

**Medina County Family First Council  
Meeting Minutes  
April 24, 2007**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

1. Anderson, Jeff ..... Ohio Department of Youth Services
2. Carlson, Steve..... Family Representative
3. Castele, Lynne ..... Family Representative, Chair Elect, Family First Council
4. DePasquale-Hagerty, Dianne ..... Medina Creative Housing
5. Dockrill, Diane ..... Solutions Behavioral Healthcare
6. Gordon, Jan ..... OSU Extension
7. Grace, Debbra..... Wadsworth Salvation Army
8. Hardin, Beverly..... Society for Handicapped Citizens
9. Jenks, Michael ..... ADAMH Board
10. King, Julie..... United Way
11. Kubena-Yatsko, Debbie ..... Metro Housing Authority, Chair, Family First Council
12. Larrick, Stephanie ..... Medina Salvation Army
13. Lohn, John..... Judge, Juvenile Court
14. Manes, Jan..... Medina County Board of MR/DD
15. McGuire, Beth ..... Hospice of Medina County
16. Meador, Barbara ..... Community Action Wayne/Medina County
17. Nowak, Brian..... Medina County Drug Abuse Commission (MCDAC)
18. Putka, Tim ..... Catholic Charities
19. Quallich, Kristine ..... Medina City Schools
20. Radecky, Debra ..... Office for Older Adults
21. Ray, Billy ..... Family Representative
22. Robertson, Patricia..... Family Representative
23. Shema, Tim ..... Domestic Relations Court
24. Simon, Elizabeth ..... Family Representative
25. Solar, Nick..... City of Brunswick
26. Stultz-Costello, Cara ..... Spencer United Methodist Church
27. Tahajod, Sharon..... Family Representative
28. Titterington, Phillip..... Juvenile Court
29. Wilkins, Mead..... Job and Family Services
30. Williams, Bradford ..... Solutions Behavioral Healthcare

**GUESTS PRESENT**

1. Cole, Matt ..... Advantage Design Services, Inc.
2. Sable, Tina ..... Medina County Library
3. Thomas, Gail..... Ohio Children's Trust Fund
4. Vincent, Dan..... Medina County ESC

**STAFF PRESENT**

1. DeGeorge, Vincent..... Family First Council Executive Director
2. McCourt, Jayme ..... Family First Council Administrative Assistant
3. Ruf, Chris ..... Help Me Grow

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Debbie Kubena-Yatsko called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Introductions were made.

**2. PRESENTATION - MEDINA COUNTY LIBRARY**

Tina Sable of the Medina County Library distributed a flyer for support of the May 8<sup>th</sup> Library levy (copy attached to original minutes.) Yard signs are available.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

None.

**4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Vince DeGeorge distributed and discussed his written report for ICAT and State/Other Issues. (Copy attached to original minutes.)

**5. APPROVAL OF MARCH 2007 MINUTES**

Billy Ray made a motion to approve the March 27, 2007 minutes. Barb Meador seconded. The motion passed. Nick Solar and Bev Hardin abstained.

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

**A.** Vince DeGeorge's PfS contract has run out of funds. Mead Wilkins made a motion to extend the contract from April 1, 2007 to June 30, 2007 and allot an additional \$3,000. Pat Robertson seconded. The motion passed. Judge Lohn abstained.

**B.** Diane Dockrill made a motion to approve the Help Me Grow budget of \$550,926. A 24 hour a week Service Coordinator and a 20 hour a week Family Support Specialist will be hired. HMG will be moving to the third floor of the Professional Building. A 3% increase in wages was proposed for all HMG staff. Beth McGuire seconded the motion. The motion passed. Tim Putka, Judge Lohn, Betsy Simon and Barb Meador abstained.

**C.** Philip Titterington made a motion to add an additional \$3,000 to the PfS budget to host a Legislative Breakfast. Debra Radecky seconded. The motion passed. Judge Lohn abstained.

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

A copy of the minutes from March 20, 2007 Administrative meeting was available for review. A copy of the budget was available for review. (Copies attached to original minutes).

