

Medina County Family First Council
Planning Committee Meeting
June 24, 2008

Attending: Lynne Castele, Vince DeGeorge, Diane Dockrill, Joyce Giles, Debbie Kubena-Yatsko, Suzanne LeSure, Beth McGuire, Debra Radecky, Christine Ruf, Nick Solar, Phillip Titterington, and Mead Wilkins

Lynne Castele welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m. Beth McGuire made a motion to approve the minutes. Debbie Kubena-Yatsko seconded. The motion passed.

1. Youth/Adolescent Consortium – Christine Ruf

Christine Ruf distributed a proposal for a Family First Council Youth Consortium (copy attached to original minutes).

Discussion included:

- Youth Consortium being under the umbrella of Family First Council.
- Brought to the Planning Committee to see if it is possible.
- Bringing all the people in at one time and one place.
- Youth committee would look from pre-natal to 18.
- Slowly developing the mid-cat 18-59 year olds.
- Where would it sit at Family First Council? Ad-hoc or sub-committee?
- Ad hoc should be a more permanent sub committee.
- Meet on a quarterly basis?
- Share information.
- Groups don't know what groups are doing and what is available to youth.
- Make better decisions.
- Know what gaps in services are.
- Are these groups accomplishing anything?
- Groups may meet in between or in addition to this.
- This can be sub committees of the Planning Committee.
- WIC is an advisory committee.
- Head Start has an advisory committee.
- No heavy decision making.
- Individuals are on a lot of these committees where this can reduce the amount of meetings.
- Integrate the groups and fulfill requirements for grantees.
- Family reps can attend and they can fulfill their obligation as a family rep.
- Relieve agencies from sending staff to 4 or 5 different meetings.
- Early Childhood needs to go under a standing committee not an ad hoc committee.
- How can Family First Council be accountable for what we don't have control over?
- Youth Consortium looks like the Family Advisory Committee.
- Getting information from other groups.
- Logical step towards integration.
- Reduce meeting times and integrate them for all to benefit.

Suzanne LeSure made a motion to approve this in principle and refer it to the Bylaws Committee to see where it fits. Possibly start as an ad hoc committee and morph into a standing committee. Mead Wilkins seconded the motion. He also would like to consider wellness, youth, senior etc. along with this discussion. The motion passed. This will be referred to the Bylaws Committee to discuss.

2. HB 289 – CareTeams – Vincent DeGeorge

The Sustainability Committee is due to meet on June 27, 2008. The schools cannot call it CareTeams if they go forward with it without adhering to the fidelity of the model. HB 289 requires this plan for 08-09 fiscal year. When we went through the needs and development of this we used the CareTeams as our reporting plan. We had to connect one of our plans to the report for 2008. The State requires us to do a strategic plan. The PfS model of a CareTeam was in place so it was used to report to the state. What does this group want to do if the schools are not going to do the CareTeams? Our plan that is being forwarded to the state is to continue the CareTeams or not use it as a model.

Suzanne LeSure made a motion: The first choice is not change a thing. But if the Sustainability Team chooses not to go forward, then change the name to local norms or best practices. Mead Wilkins seconded. The motion passed.

3. Public Comments – Lynne Castele

The prior decision on public comments was to keep them, but keep it to a minimum. Put hand outs on the table if available.

Debbie Kubena-Yatsko made a motion to adjourn. Mead Wilkins seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jayme McCourt