

“Creating a Neighborhood of Support” ***Presenter Biographies***

Joyce Pesch *(Moderator)*

Administrator of Region 4 South Adult Mental Health Initiative

Joyce Pesch served as the Director of Grant County Social Services for 24 years. Pesch currently serves as the Administrator of the Region 4 South Adult Mental Health Initiative.

Renee Iverson

Team Leader, Region 4 South A.C.T. Team

Renee Iverson is the Region 4 South Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team Leader. She has spent eight years in the field of mental health treatment. Iverson has worked in group home settings and has extensive training and experience in sexual assault advocacy.

Leanne Harmsen

Program Director, Prairie Community Services (Mental Health)

Leanne Harmsen has worked for Prairie Community Services, a private provider of mental health services, since 1990. She served as a day treatment counselor for 8 years, then later as a CSP worker for 5 years. In 2003, she began working as a program coordinator in an Adult Foster Care Home. During her 19 years in the field she has worked with providers and consumers from all five counties in the Region 4 South Adult Mental Initiative and has served on both the Grant County and Pope County Local Advisory Committee boards.

Lisa Engquist

Supervisor: Stevens, Traverse, Grant Public Health

Lisa Engquist is a R.N. and P.H.N. with the Stevens, Traverse, Grant Public Health. Engquist has done screenings and case management for CADI waived services since 1986.

Craig Gagnon

Program Manager, Region 4 South AMHI Crisis Response Program

Craig Gagnon has an M.A. in Counseling Psychology from St. Mary's University in Minneapolis, Minnesota and interned at the Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Gagnon has served in the Human Services and Mental Health fields for 20 years. Throughout his career, Gagnon has served as a clinician program manager and an educator in mental health. He has worked with both children and adults with mental illness.

Dave Peterson

Treatment Director, Milestones I.R.T.S. Facility

Dave Peterson is currently serving as the Treatment Director of Milestones, an intensive residential treatment service (IRTS). Peterson has a Masters Degree in social work from the University of Minnesota, Duluth and is a licensed independent clinical social worker (LICSW). Peterson has worked in the field of adult mental health for 26 years.

Joanie Murphy

Director, Stevens County Human Services

Murphy has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Minnesota and has worked in the field of Human services for more than 30 years. During those years, she has served as a Social Worker, providing case management to all of target populations including persons with a mental illness; as a Social Services Supervisor, supervising all of the Social Service programs, including mental health; and finally as a Human Services Director.