



MEDINA COUNTY FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

1.	Anderson, Jeff	Ohio Department of Youth Services
2.	Andregg, Carol	Family Representative
3.	Barlow, Betty	Oaks Family Care Center
4.	Carmon, Gail	Alternative Paths
5.	Castele, Lynne	Family Representative
6.	DePasquale-Hagerty, Dianne	Medina Creative Housing
7.	Dockrill, Diane	Solutions Behavioral Healthcare
8.	Geissman, Patricia	Medina County Commissioner
9.	Gordon, Jan	OSU Extension
10.	Grace, Debra	Wadsworth Salvation Army
11.	Hardin, Beverly	Society for Handicapped Citizens
12.	Jenks, Michael	ADAMH Board
13.	King, Julie	United Way of Medina County
14.	Koran, William	Medina County ESC
15.	Kubena-Yatsko, Debbie	Medina Metro Housing
16.	LaMar, Michelle	Community Services Center
17.	Manes, Jan	Medina County Board of MR/DD
18.	McGuire, Beth	Hospice of Medina County
19.	Nowak, Brian	Medina County Drug Abuse Commission
20.	Ray, Billy	Family Representative
21.	Robertson, Pat	Family Representative
22.	Schreiber, Kim	Family Representative
23.	Shema, Timothy	Domestic Relations Court
24.	Simon, Betsy	Family Representative
25.	Solar, Nick	City of Brunswick, Chair
26.	Strebler, Lisa	Medina County Health Department
27.	Tahajod, Sharon	Family Representative
28.	Titterington, Phillip	Juvenile Court
29.	Williams, Bradford	Solutions Behavioral Healthcare, Chair-Elect

GUESTS PRESENT

1.	Berry, Karen	Catholic Charities
2.	Hartman, Don	Office for Older Adults

STAFF PRESENT

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

1) WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER, AND INTRODUCTIONS

Nick Solar welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. and introductions were made. Judge Lohn had double knee surgery so please sign the paper that is circulating for him. A get well card for Billy Ray is circulating as Billy had a heart attack and is now recuperating nicely. There seem to be many people missing at this meeting. We are significantly down from last month. Make sure you sign in on the attendance sheets.

2) PRESENTATION – MEDINA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Vince DeGeorge introduced Bill Hanigan, the Director of Medina County Workforce Development. Bill thanked Council for the opportunity to speak at the meeting. Bill was notified that Medina County Workforce Development will be a recipient of summer employment WIA funds from the stimulus package. At this time he does not have all of the information about the youth portion of the funding. He is anticipating funding for 100–120 youth for the summer, working 7–8 weeks, and enough supervisors for a ratio of 10:1. There is some concern that it is almost April and at the beginning of June, the schools are out for the summer. Workforce Development is waiting for an explanation on the summary of the youth component. There are no guidelines yet, but we may be looking at youth at poverty levels of 100% or 200%. The object

of this is to put youth (ages 16-24) to work over the summer. The age limit was increased to 24 by Congress. The goal is to tie to private, then public, then charitable organizations to give youth meaningful jobs. There are areas that we cannot hire for, similar to golf courses and swimming pools, etc. The timeline is tight to identify, hire and place on the County payroll. Bill will be speaking with the Commissioners and Chris Jakab to solidify the process. Any charitable organizations that help the community and could provide a meaningful job to the youth over the summer, please contact Bill (330-764-8625). Bill cannot currently provide a clear and concise parameter but he may have it in the next few weeks. Certain equipment is not allowed for 16 to 18 year olds. The work week should be 35 hours at 7 hours per day for 5 days. They may or may not be allowed to report to existing staff. Payment will be made through Workforce. People with disabilities are welcome to apply. Please contact Vince DeGeorge if you would like more information.

3) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The written report was distributed to Council (copy attached to original minutes).

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lisa Strebler made a motion to approve the minutes and committee reports. Carol Andregg seconded. Julie King questioned the Family First Council minutes from February 24, 2009, Action Item "A" - "It was noted while in executive session discussion included compensation and no decisions were made." Julie questioned the portion of "discussion of compensation" as compensation was not discussed.

Julie King made a motion: Remove the words "discussion included compensation". Phillip Titterington seconded.

The motion passed with the indicated changes.

Submitters note – Billy Ray joined the meeting and was greeted with a round of applause!

5) COMMITTEE REPORTS

i) ADMINISTRATIVE

Nick Solar announced the RFP for the Executive Director's position was sent out electronically to Council.

Diane DePasquale-Hagerty made a motion: Go back to the Administrative Committee to revise the document to incorporate the comments and concerns brought forth at the meeting today, then bring the document to full Council before putting out the RFP. Beth McGuire seconded.

The motion was not passed with a vote of 14-8 with 2 abstentions and 5 people did not vote.

Julie King made a motion: Council suspend the RFP process for FY 2010 and continue the contract process as it currently exists. Tim Shema seconded the motion.

The motion was not passed with a vote of 12-11 with 3 abstentions and 3 people did not vote.

Phillip Titterington made a motion: Move forward with the RFP process incorporating the revisions recommended by Council while simultaneously having Administration have an open discussion with Vince DeGeorge and then Administration providing a summary of that discussion to Council at its next meeting. Diane DePasquale-Hagerty seconded.

The motion passed with a vote of 24-1 with 1 abstention and 3 people did not vote.

ii) FAMILY ADVISORY

No report due to time constraints.

iii) MEMBERSHIP

In the absence of Judy Leuthaeuser, Nick Solar announced that the next Membership Committee meeting is April 15, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the Medina Library. Please make sure you are signed up for a committee.

iv) PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report due to time constraints.

v) PLANNING COMMITTEE

No report due to time constraints.

(a) **SUBCOMMITTEES**

1. **WELLNESS**

No report due to time constraints.

i. **CARETEAMS**

No report due to time constraints.

2. **SENIOR FOCUS**

No report due to time constraints.

3. **YOUTH ADVISORY CONSORTIUM**

No report due to time constraints.

(b) **AD HOC COMMITTEES**

1. **BYLAWS**

Lynne Castele reminded everyone to read the proposed Bylaws and HB 289 and how the organizational chart should be read. Please tell your committee chairs and they will get the information to Jayme. The Bylaws Committee will meet in early May and we will present the Bylaws to full Council in May. We want the questions and suggestions grouped together by May 1, 2009.

2. **MID-CAT**

No report due to time constraints.

6) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

7) **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

8) **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A. **Billy Ray** – Thanked the group for the cards and well wishes.

B. **Chris Ruf** – There are upcoming HMG changes and will keep Council apprised.

D. **Vince DeGeorge** – Diane Dockrill received an award from Ohio State University Extension for her work over the past eleven years to advocate for and work with coalitions and her work with youth. She was presented this award and had to stand in front of 1,400 people to accept it.

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

Carol Andregg made a motion to adjourn. Debbie Kubena-Yaskso seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Submitters note: Discussion on motions are attached to the original minutes.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jayme McCourt