

FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL: MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Wed., May 14, 2008, 9:30 am @ The Robertson Bereavement Center

Present: G. Ball, D. Kubena-Yatsko, J. McCourt, B. McGuire, S. Tahajod

Absent: V. De George, J. Leuthaeuser, B. Maedor

Agenda & Action:

1. Update on any by-laws issues for Membership – none at this time
2. Strategic Planning - at least one new business rep. will participate on FF committee or program initiative.
 - Comments from Council - What are the needs or skills would benefit Council from the business community? Grant reviewer (especially one who can understand “units of service”); can speak to work environment, especially youth moving into work force; fiscal/finance gifts
 - Comments from Council - What does FFC have to offer in return? Benefit to see and hear what is going on in the community; can communicate needs of community to business.
 - Comments from Council – who to contact? Don Sondles at Westfield, Leadership Medina County, Rotary/Kiwanis/Lions groups. Hospice Circle of friends for 60+ years, NAMI
 - Debbie will contact Phil, chair of PR, to talk about FFC and inquire about potential members speaking to these groups. Suggestion: print out Home page and “about us” page for handout. Speaker can flush out material from this and make a pitch for membership.
3. Recruit family rep re: life span approach.
 - Debra and Joyce report to Sharon they have attempted to get names for possible family reps., but no one has been identified. Time commitment difficult for caregivers
 - Review of web site description & by-laws of Family Rep. and additional wording from Sharon. Jayme will add to web pages so other FFC members can print off and post to help recruit.
 - The purpose of the Family Advisory Committee is to advise Family First Council (FFC) as consumers of services on how to better serve the people of Medina County. Responsibilities include attending Family First Council monthly meetings and Family Advisory Committee meetings (immediately following FFC meetings), providing advice and personal input to the FFC about specific needs of families based on experience and personal contact with Medina County families. Each Family Representative is strongly encouraged to serve on at least one other Family First subcommittee to provide parent/family input. Also, Family Advisory committee members participate in 2-3 volunteer projects per year, currently during the summer and holiday season.

Next meeting: Wed., **August 13, 2008** @ 9:30-10:30 am
The Robertson Bereavement Center, 797 N. Court St., Medina