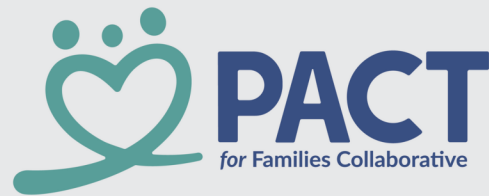


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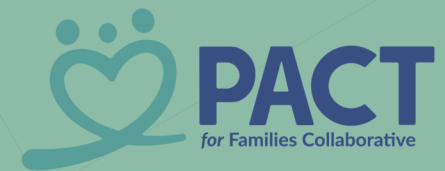
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FIVE COUNTY LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

ABOUT THE LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Established under the groundbreaking Comprehensive Mental Health Act of 1987 and the Children's Mental Health Act of 1989, Local Advisory Councils were created to ensure that the voices of individuals and families affected by mental health services are heard at the county level. These pivotal changes mandated the inclusion of consumers and family members, emphasizing the value of their firsthand experiences.

In 2013, PACT for Families Collaborative and our partners embraced this mission by founding the Five-County Children's Local Advisory Council. In 2024, the council changed its name to reflect our commitment to serving both children and adults in Kandiyohi, Meeker, McLeod, Renville, and Yellow Medicine counties in west central Minnesota. Our council is dedicated to fostering community involvement, advocating for mental health resources, and improving outcomes for all individuals and families in our region.

OUR MISSION

The Local Advisory Council is dedicated to enhancing mental health services in our community through collaboration with a diverse range of voices. We actively welcome input from service users, their families, providers, and public policy advocates. By working together, we strive to ensure that mental health services are inclusive and responsive to the needs of everyone in our community. Our commitment is to foster an environment where every perspective is valued, paving the way for improved outcomes for all individuals and families.

COMMITTEE DUTIES

The Local Advisory Council (LAC) plays a crucial role in identifying mental health needs across Kandiyohi, Meeker, McLeod, Renville, and Yellow Medicine counties, focusing on both children and families. By actively engaging with parents, youth, providers, and individuals experiencing mental health concerns, we seek to understand the challenges they face in accessing appropriate services.

Through the collection of information regarding current needs and barriers encountered by families, we aim to develop targeted strategies to enhance the delivery and accessibility of timely mental health services, ultimately better supporting our communities.

In addition, the LAC communicates our findings to policymakers and county officials, offering recommendations to address unmet mental health needs. We also prioritize community education about mental health issues and available resources. Through these efforts, we strive to create a more informed and supportive environment for mental health care within our communities.

USING THE KNOWLEDGE AND
EXPERIENCE OF ITS MEMBERS, THE
COMMITTEE SEEKS TO FIND NEW WAYS
TO IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH
OUTCOMES ACROSS THE FIVE-COUNTY
SERVICE REGION.

MEETING TIMES & PLACES

The Five-County LAC meets on the second **Wednesday of the month at 1:45 pm.**

*Locations vary by month- please reach out to pactoffice@pactforfamilies.org for location details.

RESOURCES

For comprehensive Mental Health Resource Guides for Kandiyohi, Meeker, McLeod, Renville, and Yellow Medicine counties, please visit our website: www.pactforfamilies.org and navigate to the "Resources" section.

