

Medina County Family First Council Meeting Minutes February 27, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Anderson, Jeff Ohio Department of Youth Services
2. Andregg, Carol Family Representative
3. Ball, Gloria..... Wadsworth City Schools
4. Carlson, Steve..... Family Representative
5. Castele, Lynne Family Representative, Chair Elect, Family First Council
6. DePasquale-Hagerty, Dianne Medina Creative Housing
7. Dockrill, Diane Solutions Behavioral Healthcare
8. Gordon, Jan OSU Extension
9. Grace, Debbra..... Wadsworth Salvation Army
10. Hambley, Steven..... Medina County Commissioner
11. King, Julie..... United Way
12. Koran, Will..... Medina County Schools
13. Kubena-Yatsko, Debbie Metro Housing Authority, Chair, Family First Council
14. Larrick, Stephanie Medina Salvation Army
15. LeSure, Suzanne Cornerstone Wellness
16. Leuthaeuser, Judy..... Medina County District Library
17. Lohn, John..... Judge, Juvenile Court
18. Manes, Jan..... Medina County Board of MR/DD
19. McGuire, Beth Hospice of Medina County
20. Nowak, Brian..... Medina County Drug Abuse Commission
21. Putka, Tim Catholic Charities
22. Radecky, Debra Office For Older Adults
23. Ray, Billy Family Representative
24. Robertson, Patricia..... Family Representative
25. Schreiber, Kim..... Physical Representative
26. Shema, Tim Domestic Relations Court
27. Simon, Elizabeth Family Representative
28. Solar, Nick..... City of Brunswick
29. Stepp, Randy Medina City Schools
30. Stultz-Costello, Cara Spencer United Methodist Church
31. Tahajod, Sharon..... Family Representative
32. Titterington, Phillip..... Juvenile Court
33. Wilkins, Mead..... Medina County Job & Family Services
34. Williams, Bradford Solutions Behavioral Healthcare

GUESTS PRESENT

1. Bunch, Jeannie Medina County Health Department
2. Vincent, Dan..... Medina County Schools
3. Yount, Gi Help Me Grow

STAFF PRESENT

1. DeGeorge, Vincent..... Family First Council Executive Director
2. McCourt, Jayme Family First Council Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Debbie Kubena-Yatsko called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Introductions were made.

2. PRESENTATION

None.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - see item 8

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

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

5. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2007 MINUTES

Beth McGuire made a motion to approve the January 23, 2007 minutes. Pat Robertson seconded. The motion passed.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- a. House Bill 289 requires Family First Council to designate an Administrative Agent. A motion was made by Will Koran to continue utilizing the Medina County Board of Commissioners as our Administrative Agent. Mead Wilkins seconded. The motion passed.
- b. Debbie Kubena-Yatsko thanked Vince DeGeorge for his 10 years of service to the Family First Council. A motion was made by Nick Solar to approve a 3.5% increase in Vince DeGeorge's contract, not to exceed \$54,947.32. Billy Ray seconded. The motion passed.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mead Wilkins discussed the sharing of funds between agencies for ICAT kids. A copy of the minutes from January 16, 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. The Representatives of each committee are now established. The January 23, 2007 minutes were available for distribution. (Copy attached to original minutes.)

C. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Beth McGuire cancelled the February 14, 2007 due to inclement weather. The next meeting will be on March 14 at 9:30 a.m. at the Robertson Bereavement Center, 797 North Court Street, Medina.

D. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Philip Titterington announced that he is the new Public Relations Chairperson. The committee focused on how we can establish a new logo with our vision. The committee will be soliciting articles on "What Family First Means to Me" for the Family Focus publication. The next meeting will be on March 6 at 10:00 a.m. at the Housing Authority. Anyone with an interest in this committee is invited to attend.

E. PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE REPORT

Debbie Kubena-Yatsko stated that the Planning and Programming Committee met on February 21, 2007. Ideas about the Strategic Plan were discussed. The Committee will meet every other month. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 18, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. in the Human Services Building, Room A.

F. PROGRAM COMMITTEES

i. EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMITTEE REPORT

Jane Manes reported that there are children in the pre-school. No meeting dates have been set. Vince DeGeorge reported for Help Me Grow as the state is looking at revising the funds for early childhood education. Help Me Grow is working directly with the school teams by looking at all the areas before making the decision for the child.

ii. SENIOR FOCUS/SENIOR ICAT COMMITTEE REPORT

Senior Focus Committee meets quarterly. Debbie Kubena-Yatsko attended the Senior ICAT meeting. Discussion included the potential of Housing ICAT and Senior ICAT collaborating on cases in common.

iii. WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Diane Dockrill distributed the Wellness Committee report for February 2, 2007. (Copy attached to the original minutes.) Site visits by the Wellness Committee are being conducted and will continue. They are gathering data for the RFP process under the PFS guidelines. The Committee is also working on the upcoming workshop on May 10 and 11, 2007 with Dr. Dennis Embry. Share Cluster will be co-hosting the event along with Family First Council.

iv. PFS CORE TEAM REPORT

Vince DeGeorge reported that they are in the implementation phase for the Care Team. Extra tutorial services will be provided in the schools, but union issues need to be worked out. There are 37 youths that are currently identified and that are linked to services. Solutions is providing a therapist to the Care Team. We will look at the data with the Wadsworth Middle School for use in other schools. Output data and outcome data will be evaluated.

8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Debbie Kubena-Yatsko and Lynne Castele met and spoke about the agenda and the committee reports. Each committee should submit a written report to be distributed before the meeting. The idea for committee reports is that the committees are to report what they will be working on in the near future and to bring problems or questions to the table so that other members that may have expertise in the area can provide feedback and ideas.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

If there are any problems that need to be talked out or needs discussed, please contact Debbie Kubena-Yatsko or Vince DeGeorge before the meeting.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Public comments stated in the minutes will be limited to announcements that will occur more than two weeks out. Other comments will not be stated in the minutes.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

a. Mead Wilkins - There will be free tax preparation clinics at JFS for the Earned Income Credit. March 17 and 24, 2007. Watch for the announcements in the Gazette.

b. Julie King - The United Way is looking for organizations for their Day of Caring Projects.

12. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Nick Solar made a motion to adjourn. Jan Manes seconded. The motion passed.

Next meeting is March 27, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 400 North Broadway Street, Medina, Ohio.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Jayme McCourt