

**Medina County Family First Council
Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Anderson, Jeff..... Ohio Department of Youth Services
2. Andregg, Carol..... Family Representative
3. Castele, Lynne..... Family Representative, Chair
4. Dell'Anno, Amy Family Representative
5. Dockrill, Diane..... Solutions Behavioral Healthcare
6. Giles, Joyce Medina General Hospital
7. Gordon, Jan OSU Extension
8. Grace, Debbra Wadsworth Salvation Army
9. Hambley, Steven Medina County Commissioner
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. Manes, Jan Medina County Board of MR/DD
21. McGuire, Beth..... Hospice of Medina County
22. Meador, Barbara..... Community Action
23. Nowak, Brian Medina County Drug Abuse Commission
24. Putka, Tim..... Catholic Charities
25. Quallich, Kristine..... Medina City Schools
26. Radecky, Debra Office for Older Adults
27. Ray, Billy Family Representative
28. Robertson, Pat..... Family Representative
29. Shema, Timothy..... Domestic Relations Court
30. Simon, Betsy..... Family Representative
31. Solar, Nick City of Brunswick, Chair-Elect
32. Strebler, Lisa..... Medina County Health Department
33. Tahajod, Sharon Family Representative
34. Unkefer, Carla..... Community Action Wayne/Medina County
35. Wilkins, Mead Medina County Job and Family Services

GUESTS PRESENT

1. Gemzer, Allison Hospice of Medina County
2. Harrison, Chris..... Help Me Grow family
3. Harrison, Jeri Help Me Grow family
4. Kinchy, Janice..... Alternative Paths
5. Martin, Tonya..... Medina Health Ministry
6. Roig, Ivelisse WellCare
7. Thwing, Christine WellCare

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 – LOGO IDEAS AND DISCUSSION

On behalf of the Public Relations Committee, Debbie Kubena-Yatsko initiated a brainstorming session for ideas on a new logo. Debbie distributed copies of our current logo and the logo from Ohio Family and Children First. The Public Relations Committee specifically did not divulge the designs that were submitted so as not to stop the flow of this design process.

Debbie noted the following guidelines:

- Ease of use – simplicity and scalability - black & white or color.
- Logo is not for us, it is for the public. We don't need to love it for it to be effective.
- Who are we?
- What do we believe?
- When people look at us, what will they discover?
- What do we want our logo to say about Family First Council?

Council members gave their input as to what Council wants to convey in a logo:

- Families
- No restroom stick people
- Service
- Collaboration
- Community
- Comprehensive
- Figure with few words
- Come up with a symbol
- Not have it too busy

Will Koran drew a design on the flip chart. This design will be fine tuned and brought back for Council's approval.

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

Report attached to original minutes. Vincent DeGeorge announced that the Senior Survey is being finalized. Senior Focus will be reviewing it and it will be uploaded to the web site when complete.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Debbie Kubena-Yatsko made a motion to approve the minutes and committee reports. Joyce Giles seconded. The motion passed.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ADMINISTRATION

Mead Wilkins reported that the committee has a good start on the budget process. We plan to move to the state fiscal year and are trying to merge the two budget processes. The proposed budget is balanced to next year.

B. FAMILY ADVISORY

Pat Robertson noted that at the last Family Advisory meeting, the Eleemosynary (Christmas) Project was discussed. Julie King at United Way wants to partner with the committee for families to adopt. The list will be circulated at the next Council meeting.

Sharon Tahajod reported that she, Amy Dell'Anno, Vince DeGeorge, and Lynne Castele attended the Northeast Sectional meeting in Hudson, Ohio on September 17, 2008. Charlotte Williams from NAMI spoke at our last Family Advisory meeting. NAMI is looking for parent advisors/advocates. The position is stipend based. They are looking for someone to be available at different hours and have empathy for different experiences. Anyone who wishes to be a parent advocate, contact Sharon Tahajod or Amy Perrine.

