



Bemidji Homeless Advisory Team

Thursday, November 6, 2014
District Board Room

Members Present: Vince Beyl, Jolene Enerson, Michael Erickson, Stephanie Hubbard, Angie Lauderbaugh, Greg Liedl, Kathy Palm, Tami Wesely

Minutes:

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00. We reviewed the September 25, 2014, meeting minutes and made one change to the dollar amount for adult food allowed per day at \$6.04 instead of \$3.68. We discussed whether we should post our meeting minutes on the World's Best Workforce web site. We will post the agendas but are still undecided whether to post the minutes. This might be a question for Roberto Reyes when he comes next week.
2. We reviewed the 2013-2014 McKinney Vento Report submitted to MDE, which shows that we served 280 students ages 0 to grade 12. This is based on the MARSS data:

Age	# Served
0-5	2
K-5	117
6-8	83
9-12	78
Total	280

143 of these students were living in shelters
 129 were doubled up
 5 were unsheltered
 2 were in motels
 86 homeless students were children with disabilities.

The trend nationally and in our district is for more non-minority to be identified as homeless. At first 75-80% of our homeless were minority and now 65% are minority. Nationally, 22% of homeless are from two-parent households. So far this year, Angie has served 120 homeless students.

3. Community: The Village of Hope has been busy, and they received a \$20,000 Open Your Heart grant that will provide homeless families a hotel room when they are full. The Service to Shelter (SOS) program is struggling. At one time there were 19 churches participating, but now only 7. It is a huge commitment of seven days at a time and difficult for them to find people to man it. Evergreen Shelter provides health care and other services to youth the first Tuesday of the month. Angie will provide families with Community Resource books that detail where to find services.
4. Training: Angie has been scheduling training for school staff during their staff meetings. Her intern Sally is helping her to organize these. Students whose parent is in the Oshki sobriety program also qualify for McKinney Vento services and should be able to attend their school of origin.

Angie attended the Suicide Prevention training, and we have lost several students who were in transition to suicide. It is important that we track students who leave our district.



5. Homeless Awareness Week is November 17-21. The chicken dinner and silent auction is Nov. 18 at the United Methodist Church, and tickets will be available next week. Students in our schools are making placemats in their art classes. The high school and middle school are donating Lumberjack passes and spirit wear. The middle school is also organizing events to support the homeless program such as a mitten tree and providing air mattresses.
6. Northwest Region McKinney Vento training is Friday, November 14, 2014, 8:30-11:30, at the BHS Lumberjack Room. Roberto Reyes (MDE Homeless, Neglected & Delinquent Education) will come, and many area schools plan to send representatives. Kathy has secured administrative and teach CEUs for that training.
7. Kathy shared that MDE will monitor Bemidji's Title I, II & homeless January 12-16, 2015. Sally Gordon is the monitor the Title programs, and Roberto Reyes will monitor the homeless program. We need to make sure all documentation is in place for this.
8. Our next meeting date is Thursday, December 11 at 1:00 at the district Board Room.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.