

**Medina County Family First Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 23, 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. Dockrill, Diane.....Solutions Behavioral Healthcare
7. Gordon, Jan .....OSU Extension, Medina County
8. Grace, Debra.....Wadsworth Salvation Army
9. Hambley, Steven.....Commissioner, Medina County
10. Jenks, Michael .....ADAMH Board
11. King, Julie .....United Way
12. Koran, William.....Medina County Schools
13. Kubena-Yatsko, Debbie.....Medina Metro Housing, Chair
14. LaForme, Gregory.....Medina County Board of MR/DD
15. LeSure, Suzanne .....Cornerstone Wellness
16. Leuthaeuser, Judy.....Medina County Library
17. Manes, Jan .....Medina County Board of MR/DD
18. McDaniels, Pat.....Community Action
19. McGuire, Beth .....Hospice of Medina County
20. Meador, Barbara .....Community Action
21. Putka, Tim.....Catholic Charities
22. Quallich, Kristine.....Medina City Schools
23. Radecky, Debra .....Office for Older Adults
24. Ray, Billy .....Family Representative
25. Robertson, Pat.....Family Representative
26. Schreiber, Kim.....Physical Representative
27. Shema, Timothy.....Domestic Relations Court
28. Simon, Betsy.....Family Representative
29. Solar, Nick.....City of Brunswick
30. Strebler, Lisa.....Medina County Health Department
31. Tahajod, Sharon.....Family Representative
32. Titterington, Phillip.....Juvenile Court
33. Wilkins, Mead.....Job and Family Services
34. Williams, Bradford.....Solutions Behavioral Healthcare

**GUESTS PRESENT**

1. Baker, Chris .....Bridges Home Health Care
2. Baker, Crystal.....Battered Women's Shelter
3. Kinchey, Janice.....Alternative Paths
4. Pilette, Jaclyn.....Planned Parenthood of Northeast of Ohio
5. Poland, Catherine .....Trinity Horse Farm, LLC

**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 9:05 a.m. Introductions were made.

**2. CHRISTMAS PROJECT**

Pat Robertson passed around an envelope for money or checks and the wish list from the two families Family First has adopted for Christmas this year. Rebecca Rak from the Lodi Resource Center gave us a name of a family from Lodi that the grandmother is raising

five children. Carol Andregg provided a name of a family from Medina that has four children. Please bring any donations and/or gifts to the November meeting. Checks should be written out to "Family First Council."

### **3. PRESENTATION – MEDINA CITY SCHOOLS**

Carol Andregg spoke about ACE – Achieving Connections through Education held at Garfield Elementary School. A copy of the handout is attached to original minutes.

### **4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Vincent DeGeorge**

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

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

Beth McGuire made a motion to approve the minutes. Pat Robertson seconded. Debra Grace noted that she is not on the Wellness Committee. The motion passed.

### **6. ACTION ITEMS**

Greg LaForme made a motion to approve a local match of \$5,225 for a 2008 Americorps Grant of \$26,691. Will Koran seconded. Discussion on the motion included the continuation of care team mentoring. Bill Schneider is going to half-time. Katie Castele will be leaving April 1, 2008. The motion passed.

### **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mead Wilkins reported that they have been coordinating the complex funding stream of Family First Council. With Amy Perrine's help, we will continue with the ICAT Administrators meeting on a monthly basis. We are trying to meet the needs of these children. Jayme McCourt's performance review was at the last Administrative meeting. Changes are being made to the job description. Approval was made to move up the salary scale and retroactive pay with job changes.

#### **B. FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Covered under Item #2.

#### **C. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

Beth McGuire handed out the ballots. We will be mailing the ballots to individuals if they are not here. Please get the ballots to Beth BEFORE the meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>. There are 4 renewal and 6 new individuals. References are included on the ballot. Only vote for 8 - any more than that will be invalid. Nick Solar has agreed to be Vice Chair. Lynne Castele will be Chair. We have openings for family representatives. At this time we only have one renewal of a family representative. Membership will continue to look at the Lifespan approach for individuals.

#### **D. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Philip Titterington reported that the PR Committee is moving forward on the website. At the next Family First meeting we will give you the website address to look at the site. Bev Hardin will also be trained to update website along with Jayme McCourt. We are hoping for a new logo by that time. Phillip is the fall guy with a paperless meeting. We will see how this goes without paper as the minutes will be posted on web site. Please see Vince or Jayme if you have issues with viewing the web site or e-mails. We are hoping to send the financials too at some point. Speaker's bureau information will also be on the site. This web site will be as user friendly as possible.

#### **E. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Debbie Kubena-Yatsko thanked Vince, Amy and Jayme for getting the PfS training session together. The PfS meeting was held on Friday October 19 with over 70 people attending. The next scheduled meeting is in December.

#### **F. BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Lynne Castele and the Bylaws Committee will meet on November 9, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. at Medina General Hospital, Conference room #4. The Committee can use extra people if anyone else is interested in attending.

#### **G. AD HOC COMMITTEES**

##### **i. EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMITTEE**

Suzanne LeSure stated that the committee received three RFPs for mental health for early childhood and will be reviewing them.

##### **ii. WELLNESS COMMITTEE**

Diane Dockrill reported that the committee met on October 5, 2007. The next meeting is November 2, 2007.

iii. **PfS IMPLEMENTATION TEAM**

Debbie Kubena-Yatsko stated that the PfS Team has not met since the last meeting. The meeting on November 2, 2007 will be rescheduled. Discussion will include the CareTeams being implemented in the schools and going into 2009.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

At the next Family First meeting we will have our regular presentation, Kelly Spring and David Newman's survey, and the membership election. Don't forget your Christmas donations. Public comments will be eliminated for November.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- A. **Beth McGuire** – Distributed flyers from the Robertson Bereavement Center and its current events.
- B. **Diane Dockrill** – Reminded everyone about Red Ribbon Week.
- C. **Mike Jenks** – The PfS event last Friday with Dr. Julian was really good. Very important issues were discussed.
- D. **Phillip Titterington** – Juvenile Court is going forward with the Build-a-Bear workshop at the Health Department. About 20 community service kids are making the bears for kids in foster care on November 28. Build-a-bear donated 3 employees to help. We are hoping to make 75 bears. Camp Integrity also worked on a garden this year. These are creative programs for the youth in the courts.
- E. **Lisa Strebler** – It is Influenza immunization season. Adult clinics and pediatric clinics are being scheduled for flu shots. The Health Department is interviewing another Nurse Practitioner to hire. A Registered Dietician was hired recently. Thank you to everyone for writing a letter for the dental grant. The Dental Clinic is doing well and we will be adding an emergency walk in clinic soon. Lead issues are being addressed and lead levels in children.
- F. **Pat McDaniels** - HEAP starts November 1, 2007. Community Action is in need of two receptionists – both full-time. If you know of anyone, please have them contact Pat.
- G. **Debra Grace** – The Wadsworth Salvation army is taking HEAP applications.
- H. **Judy Leuthaeuser** – The Library has a replacement levy on the ballot - please support it.
- I. **Jayne McCourt** – Coats for Kids final pick up is November 1, 2007. Delmar Jones of Jonesy's Classic Cleaners will be working with us this year to distribute 500 coats to adults in the community. The timeframe will be November-December.
- J. **Catherine Poland** - Trinity Horse Farm has built a new facility for equine therapy.
- K. **Janice Kinchey** – Alternative Paths has a 4 month program. Referrals come from the courts.

11. **Adjournment**

Nick Solar made a motion to adjourn. Steve Hambley seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Jayme McCourt