

FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL: MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Wed., March 14, 2007, 9:30 am @ The Robertson Bereavement Center
(NOTE: no meeting in February d/t inclement weather)

Present: Vince DeGeorge, Debbie Kubena-Yatsko, Judy Leuthaeuser, Beth McGuire (chair)

Absent: Gloria Ball, Sharon Tahajod, Billie Ray, Diane DePasquale-Hagerty
(note: Pat McDaniels is no longer on this committee d/t schedule conflict)

Action:

1. Implementation of HB 289 discussion.
 - [Note: from previous minutes. With this bill there is no change in ORC regulations regarding mandated council members and the delegation of representatives to council in lieu of mandated directors. There is now a process for those mandated members who are absent. The Administrative Agent (County Commissioner) will need to send out letters to the absent mandated members board informing them of the absence of their director from council meetings. The bill also removes the Judge as a mandated member of council.]
 - Discussed understanding that this bill requires mandatory attendance at Council meetings and committee meetings
 - We are reminded that although our local FFC has additional statutory members from what is required by the state, these members are not elected and therefore are subject to the same rules.
 - In order to be in compliance with HB289, membership will ask Jayme to track attendance and send letter, "per HB289 FFC is required to inform your supervisor when absent from Council and committee meetings exceeds three or more times."
 - Membership will remind Chairs of committees to include attendance in minutes and send to Jayme
2. Readdress tabled request by Family Advisory Committee to increase size of membership
 - Identified issue of maximizing family representation when resignation occurs
 - If vacancy occurs the family rep. committee can appoint a replacement until next elections (this does not include statutory members)
3. Discussed briefly Strategic planning goal: broaden representation on Family First Council
 - Identified eight people whose term will expire this coming election: B. Meador, C. Kalina, R. Robertson, J. King, D. Dockrill, C. Stultz-Costello, S. Larrick, B. McGuire

- Remind FFC of importance of attendance and commitment and inquire what their intentions are. Request notification early if they know they are not going to run so recruitment can begin to accomplish Strategic Planning goal
4. Judy will contact committee chairs requesting a list of members for May membership meeting
 5. Debbie will contact Lynne Castelle, Vice Chair and chair of by-laws committee re: designee and filling of vacancies on FFC. Possible designee for one year

Next meeting: Wed., May 9, 2007
9:30-10:30
The Robertson Bereavement Center
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