

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

1. Anderson, Jeff ..... Ohio Department of Youth Services
2. Andregg, Carol ..... Family Representative
3. Barlow, Betty ..... Oaks Family Care Center
4. Castele, Lynne..... Family Representative, Chair
5. DePasquale-Hagerty, Dianne..... Medina Creative Housing
6. Dockrill, Diane ..... Solutions Behavioral Healthcare
7. Giles, Joyce ..... Medina General Hospital
8. Gordon, Jan..... OSU Extension
9. Grace, Debbra ..... Wadsworth Salvation Army
10. Hardin, Beverly ..... Society for Handicapped Citizens
11. Jackson, Sienna ..... Medina Salvation Army
12. Jenks, Michael..... ADAMH Board
13. Johnston, Charlie..... CFIT
14. King, Julie ..... United Way of Medina County
15. Koran, William ..... Medina County ESC
16. Kubena-Yatsko, Debbie..... Medina Metro Housing
17. LaForme, Gregory ..... Medina County Achievement Center
18. LeSure, Suzanne..... Cornerstone Wellness
19. Leuthaeuser, Judy..... Medina County Library
20. Lohn, John..... Medina County Juvenile Court Judge
21. Manes, Jan ..... Medina County Board of MR/DD
22. McGuire, Beth..... Hospice of Medina County
23. Meador, Barbara..... Community Action
24. Nowak, Brian ..... Medina County Drug Abuse Commission
25. Putka, Tim..... Catholic Charities
26. Quallich, Kristine..... Medina City Schools
27. Radecky, Debra..... Office for Older Adults
28. Ray, Billy ..... Family Representative
29. Robertson, Pat..... Family Representative
30. Shema, Timothy ..... Domestic Relations Court
31. Simon, Betsy ..... Family Representative
32. Solar, Nick ..... City of Brunswick, Chair-Elect
33. Stepp, Randy..... Medina City Schools
34. Strebler, Lisa ..... Medina County Health Department
35. Tahajod, Sharon ..... Family Representative
36. Titterington, Phillip..... Juvenile Court
37. Wilkins, Mead ..... Medina County Job and Family Services

**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. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Lynne Castele called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made.

**2. PRESENTATION - MEDINA COUNTY NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

Julie King and Vince DeGeorge presented the Medina County Needs Assessment. Printout attached to original minutes. The presentation in electronic format is available upon request.

**3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT – ICAT AND STATE/OTHER ISSUES**

Report attached to original minutes.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Joyce Giles made a motion to approve the minutes and committee reports. Billy Ray seconded. Judge Lohn abstained. The motion passed.

#### **5. ACTION ITEM - APPROVE HELP ME GROW REVISED BUDGET**

Greg LaForme made a motion to approve the Help Me Grow Revised Budget. Debbie Kubena-Yatsko seconded. Judge Lohn, Besty Simon, Tim Putka, and Lisa Strebler abstained. The motion passed.

#### **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **A. ADMINISTRATION**

Mead Wilkins reported that Family First is fiscally sound because of the Help Me Grow transfer of funds to the Administrative budget.

##### **B. FAMILY ADVISORY**

Pat Robertson circulated sign-up sheets for the Back to School Rallies. Please sign up for the rallies and participate.

##### **C. MEMBERSHIP**

Beth McGuire announced that there was no Membership meeting in July but the committee will meet on August 13, 2008 to review the application and election process.

##### **D. PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Phillip Titterington reported that the Public Relations Committee was provided with a few logo concepts from Matt Cole. We will meet again and go over the proposed ideas. Please keep sending information for the data sharing page on the web site. Julie King inquired about a privacy policy on the website and will share ideas for the Public Relations Committee to review.

##### **E. PLANNING**

Lynne Castele reported that the Bylaws Committee reviewed subcommittees and ad hoc committees and presented it to the Planning Committee. The revisions will be presented to Council at the August meeting. The Planning Committee will begin discussion on the strategic plan retreat and what it should look like and where to have it. Anyone is welcome at the Planning meetings at 7:30 a.m. before the Family First Council meetings.

