

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

1.	Anderson, Jeff	Ohio Department of Youth Services
2.	Andregg, Carol	Family Representative
3.	Ball, Gloria	Wadsworth City Schools
4.	Castele, Lynne	Family Representative, Chair Elect
5.	Dell'Anno, Amy	Family Representative
6.	DePasquale-Hagerty, Dianne	Medina Creative Housing
7.	Dockrill, Diane	Solutions Behavioral Healthcare
8.	Giles, Joyce	Medina General Hospital
9.	Grace, Debbra	Wadsworth Salvation Army
10.	Hambley, Steven	Commissioner, Medina County
11.	Hardin, Beverly	Society for Handicapped Citizens
12.	Jenks, Michael	ADAMH Board
13.	King, Julie	United Way
14.	Kubena-Yatsko, Debbie	Medina Metro Housing, Chair
15.	LaForme, Gregory	Medina County Board of MR/DD
16.	LeSure, Suzanne	Cornerstone Wellness
17.	Leuthaeuser, Judy	Medina County Library
18.	Lohn, John	Medina County Juvenile Court Judge
19.	McGuire, Beth	Hospice of Medina County
20.	Meador, Barbara	Community Action
21.	Nowak, Brian	Medina County Drug Abuse Commission
22.	Putka, Tim	Catholic Charities
23.	Robertson, Pat	Family Representative
24.	Schreiber, Kim	Physical Representative
25.	Shema, Timothy	Domestic Relations Court
26.	Simon, Betsy	Family Representative
27.	Tahajod, Sharon	Family Representative
28.	Titterington, Phillip	Juvenile Court
29.	Williams, Bradford	Solutions Behavioral Healthcare

GUESTS PRESENT

1.	Barlow, Betty	Oaks Family Care Center
2.	Bender, Ken	CareTeam
3.	Bunch, Janine	Medina County Health Department
4.	Kasten-Krause, Melanie	Society for Handicapped Citizens
5.	Kinchy, Janice	Alternative Paths
6.	Mason, Cheryl	Medina County Job and Family Services
7.	Newman, David	University of Akron
8.	Nimmo, Nancy	Medina County ESC
9.	Pauley, Erika	Help Me Grow
10.	Ziton, Stephen	Medina County Veterans Services

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. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS.

Chairperson Debbie Kubena-Yatsko called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Introductions were made.

2. ANNUAL ELECTION

The ballots were handed in for tallying and the results will be reported under the Membership Report.

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Society for Handicapped Citizens

Melanie Kasten-Krause spoke about the Society for Handicapped Citizens. Copies of the handouts are attached to the original minutes.

B. Executive Report for the Youth Wellness Data 2006-2007

Dr. David Newman presented the Youth Wellness Data for 2006-2007. Contact Jayme McCourt if you would like a copy of the data.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT – Vincent DeGeorge

Vincent DeGeorge discussed his written report for ICAT and State/Other Issues. (Copy attached to original minutes.) Vince DeGeorge is proposing to move funding for Amy Perrine's position from the ICAT pooled fund to the Administrative fund. Senior ICAT was used as

a showcase with the meeting with Mrs. Strickland last Tuesday. Mrs. Strickland was impressed with the visit. Vince DeGeorge and Chris Ruf will be attending a PfS meeting on December 4 and 5 in Columbus. Amy Perrine and Jayme McCourt will attend training for EScore on December 12. EScore is a way to evaluate outcomes for ICAT youths. Vince will attend a State meeting on November 30, 2007.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pat Robertson made a motion to approve the minutes. Sharon Tahajod seconded. The motion passed. Judge Lohn did not vote.

6. ACTION ITEMS

Greg LaForme made a motion to approve the Administrative Assistant reclassification and rate increase to \$13.50 per hour to anniversary date. Diane Dockrill seconded. The motion passed. Judge Lohn did not vote.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Administrative Committee is looking at a proposed budget for next year. The members requested a budget meeting before we can present it to full council. That meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2007.

B. FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Sharon Tahajod thanked everyone for the Christmas Project and to Pat Robertson for coordinating all of it. Thank you to Rebecca Rak, Carol Andregg and Billy Ray for obtaining names of the families to adopt. Pat Robertson spoke with Janice Houchins, NE Coordinator for Family and Children First Council at the state level. Family engagement roles are expanding on councils around the state. Lake County now has 8 active family reps. Lorain County just appointed a family rep as chair elect. Ashland County wants to create a family advisory committee. Cuyahoga County is rebuilding the family committee to have more diverse representation. Wayne County family reps are doing a 10-minute radio "parent to parent" talk show. Janice thanked the Medina County family reps for providing a wonderful example and serving as leaders in family engagement efforts. Janice said we were an inspiration to other counties. Billy Ray is in the hospital and is doing well but he is missing the meeting.

C. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The votes were tallied. Results are: Chair: Lynne Castele. Chair Elect: Nick Solar. Family Representative: Pat Robertson. Other Elected Members: Betty Barlow, Sandy Calvert, Diane Dockrill, Sienna Jackson, Charlie Johnston, Julie King, Beth McGuire and Barb Meador. The Membership Committee will meet on December 12, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at the Bereavement Center.

D. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Phillip Titterington handed out green notecards listing the name of our new web site: FamilyFirstMedina.org. We currently have access through the HTTP address of <http://63.146.173.78>. Please take a look at the web site. Items on the site include Minutes, Calendar, About Us, Demographics and a Contact page. Our goal for 2008 for several of our agencies is providing information and data that can be utilized for grant requests. The Wellness Surveys will be available on the site in the coming months. We want the site to be a one stop shop for centralized data.

E. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Debbie Kubena-Yatsko stated that the next planning meeting will be on December 12, 2007 at 9:00.

F. BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Lynne Castele reported that the Bylaws Committee met on November 9, 2007 to discuss bylaws and proposed changes. This process has only just begun and will take some time. We were only able to discuss a few items. The next meeting is on December 14, 8:30 at the Medina General Hospital conference room 4.

G. AD HOC COMMITTEES

i. EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMITTEE

Suzanne LeSure discussed Medina County completing an RFP on Implementing Incredible Years Basic Parent Groups. Suzanne is requesting letters of support and will send out a broadcast e-mail. The Model fits with the HMG programs. Copies of the handouts are attached to the original minutes.

ii. WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Diane Dockrill announced that the next Wellness Committee meeting will be on December 7, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. at the Human Services Center. The committee consisting of Ohio Children Trust Fund members, Teen Pregnancy and Prevention members and Wellness members met on November 2, 2007. Vincent DeGeorge discussed funding from Job and Family Services was decreased by 25%. Council did not cut it from the grantees but shifted \$45,000 from Administrative funds. The funding from Job and Family Services may be cut entirely in the future. We funded our Family Resource Center in Lodi through these funds. The Lodi area is the most underserved areas of the county and a high risk area. This is the third time that it has had funding problems. We need to keep the Resource Center open and be proactive as a Council to advocate for this. We need support for this program.

iii. PFS COMMITTEE

Debbie Kubena-Yatsko announced that the Partnership for Success Committee met on November 16, 2007. The next meeting will be on December 16, 2007. Wadsworth's CareTeam is up and running. Medina is getting up and running.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Debbie Kubena-Yatsko – This is her last council meeting as Chair and she has enjoyed chairing Council. She has a greater understanding of all of the committees and that most of the work is being driven by committees. Thank you to Vince and Jayme for this year. Thank you to Council for giving her the opportunity and good luck to Lynne Castele.

B. Vince DeGeorge – A temporary plaque was given to Debbie Kubena-Yatsko as she has fulfilled the duties of Chair very well. We are very fortunate to have had her helping us serve the community. She has kept us in focus. Vince gave Debbie a “worm” (watering worm) as she is an essential part of the garden. She helps recycle the soil. We need some worms to get in there and cultivate the community and cultivate kids.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

As previously noted in the October 2007 minutes, there will be no public comments this meeting. The third quarter summary of 211 from the United Way was distributed. (Copy attached to original minutes.)

11. ADJOURNMENT

Beth McGuire made a motion to adjourn. Tim Putka seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Jayme McCourt