

**Medina County Family First Council
Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Anderson, Jeff Ohio Department of Youth Services
2. Andregg, Carol Family Representative
3. Ball, Gloria Wadsworth City Schools
4. Barlow, Betty Oaks Family Care Center
5. Calvert, Sandy Hands Foundation
6. Castele, Lynne Family Representative, Chair
7. Dell'Anno, Amy Family Representative
8. Dockrill, Diane Solutions Behavioral Healthcare
9. Giles, Joyce Medina General Hospital
10. Grace, Debra Wadsworth Salvation Army
11. Hardin, Beverly Society for Handicapped Citizens
12. Jackson, Sienna Medina Salvation Army
13. Jenks, Michael ADAMH Board
14. King, Julie United Way of Medina County
15. Kubena-Yatsko, Debbie Medina Metro Housing
16. LeSure, Suzanne Cornerstone Wellness
17. Leuthaeuser, Judy Medina County Library
18. McDaniels, Pat Community Action Wayne/Medina County
19. McGuire, Beth Hospice of Medina County
20. Meador, Barbara Community Action
21. Putka, Tim Catholic Charities
22. Radecky, Debra Office for Older Adults
23. Ray, Billy Family Representative
24. Robertson, Pat Family Representative
25. Shema, Timothy Domestic Relations Court
26. Simon, Betsy Family Representative
27. Solar, Nick City of Brunswick, Chair-Elect
28. Strebler, Lisa Medina County Health Department
29. Tahajod, Sharon Family Representative
30. Titterington, Phillip Juvenile Court
31. Wilkins, Mead Medina County Job and Family Services

GUESTS PRESENT

1. DeFelice, Beth Bridges Home Health Care
2. Goebel, Gene Medina County Achievement Center
3. Hutira, Judy Medina Cares
4. Kinchy, Janice Alternative Paths
5. Nimmo, Nancy Medina County ESC

STAFF PRESENT

1. DeGeorge, Vincent Family First Council Executive Director
2. McCourt, Jayme Family First Council Administrative Assistant
3. Perrine, Amy Family First Council ICAT Coordinator
4. Ruf, Christine Help Me Grow Project Director

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Lynne Castele called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made.

2. PRESENTATION – UNITED WAY

Julie King gave a PowerPoint presentation on the United Way National Day of Action on June 21, 2008. It corresponds with the longest day of the year and volunteers are needed. Handouts attached to original minutes. Julie also reported that you can obtain a credit report for free, one time per year at www.annualcreditreport.com.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – VINCENT DeGEORGE

Vincent DeGeorge discussed his report. (Copy attached to original minutes). There was a discussion on the grant for seniors about an integrated funding approach for needs assessment. Debbie Kubena-Yatsko made a motion that full Council vote to support the decision of the Administrative Committee regarding the funding of the Senior Needs Assessment Proposal in an amount not to exceed \$4000. Mead Wilkins seconded. The motion passed. The Administrative Committee will meet directly after the Family First Council Meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beth McGuire made a motion to approve the minutes with the following corrections on the Family First Council minutes of March 2008: (a) Membership "*we would like to*" change to "*we will be more involved*". And (b) The radio ads that Beth McGuire proposed for Public Relations were free ads for nonprofits. Pat Robertson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

5. ACTION ITEMS

- A.** Julie King made a motion for approval to apply for part C funds for HMG in the amount of \$103,000. Joyce Giles seconded. The motion passed. Betsy Simon abstained.
- B.** Sharon Tahajod made a motion to approve the application to the Ohio Children's Trust Fund in the amount of \$52,390. Debbie Kubena-Yatsko seconded. The motion passed.
- C.** Mead Wilkins made a motion to approval the contract for Vincent DeGeorge, retroactive to March 1, 2008. Discussion on the contract included the changes made to deliverables and duties. Vince DeGeorge was apprised of the changes. Diane Dockrill seconded. The motion passed.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ADMINISTRATION

The issues were previously discussed as Action Items and the Senior Needs proposal.

B. FAMILY ADVISORY

Sharon Tahajod apologized as her computer has been down and there are several things to send out. Amy Dell'Anno and Sharon Tahajod attended a regional meeting for family representatives on Friday, April 18, 2008. The Family Advisory Committee has a table at the Wadsworth Parenting Fair on May 3, 2008.

C. MEMBERSHIP

Beth McGuire circulated the Council list and the committee listing allowing members to review their committee selection. When membership met the prior week it was discussed that according to the Strategic Plan, at least one new business representative should be on council. Before membership moves forward, we would like to know what are the needs and the skills that would benefit the council. What does Family First Council have to offer a business representative?

Discussion included: A person helpful in the process of reviewing grants. Fiscal and finance in the grant process. Positive input concerning units and finance. Asset development. Kiwanis people. Community service oriented individuals. Wadsworth Lions.

Please send names to Beth McGuire if you know of anyone who may be interested in serving on Council. Membership will work with Public Relations on sending people out to speak about Family First Council. Congratulations to Debbie Kubena-Yatsko who was nominated as an American Red Cross Hero.

D. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Phillip Titterington said thank you to Jayme McCourt for doing work for the committee. We have pencils with our name and website printed on it. The Public Relations minutes which were forwarded to the Council, have all of our current information in them.

E. PLANNING

Lynne Castele noted that during the Planning meeting prior to the Family First Council meeting it was decided to meet at 7:30 a.m. before the general Family First Council meetings every month. A decision was made to suspend the presentations from agencies as we need to have more discussion on Council business. In May we will ask Scott Miller to come and discuss the budget to full Council.

F. AD HOC COMMITTEES

i. EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNTY COLLABORATIVE GROUP

Christine Ruf announced that a group of people met in April on early childhood issues. They are planning a meeting on June 3, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Medina General Hospital. There was discussion about the feasibility of combining the early childhood groups and attending only one meeting. Discussion will continue at the meeting in June. Lisa Strebler suggested the scope would move beyond just early childhood, and would include a more comprehensive perspective, of prenatal through age 21. Suzanne LeSure noted that we may not get the basic early childhood mental health funding next year.

ii. WELLNESS

Diane Dockrill noted that all of the information for Wellness is in the minutes. Thank you to Jayme McCourt who in spite of a fractured ankle was still here at last month's meeting. Wellness meets on the first Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the Health and Human Services Building. Thank you to Council for the approval to request Ohio Children's Trust Fund for Medina County.

iii. PfS SUSTAINABILITY TEAM

Phillip Titterington reported that the schools are going to go back and develop a program with no funding and see what they can offer. Vincent DeGeorge noted some good demographics on the target population have come out of the CareTeams. We are targeting kids with behavior associated with mental illness.

iv. BYLAWS

Nick Solar stated that we are continuing the process of reviewing the bylaws line by line. We are receiving questions from other committees. Bylaws will also deal with contract issues. The next meeting is May 9, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. at Medina General Hospital.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Lynne Castele noted that we are looking to move the monthly Family First Council meetings from the church to Medina General Hospital. We are outgrowing the space at the church and at the hospital we will have audio/visual access.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Beth DeFelice – Medina Cares is a nonprofit organization for Medina County which provides temporary financial assistance and community resources to help meet the needs of residents ages 19-59 years old who are experiencing a medical crisis. Handout attached to original minutes.

B. Christine Ruf – Mid-CAT will be meeting on June 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Medina Library. Chris circulated a sign-up sheet.

C. Amy Dell'Anno – Dr. Jay Berk will be speaking at Brunswick High School on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The topics are Social Skills Success and Bullying. Anyone is welcome to attend. Handout attached to original minutes. Jayme McCourt will e-mail the flyer to the Council members.

D. Debra Radecky – On Friday, May 16, 2007, the Office for Older Adults will host a joint program with CVS Pharmacy to talk one-on-one with a pharmacist about older adults' prescriptions and over-the-counter medications.

E. Nancy Nimmo – Medina Schools in conjunction with MR/DD will have an in home program designed for students with autism or on the spectrum. Medina Schools will supply the behavior tech and in home person. Angie Morman is the service provider. The goal is the least restrictive environment possible for the child. We spend 1 to 2 million as a county to education these children.

F. Gene Goebel – MR/DD is going forward with this program with open arms. The changes in the children are really neat. Kids with multiple issues are very expensive to assist. This is a start of a great relationship for the autistic children.

G. Chris Ruf – HMG is doing the same things that the schools are doing with the autistic children.

H. Sandy Calvert – 16,000 older adult households receive a copy of the publication Helping Hands. If anyone had information for older adults, this would be the venue. Hands Foundation will sponsor "Write a Will Day" at The Inn at Medina on Thursday, May 29, 2008. Thank you to everyone who participated in the last fundraiser for Senior Wishes. Over \$47,000 was raised. Last year the Hands Foundation spent \$50,000 on senior wishes. Older adults may apply for farmers market fresh produce vouchers from June to October. Any clients that need the service, an application can be found in this issue of Helping Hands. The HANDS Foundation has formed a partnership with Buehler's pharmacy.

I. Julie King – Food Coalition will need more food. Early childhood task force from United Way will meet on Wednesday, April 30 at 3:30 at the Medina County District Library.

J. Gene Goebel – It has been privilege knowing and working with Gloria Ball. He has worked with her on federal, university, and state projects. He is proud to know her and associate with her!

K. Gloria Ball – Thanked Gene Goebel for the comments. Dr. Berk is an excellent speaker – go see him. It is great that the county is developing sites for the autistic children. The more we can keep our children in our community the savings to the schools will be significant.

L. Sienna Jackson – Flyers on the Medina Salvation Army day camp are on the table.

M. Beth McGuire – Hospice is contracted to go into all the schools in the health classes on depression and suicide.

N. Vincent DeGeorge – Thank you to Nancy Nimmo for being on ICAT.

Joyce Giles made a motion to adjourn. Sharon Tahajod seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jayme McCourt