##### **F. AD-HOC COMMITTEES**

###### **a. EARLY CHILDHOOD / YOUTH ADVISORY CONSORTIUM**

Jan Manes reported that the Youth Advisory Consortium has met in June and July. Over 20 people attended representing 16 different organizations. The group will meet on the first Tuesday of the Month from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Medina Hospital. Communication will be ongoing and at the next meeting we will have information to send out.

###### **b. WELLNESS**

Diane Dockrill noted that there was not a Wellness meeting last month. Of the Commissioners contribution of \$25,000, \$12,500 was slotted for the sustainability of the CareTeams. The remainder will be discussed at the meeting on August 1, 2008 at the Wellness meeting. Vincent DeGeorge noted that the Commissioners want a proposal from Family First Council requesting funding from the county.

###### **c. PARTNERSHIP FOR SUCCESS**

Kris Quallich reported that a PfS meeting was held in late June. Focus was on how we can keep the CareTeam and maintain the fidelity of the model. Also discussed was keeping costs down, looking at trying to run lean, and not duplicate services.

###### **d. BYLAWS**

Nick Solar reported that the Bylaws Committee met a week late because of the Senior Summit. The entire meeting was devoted to the Youth Advisory Consortium and revising the organizational chart. The organizational chart was presented to Planning this morning. The next meeting will be on August 8, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.

**e. SENIOR FOCUS**

Joyce Giles noted that the yearly Senior Summit was held on July 11, 2008. This summit brought team players to the table. Barbara Riley from the Ohio Department of Aging and Frank Fleisher from the Ohio Association of County Board Authorization were in attendance. Save our Seniors and the senior surveys were discussed.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A. Beth McGuire – A mourning jewelry workshop is being held Tuesdays, August 26 – September 16, 2008. A flyer is attached to the original minutes. Hospice of Medina County purchased land and will be building a new facility.

B. Mead Wilkins – 180 fifty-pound boxes of good quality food is being distributed to families that meet certain requirements. Pickup begins at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 24, 2008.

C. Betty Barlow – 40 couples renewed their wedding vows in June. The Marriage Collation meets on the third Friday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Job and Family Services Building. The Lodi Resource Center is running at a \$1,600 deficit each month. They need financial support. The Center was packed last Wednesday and we need to keep it up and running. 30-50 kids each day at 3 days a week are being seen at the Center. A Golf-a-thon is being held to help raise funds. If you wish to sponsor a hole please contact Betty Barlow.

D. Pat Robertson – Please sign up for back to school fairs.

E. Billy Ray – Is happy to be back as he was gone for two months attending a family and class reunion, and he had a birthday. Last year he was with us when he turned 80, but now he is 81. He missed us and is happy to be back.

F. Judy Leuthaeuser – Keep the children reading this summer! The Library has over 6,500 children in the summer reading program.

G. Vincent DeGeorge – Thanked Jeff Anderson with his involvement with ICAT kids. Vince appreciates his commitment with the service organization kids.

H. Jeff Anderson – The Village Network contract allowed placement of the ICAT kids.

I. Phillip Titterington– Juvenile Court is working with the Department of Youth Services by expanding community service to kids on parole.

J. Diane Dockrill – Has asked that Jayme send out an e-mail about an upcoming workshop. September 24, 25, 26 at the Galaxy Restaurant.

K. Julie King – United Way is kicking off the Pacesetter Campaign. Please donate to the United Way. Our goal is to increase donations by 2%. Only 3% of the citizens of Medina County participate. August 2, 2008 on Medina Square is the kickoff.

L. Jayme McCourt– Coats for Kids on August 24, 2008 will host a charity auction on Medina Square with the Bone Lady of the Cleveland Browns.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Joyce Giles made a motion to adjourn. Debbie Kubena-Yatsko seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jayme McCourt