at attachment from a family therapy perspective

Jean- MIG, now using MIG with school aged children, is also working with families around attachment with not only one but subsequent children, using AAI with teens therapeutically.

Sue- at the CDC using MIG, looking at followup with neonatal unit around attachment,

Karen- MIG, working with alcohol affected moms, regulation issues

Laurie- bridging to daycare settings, Handle with Care training, Maternal Depression and Attachment Conference (see later)

Darlene- Families First curriculum consistent with attachment

Pam- looking at training in attachment for foster parents, programs for young moms and babes

Lois- wondering how to work with parents with deficits and how to modify attachment work with them

Patti- moving from play therapy to theraplay (attachment based dyad work), enjoyed COS presentation

Lois- WISH using attachment lens, and working with the parent/child dyad

Marion- looking more at prevention when things unravel in families

Holly- FAST is an attachment based program, 112 in home support workers use attachment lens, hoping all Family Centre staff have an opportunity to hear about this more

Cathy and Susan- attachment is very much a part of programs at Villa Rosa, coaching parents to enhance positive responses to children

Yvette- new training models offered at Aulneau Centre, adding importance of self regulation, for the MIG training, you now must apply for a spot to ensure fulfillment of practicum, Pat Crittenden training coming this spring, have provided specific training for groups in Brandon (shelter), EastMan CFS, and LRSD.

Where are we going as a Network?

- we will gather a full list of all names interested in being part of the Network, with contact information so that people can contact each other to network
- looking at a website
- creating a list of attachment resources
- advocating and lobbying for policy and practise change (Changes for Children)
- advocating for use of attachment lens in justice, child welfare, custody, _ER staff- helping them understand what they might be observing in families
- Triple P- broad based info coming this fall, hoping to include attachment information as well
- creation of a subcommittee to look at creating group activities for toddlers/pre schoolers and parents- see Laurie Marcella
- how to ensure parents "get it" and understand attachment
- possibly bringing Daniel Hughes in to address foster parents and adopting parents, as well as interested workers

Network Updates

Neil Boris/Bob Marvin Circle of Security workshop this past April--hugely successful (around 300 people attended), we are looking at having Bob Marvin come back perhaps fall, 2008 for a 5 day training that will cover the COS-Interview, linchpin issue, Strange Situation. We are exploring funding to offset the costs, expecting to train 25 people

DVD- The Attachment Network (Laurie Marcella, Mary Warmbrod, Holly Puckall) has completed a dvd with Winnipeg parents from diverse backgrounds in vignettes, entitled "Listening to Baby". Funding for the project was from Winnipeg Foundation, Children's Hospital Research Foundation, Attachment Network and CFS (East Area Council). Fall, 2007 release. This is a tool for practitioners to use in opening up the discussion of attachment with parents, and to introduce the topic. Stay tuned for ordering information.

Maternal Depression and Attachment Conference, October 4 and 5, 2007 in Winnipeg (see attached brochure)- a partnership of Attachment Network, WRHA, and Women's Health Clinic

Treasurer Update- nearly \$40,000 in the bank

Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 19, 2007 1:30-4 Aulneau Centre