

## **Pickaway County Family and Children First Council Minutes of January 18, 2007**

President Rosemary Starkey called the meeting to order with 29 members present. She asked for introductions before starting business.

### **ATTENDANCE**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Diana Green	YMCA
Kim Holbert	BBBS
Michelle Callahan	Pickaway County District Library
Debi Hoffhines	JFS-Child Support
Pamela Stapleton	SPVMHC
Denise Swartzky	Girl Scouts
Asa Bradbury	Logan Elm Schools
Gloria Harris	DYS
Vince Yaniga	SPVMHC
Michele Lanman	United Way
Lisa Johnson	Haven House
Kathleen Bass	JFS-Jobs OneStop
JoEllen Deal	JFS- Children Services
Pam Hively	WSU
Rosemary Starkey	PICCA-Head Start
Debbie Hoffman	Partnerships for Success
Barry Bennett	PARS
Dave Hannahs	PICCA
Sandy Frazier	SPVMHC
Kim Dixon	American Red Cross
Teresa Cramer	City of Circleville
Ty Ankrom	Pickaway ESC
Brenda McMahan	Blueprint Grant
Christy Mills	Teen Task Force
Bernard Rathmell	Foster Parent
Marty Delamatre	YMCA
Rojanne Woodward	JFS
Connie Hardesty	Parent Advocate
Mike Hardesty	Parent Advocate

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Vince Yaniga moved and Rojanne Woodward seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2006 meeting. The motion passed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance:** Pam Hively reviewed the report submitted to her by JFS and noted each category:

Council Administration Budget	ABC Fast
Partnerships for Success	ABC TANF
Help Me Grow	ABC General Revenue
Children's Trust Fund	

Ty Ankrom moved and Dave Hannahs seconded the motion to approve the financial report. Motion passed.

**Bylaws:** Vince Yaniga reported that the committee received clarification regarding mandated superintendents. The superintendent for the largest school district in the county is a mandated member and for our county that is Teays Valley School District. The remaining superintendents can be represented by one superintendent and for our county that can be the county superintendent. This has also been reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office. The updated bylaws will be sent to all members of council for review prior to the next meeting. Approval will be requested at that meeting.

**Service Coordination:** Wilma informed the group that this committee will be forming a committee that will be responsible for oversight of TEAM.

**Early Childhood Coordinating Committee:** (formerly the Early Childhood Collaborative Group) Debbie Hoffman reported that they will be meeting January 19 with new officers, Debbie and Donna Solovey as chairpersons and Roxy Saxhour as secretary. The group will be submitting a Guidance Document to the FCFC Executive Committee for approval and will begin a Program Review of the Help Me Grow program also to be submitted to the FCFC Executive Committee.

**Children's Trust Fund Advisory Committee:** Vince Yaniga informed Council that the next round of funding is a transitional one year funding. The local CTF Committee voted to continue the current program for the transitional year versus beginning a Request for Proposal process.

**Teen Task Force:** Christy Mills reported that the group will conduct the Health Watch Surveys in March and April and will have that report for Council at the July meeting. The next Teen Task Force meeting is March 2 at 8:30 am at the ESC and the program will be a report of the Mean Girls Seminar. Christy also distributed the current mailing list for corrections and additions.

**Parent Advisory Support Group:** Connie and Mike reported that the attendance for the monthly meetings is increasing and they will be working on the respite project with the Transformation Grant.

## **PROGRAM REPORTS:**

**Team for Youth:** Wilma reported that for November and December 30 TEAM meetings were held that served 18 families (3 new families) and 27 children. FAST funding continues to support wrap-around services.

**Help Me Grow:** Jill Zimmerman was unable to attend but submitted a written report.

**Children's Trust Fund:** Brenda McMahon reported that grant funding will provide for 17 local professionals to attend a Mean Girls Seminar on January 26. This group will be responsible to share information from the training with various groups and agencies. Brenda also reported that the Kindergarten Transition Packets will be distributed at kindergarten registrations in the spring. She is trying to consolidate some of the information responding to parent surveys that mentioned concerns of the packet containing too much information. Brenda also distributed the Family Well-Being Calendars that has a local contest winner.

