

Medina County Family First Council
Planning Committee Meeting
February 20, 2008, 8:30 a.m.
Medina General Hospital

Attending: Lynne Castele, Vince DeGeorge Diane Dockrill, Joyce Giles, Debbra Grace, Debbie Kubena-Yatsko, Chris Ruf, Nick Solar, and Sharon Tahajod

Lynne Castele called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Debbie Kubena-Yatsko made a motion to approve the minutes from October 17, 2007. Diane Dockrill seconded. The motion passed. There was no meeting in December of 2007.

October PfS Training

Items discussed:

- The synopsis of October's PfS training was distributed (copy attached to original e-mail).
- The meeting in December was to talk about the next step doing RFPs or how we want to proceed.
- PfS forms are done and ready to use.
- Budget meetings have been occurring and no decision on allocation of funds for PfS planning has occurred.
- Seniors want to do something with the funds - present to the Admin committee to see if money is available - seniors working on a national grant request.
- Programs have had to adapt with the funds cut.

First Lady Visit

At the Family First Council meeting on January 22, 2008, Janice Houchins provided a written report on Mrs. Strickland's visit (copy attached to original minutes). There are items on the last page that need to be addressed. There may be a need for follow up on the information. The state wants Family First Council's to be accountable.

HB 289

As HB 289 is a public law, Family First Council is required to produce a strategic plan every few years. We started our plan last year, and since we are a PfS county, we followed the logic model process. The six child well being issues are integrated into the plan.

CareTeams

Items discussed:

- CareTeams will not be funded past 6-30-08 as the funds are not available.
- Medina schools are providing good data. Once this data is compiled, we can then send it to the state.
- Chris Ruf attended a PfS meeting last month.
- CareTeams need collaboration from whoever is providing funding and Family First Council.
- After school programming would not likely occur without Family First Council's assistance.
- Family Engagement is what will be missing as it connects the school with the families.
- Can the family engagement piece can be done with volunteers?
- Funds are being cut and it is hard to continue with programs.
- Funds are being depleted all over the county.

- The Wadsworth Salvation Army is trying to keep their program in place through the end of the school year, yet staffing issues are a problem.
- Short term vs. long term benefits.
- The CareTeams are a savings to the community but it is coming out of individual agencies budgets.
- CareTeams are in jeopardy because of funding.
- Family First Council is liable to make sure we adhere to the fidelity of the model. They can change what they call it and then Family First is not liable.

Funding

Items discussed:

- Everyone is being asked to do more with less funding.
- The Wadsworth Salvation Army has classes provided by Ohio Children's Trust Funding, but it is a challenge to get adults to attend.
- Best practices and evidence based data.
- Unfunded mandates.
- Hard to be accountable when you have no control over items.
- Need to look at things we have control over.
- Seniors Focus would like money put towards survey to identify issues or a needs assessment.

Strategic Plan

The committee reviewed our strategic plan and looked at what we can do and modify it so that what we know we have control over. The consensus is we are moving forward on the strategic plan.

Meeting Schedule

It was agreed upon that the third Wednesday of every other month will be Planning Committee meetings. The dates are: April 16, June 18, August 20, October 15 and December 17, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. at Medina General Hospital.

Joyce Giles made a motion to adjourn. Debbie Kubena-Yatsko seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jayme McCourt