C. MEMBERSHIP

Beth McGuire stated that due to an out-of-town conference she attended, the committee did not meet in September. The Membership Committee will meet briefly after this meeting. Applications are due no later than September 30, 2008. The committee will present the election slate at the next meeting. Voting will be at the November meeting. Membership will look at attendance and potential term limits. The election slate will have attendance records on them. The committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. on October 8, 2009 at the Robertson Bereavement Center.

D. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Debbie Kubena-Yatsko requested data for the web site data sharing page. Thank you for the help on the logo. The last issue of Family Focus is on the web site.

E. PLANNING COMMITTEE

At the meeting earlier this morning, Lynne Castele prompted a discussion involved around the strategic planning retreat next fall. Save the date will come out soon.

i. a. WELLNESS

Diane Dockrill noted that the committee met in September. The next meeting is in October and after that the meetings will be held every other month.

i. b. CARETEAMS

Kris Quallich announced that the CareTeam and Sustainability committees recently met. The CareTeam in the Medina City Schools started this week.

i. c. SENIOR FOCUS

No report.

i. d. YOUTH ADVISORY CONSORTIUM

Jan Manes reported that the Youth Advisory Consortium met on September 2, 2008. The next meeting is October 7, 2008 and at that time a new name will be identified. Help Me Grow reported on their survey results - 96-98% approval rate. The committee discussed the presentation schedule for future meetings. Head Start will present in October. The matrix is slowly developing. Minutes will be distributed once all the details are finalized.

ii. a. BYLAWS

Nick Solar reported that the Bylaws Committee met on September 12, 2008. We are continuing to work hard on this task. Thanks to Jayme McCourt for keeping a working document noting changes, additions and deletions. Thanks to Judy Leuthaeuser for keeping us straight on colons and periods. And thanks to Pat Robertson for doing our homework. Our next meeting is October 17, 2009 at Medina General Hospital.

ii. b. MID-CAT

Chris Ruf reported that at the last Mid-CAT meeting the committee looked at services that are utilized by 19-59 year-olds and what is available in our community. We are going forward with the Mid-CAT group and are

looking at the matrix. We are reviewing the frequent service providers and looking to them to staff the group. Discussion at the meeting included how referrals are received. The next meeting is October 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Medina Library.

Vincent DeGeorge noted that he spoke with Angela Sausser Short from the state office about the Senior ICAT and the Mid-CAT plan. Vince received an invitation to attend a seminar concerning the development of strategies to transition Ohio's health care spectrum. Vince has agreed to participate in the area of chronic case management of which Mid-CAT is a part. It will occur November 17 through November 19, 2008.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Debra Radecky – The state has released some funds for seniors to be used at the Farmers' Market. A stipend of \$50 per senior is available to be used at the market.

B. Julie King – 211 services are being used heavily. 211 is only as good as the information that is current. Please notify 211 when you are completely out of funds for a particular service, so we do not refer individuals to you. Please be generous in contributing to the United Way Campaign.

C. Debbie Kubena-Yatsko – The Housing Authority's one-time fund is almost depleted. They have some emergency funds for short-term assistance. Case managers are still providing case management and are still trying for housing on a longer term basis.

D. Mike Jenks on behalf of Phillip Titterington – The Resource Council held a monthly meeting at the Juvenile Court Facility and it was very informative. If anyone wishes to learn more about Juvenile Court, contact Phillip Titterington.

E. Barb Meador – The Mom and Dad's group is still meeting at the Senior center.

F. Judy Leuthaeuser – Please vote in the upcoming election in November.

G. Beth McGuire – Holiday workshops and suicide workshops are upcoming. There is a sign on the building site announcing the new facility.

H. Joyce Giles – Information can be obtained from Medina Hospital on 19-59 year-olds. Medina Hospital had \$10 million in charity cases last year. The effort for Mid-Cat is a big expense. The Health Department can also provide data on Mid-Cat.

I. Nick Solar – The Salvation Army of Brunswick assisted 170 children this year by spending \$95 per child.

J. Sienna Jackson – The Salvation Army of Medina has an after school program for children kindergarten through 5th grade who are struggling with homework. Transportation is provided from Garfield Elementary.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Debra Grace made a motion to adjourn. Joyce Giles seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jayme McCourt