**Transformation Plan:** Sandy Frazier reported that she is currently working with eight families (19 children). Wilma reported that four Focus Groups were facilitated by Sereana Dresbach and she distributed the summaries from the project. She explained that a common theme from all four groups was made from parents regarding the lack of community support and lack of available activities. Transformation funding and goals also include respite care for children with special needs.

**Blueprint Grant:** Brenda McMahon reported that funding will support a Framework for Understanding Poverty training for schools on February 20. Invitations have also been sent to local

daycares, preschools, and vocational schools. She also reported that Care Teams are in place at Everts and McDowell with technical support provided by Muskingam County. Families will also be offered parenting classes, family movie night, and family portraits. Brenda shared information about an upcoming Asset Building Training in Zanesville on February 9.

**Partnerships for Success:** Debbie Hoffman reported that the results of the Needs Assessment phase to date. She also shared that the Resource Assessment Kick-Off will be held on February 24 at 9:30 at the ESC. Involvement in PfS is encouraged as results are a community effort to prevent and respond effectively to child and adolescent problem behaviors (while promoting positive youth development). The tools and procedures for PfS will guide Council to identify and prioritize critical community issues. The outcomes of PfS will also be submitted as the Annual Plan for FCFC due in June as mandated by HB 289.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Update of the FCFC brochure:** Brenda distributed the draft of the brochure for review.

**Update of newspaper article:** Wilma will be submitting an article for the Circleville Herald every other week. All council members are encouraged to let her know if you have news to include in the article.

**Update of the Community Resource Directory:** Debbie is currently distributing the directories. She explained that Council is providing three directories for each listing but agencies were responsible for reimbursing for additional directories. There were 8177 directories printed for distribution.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Coordinator Position:** Rosemary explained that the Executive Committee is recommending that Wilma be approved for a full-time position as FCFC Coordinator and TEAM Coordinator. Rojanne Woodward moved and Brenda McMahon seconded the motion to approve the hire of Wilma Beerman as full-time for the FCFC Coordinator and TEAM Coordinator.

**Nomination Committee:** Rosemary explained the need for a nominating committee with the resignation of Pam Butler as Health Commissioner. This leaves the opening for a vice chairperson and secretary. Marge Wolford will become the Chairperson in March. Brenda McMahon and Michelle Callahan volunteered for the Nomination Committee and to bring names for the open positions for vote at the next meeting.

**Collaboration Survey:** Debbie Hoffman explained that as part of the PfS process, technical assistance is offered to local councils. A survey was distributed and reviewed by the PfS academy. Recommendations have been made for our county and Debbie would like to address these recommendations. If a retreat is planned, this could be a time to review those recommendations.

**FCFC Retreat:** Wilma and Debbie presented the suggestion of taking a day to review the vision and mission of FCFC, do some strategic planning and review the results of PfS for the FCFC Annual Plan. Members were in favor of planning a day in April.

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The YMCA will be hosting Healthy Kids Day on April 14. Last year they had over 200 children participate.

The Literacy Council will be celebrating 20 years with a reception on February 9 at the Library from 4:00 – 6:00 pm.

The Library has a new way to borrow audio books in the format of a “Play Away”.

From the Faith-Based and Community Summit, there are two upcoming events:  
Breakfast Club on February 2, 2007 at Berger Health System as a follow-up to the Bridges Out of Poverty training held last March 2006.  
Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities training on May 3 from 8:00 – 4:00 at Crossroads Church.

Christy Mills has been hired as the Education Improvement Coordinator for the Higher Education Committee.

Dave Hannahs announced the Annual Homeless Count to be conducted on January 26 for the Local Continuum of Care Committee. Anyone that would like to volunteer can contact Becky Hammond at PICCA.

Haven House will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Valentine Dinner/Dance on February 14 at Cook's Creek Golf Club.

National Youth Service Day will be celebrated locally on April 12. United Way, Red Cross, Ohio Christian University, and OSU Extension will coordinate the event.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ty Ankrom moved and Rojanne Woodward seconded the motion to adjourn.

**Future meeting dates:** March 15, 2007  
May 17, 2007

**Location:** Pickaway County Library

Submitted by:

Debbie Hoffman  
(In the absence of Pamela Butler)