

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Andregg, Carol Family Representative
2. Castele, Lynne Family Representative, Chair Elect, Family First Council
3. Dockrill, Diane Solutions Behavioral Healthcare
4. Giles, Joyce Medina General Hospital
5. Grace, Debbra Wadsworth Salvation Army
6. Hardin, Beverly Society for Handicapped Citizens
7. Koran, Will Medina County Schools
8. Kubena-Yatsko, Debbie Metro Housing Authority, Chair, Family First Council
9. LaForme, Greg Medina County Achievement Center
10. LeSure, Suzanne Cornerstone Wellness
11. Leuthaeuser, Judy Medina County District Library
12. Lohn, John Medina County Juvenile Court Judge
13. McGuire, Beth Hospice of Medina County
14. Meador, Barb Community Action
15. Putka, Tim Catholic Charities
16. Quallich, Kris Medina City Schools
17. Radecky, Debra Office for Older Adults
18. Ray, Billy Family Representative
19. Robertson, Patricia Family Representative
20. Simon, Elizabeth Family Representative
21. Solar, Nick City of Brunswick
22. Stepp, Randy Medina City Schools
23. Strebler, Lisa Medina County Health Department
24. Stultz-Costello, Cara Spencer United Methodist Church
25. Tahajod, Sharon Family Representative
26. Titterington, Phillip Juvenile Court
27. Wilkins, Mead Medina County Job and Family Services
28. Williams, Bradford Solutions Behavioral Health Care

GUESTS PRESENT

1. Jackson, Sienna The Salvation Army of Medina
2. Mauk, Ashley The Salvation Army of Wadsworth
3. Scheiman, Kathy Medina County Job and Family Services
4. Sedlacek, Tom Ohio Department of Youth Services

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 – SOLUTIONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE

Bradford Williams, Ph.D. distributed a brochure (attached to original minutes). Dr. Williams described the groups of individuals that Solutions Behavioral Healthcare serves. Prevention and treatment, working with schools, intervention services, juvenile court, and divorce/custody issues are areas that Solutions can help individuals.

August 2007 presentation will be the strategic plan.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Vincent DeGeorge

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pat Robertson made a motion to approve the minutes. Joyce Giles seconded. The motion passed. Beth McGuire thanked Jayme McCourt for generating the minutes.

5. ACTION ITEM - OHIO CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

The applications were revised and resubmitted to the Wellness Committee. The units of service are now more uniform. Funding cuts were made to the programming and modifications had to be made. Funds will not be used for administration. Distribution is:

Battered Women's Shelter	\$10,712.00
OSU Extension	\$10,358.00
Community Action	\$11,321.00
Catholic Charities	\$14,000.00
Wadsworth Salvation Army	\$6,000.00
TOTAL	\$52,391.00

Greg LaForme made a motion to approve the grants. Will Koran seconded. Jan Gordon, Tim Putka, Debra Grace, Bev Hardin, Nick Solar, Suzanne LeSure, and Betsy Simon abstained. Judge Lohn is present but did not vote. The motion passed.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mead Wilkins reported closing out the FY 06-07 financials. We are ready for the new fiscal to begin with a good understanding of the data.

B. FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Sharon Tahajod requested volunteers for back to school rallies. All rallies are from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sharon passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Steve Carlson resigned. He accepted a new position and will not be able to attend our meetings.

C. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Beth McGuire announced that due to scheduling conflicts, the Membership Committee has not met. There was no meeting in July. The next meeting is Wednesday, August 8, 2007. Stephanie Larrick moved and has resigned. The Membership Committee will be looking at the Strategic Plan in order to recruit clergy and family reps.

D. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Phillip Titterington stated that the Public Relations Committee did not have a meeting in July. Chad Allan is making progress on the website. Our next meeting will be on August 7, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Housing Authority.

E. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Debbie Kubena-Yatsko reported that the meeting originally scheduled for August 15, 2007 has been moved to Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. at the Human Services Center. We will be discussing the October 19, 2007 PfS workshop. Debbie will send out a reminder e-mail.

F. AD HOC COMMITTEES

i. EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMITTEE

None.

ii. WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Diane Dockrill reported there was not a Wellness meeting in July. The next scheduled meeting is Friday, August 3, 2007. The grantees meet at 8:30 a.m. and the committee meets at 9:30 a.m. Steve Carlson and Stephanie Larrick will be greatly missed.

iii. PfS IMPLEMENTATION TEAM REPORT

Debbie Kubena-Yatsko stated that there was no meeting last month. The next meeting will be Friday, July 27, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at the Housing Authority. Vince DeGeorge and Chris Ruf met with the owners of the "Care Team" name and logo. We need to hold to the fidelity of the model. Vince DeGeorge reported that of the pre and post testing of 726 students, 30 were identified as part of the Care Team. Our goal was to link 80% of these students to services; we linked 100%. Our goal was to increase attendance rates by 2%; we achieved an 11% increase. The goal was for discipline rates to decrease by 2%; there was a 28% decrease. Academically, 21% reported improvement in grades. Our goal of a 10% increase in a caring school climate was measured at 47%. David Newman is working on the youth wellness survey. Evaluation pieces are being calculated.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting is Tuesday, August 28, 2007, not August 21, 2007 as stated on the agenda.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. **Jayme McCourt and Mead Wilkins** – Coats for Kids is in need of volunteers to work Rally in the Alley on Saturday and Sunday, September 1 and 2, 2007. The committee is selling butter braids and assorted frozen items to provide warm coats for children that are less fortunate.
- b. **Judy Leuthaeuser** – Celebration of Reading will be held on the Medina Square on Sat., Aug. 25 at 2:00-4:00.
- c. **Debbra Grace** – Welcome to Sienna Jackson from the Salvation Army. Please sign up for back to school rallies. Thank you for the Children's Trust Fund grant for our parenting center. We will begin to serve clients in the fall.
- d. **Phillip Titterington** – Thank you to MCDAC for the grant to Juvenile Court.
- e. **Nick Solar** – School will be starting soon. Please be aware of the school busses out and children walking.
- f. **Judge John Lohn** – Individuals from Camp Integrity planted a vegetable garden.
- g. **Jan Gordon** – Farmers Markets are Saturday mornings in the square.
- h. **Debbie Kubena-Yatsko** – Section 8 is now closed. The Housing Authority still has some emergency funds. The Medina County Hunger Task Force is working on a plan to turn the Task Force into a year-round organization. The need has grown from a once-a-year collection to year-round.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Nick Solar made a motion to adjourn. Joyce Giles seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Jayme McCourt