**B. FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Sharon Tahajod reported that the Family Advisory Committee is working on Back to School Rallies with the Salvation Army of Medina on August 16, 2007. Brunswick's Back to School Rally will be August 9, 2007. Buckeye's will be August 13, 2007. Wadsworth's will be August 15, 2007. Black River has not been scheduled yet. Job & Family Services is raffling off Longaberger baskets to benefit Coats for Kids. The March 27, 2007 minutes were available for distribution. (Copy attached to original minutes.)

**C. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

There was no meeting in April. The next meeting will be May 9, 2007.

**D. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Philip Titterington reported that the Public Relations Committee has contracted with Chad Allen to design the website. The next meeting the survey will be reviewed and compiled. The committee will ask the Career Center Art Department to design logos for consideration. Matt Cole will meet with the Career Center students to discuss design proposals. Family Focus Magazine article authors for "What Family First Means to Me" for the next few months are: May – Tim Shema, June – Beth McGuire, July – Debbie Kubena-Yatsko, and August – Betsy Simon. Articles can be e-mailed to Matt Cole at [matt@adsdesign.net](mailto:matt@adsdesign.net).

**E. PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Debbie Kubena-Yatsko reported the Planning Committee met on April 18, 2007. PfS tools are being revised for Medina County. A workshop on training for PfS is in the planning stages for September 21, 2007 or October 19, 2007. We can possibly obtain free training on the logic model and then we will train on the Medina model. The Planning Committee will be discussing HB 289 and the Strategic Plan.

**F. PROGRAM COMMITTEES**

***i.* EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMITTEE REPORT**

None.

***ii.* WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Diane Dockrill distributed the Wellness Committee report for April 6, 2007. (Copy attached to the original minutes.) Request for Proposals for the Ohio Children's Trust Fund and the Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Program were distributed. The grant requests are due on April 30, 2007. The Wellness committee will meet on May 8, 2007 to review the proposals. Gail Thomas from the Ohio Children's Trust Fund is here visiting our meeting. 2008 allocations and 2009 funding information are not available because there is no Executive Director in place at the state level. The Governor has yet to appoint members to the Ohio Children's Trust Fund Board.

**iii. PfS CORE TEAM REPORT**

Vince DeGeorge reported that we are getting close to the end of the implementation of the Wadsworth Middle School Care Team. It is progressing substantially. Chris Ruf stated we have to submit quarterly reports. There is \$48,000 left in the budget. Most of the funds are allocated. The Wadsworth Care team and the Family Engagement Specialist have served over 70 children. Twenty-seven children have been linked to services since February 1, 2007. This is right in line with what the grant was intended to do. Post testing is May 25, 2007. Some children were struggling in school. They are receiving tutoring, social skill training, and transportation. Kids are responding and turning around.

Kris Quallich stated that the Medina schools are starting their Care Team in the next few weeks. Medina school children need access to services and are identified through teacher recommendation. The Middle School principals are in agreement with establishing the Care Team.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- a. **Debbie Kubena-Yatsko** – There is no Senior Focus report as a written report was submitted for the entire year.
- b. **Nick Solar** –The Ohio State Patrol post moved to 1680 Industrial Parkway in Brunswick. The Route 3 post is being torn down and rebuilt.
- c. **Debra Grace** – Saturday, June 2 is a Golf Outing benefiting the Learning Center.
- d. **Beth McGuire** – The Kids Camp will be held the week of June 11-15, 2007. Please let Beth know if you are up for renewal on FFC and if you would like to be considered for next year's election. Sign-in sheets are important for tracking purposes. Sign in at every meeting you attend.
- e. **Debbie Kubena-Yatsko** - The June Family First Council Meeting will be held at the Lodi Resource Center.

**11. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Nick Solar made a motion to adjourn. Sharon Tahajod seconded. The motion passed.

Next meeting is June 26, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lodi Resource Center, 119 Bank Street, Lodi.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Jayne McCourt