

**Medina County Family First Council
Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Anderson, Jeff Ohio Department of Youth Services
2. Ball, Gloria..... Wadsworth City Schools
3. Carlson, Steve..... Family Representative
4. Castele, Lynne Family Representative, Chair Elect, Family First Council
5. DePasquale-Hagerty, Dianne Medina Creative Housing
6. Dockrill, Diane Solutions Behavioral Healthcare
7. Gordon, Jan OSU Extension
8. Grace, Debbra..... Wadsworth Salvation Army
9. Jenks, Michael ADAMH Board
10. King, Julie..... United Way
11. Koran, Will..... Medina County Schools
12. Kubena-Yatsko, Debbie Metro Housing Authority, Chair, Family First Council
13. LaForme, Greg..... Medina County Achievement Center
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. McGuire, Beth Hospice of Medina County
19. Meador, Barbara Community Action Wayne/Medina County
20. Nowak, Brian..... Medina County Drug Abuse Commission (MCDAC)
21. Quallich, Kristine Medina City Schools
22. Ray, Billy Family Representative
23. Robertson, Patricia..... Family Representative
24. Schreiber, Kim..... Physical Representative
25. Shema, Tim Domestic Relations Court
26. Simon, Elizabeth Family Representative
27. Stepp, Randy Medina City Schools
28. Tahajod, Sharon..... Family Representative
29. Titterington, Phillip..... Juvenile Court

GUESTS PRESENT

1. Betty Barlow Oaks Family Care Center
2. Nancy Nimmo..... Medina County Schools Educational Service Center
3. Donna Pelton Spencer UMC
4. Bonnie Sander Medina County Marriage Coalition

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 9:07 a.m. Introductions were made.

2. PRESENTATION - MEDINA COUNTY HUNGER TASK FORCE

Debbie Kubena-Yatsko, Director of the Medina County Hunger Task Force, distributed a Fact Sheet on the food pantries in Medina County. (Copy attached to original minutes.) March is "Feed-A-Family" month. Food items or a monetary donation to this drive will help feed the hungry in Medina County.

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 FEBRUARY 2007 MINUTES

Pat Robertson made a motion to approve the February 27, 2007 minutes. Diane Dockrill seconded. The motion passed. Judge John Lohn abstained.

6. ACTION ITEMS

None.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Vince DeGeorge discussed the financial reports. The ICAT line items are now listed and broken down so that they can be drawn from the appropriate funding source.

The Administrative Committee would like Vince to report on his extensive list of activities each month.

The Lodi Resource Center lease is currently at the Medina County Legal Department to facilitate the negotiations between the Health Department and The Oaks.

JFS has increased its staff. Family First has been moved into other offices within JFS. Vince is looking at alternative office space. HMG may be moving to the 3rd floor of the Professional Building on Washington Street.

A copy of the minutes from February 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, Sponsor's Night, the FFC Booth at Family Affair and the Family Representatives Networking Meeting. The February 27, 2007 minutes were available for distribution. (Copy attached to original minutes.)

C. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

In order to be in compliance with HB289, Beth McGuire reported that FFC needs to track the attendance of mandatory members at FFC meetings. Attendance will be tracked by Jayme McCourt for state and local mandated members at each committee and ad hoc committee meeting. Be sure to sign in at respective meetings. The bylaws will need to be reviewed and amended in order to reflect this mandate.

D. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Philip Titterington reported that the Public Relations Committee is currently reviewing website design proposals. The committee will ask the Career Center Art Department to design logos for consideration. The March 6, 2007 minutes were available for distribution. (Copy attached to original minutes.)

E. PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

F. PROGRAM COMMITTEES

i. EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMITTEE REPORT

Chris Ruf reported that there is no formalized committee. The HMG budget is due April 23, 2007 for Part C funding for children. Chris will be attending training on April 11, 2007 on Part C funding. HMG received an additional \$70,000 because they exceeded their initial estimated number of children, serving 69 children. HMG is thinking of moving to the 3rd floor of the Professional Building, thus giving HMG 300 more square feet of office and storage space. Fourteen children under the age of 3 have been diagnosed with autism.

ii. SENIOR FOCUS/SENIOR ICAT COMMITTEE REPORT

A written report from Joyce Giles was presented to council. (Copy attached to original minutes.)

iii. WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Diane Dockrill distributed the Wellness Committee report for March 4, 2007. (Copy attached to the original minutes.) Request for Proposals for the Ohio Children's Trust Fund and the Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Program are being compiled for distribution. The Committee is also working on the upcoming workshop on May 10 and 11, 2007 with Dr. Dennis Embry and the Wadsworth Care Team.

iv. **PfS CORE TEAM REPORT**

Vince DeGeorge reported that Care Team is going well. There are 20+ kids that are active in the Care Team. The kids identified and referred are a good fit for what the strategy attempted to address. The implementation team will meet on April 20, 2007.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

Contact Lynne Castele, Chair of the Bylaws Committee if you are interested in serving. This committee will need to reconvene. Meetings will be on an as-needed basis.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- a. **Debra Grace** - May 9, 2007 the Wadsworth Salvation Army will host a benefit dinner at the Galaxy Restaurant.
- b. **Beth McGuire** - Hospice will be hosting a golf outing on July 16, 2007.
- c. **Chris Ruf** - April 28, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. is Family Affair at the Medina County Fair Grounds.
- d. **Julie King** - The 2008 United Way Campaign is underway. Volunteers are needed.
- e. **Debbie Kubena-Yatsko** - The June Family First Council Meeting will be held at the Lodi Resource Center.

11. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Barb Meador made a motion to adjourn. Lynne Castele seconded. The motion passed.

Next meeting is May 22, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 400 North Broadway Street, Medina, Ohio.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Jayme McCourt