

**Pickaway County Family Children First Council  
Minutes of March 15 2007**

Rosemary Starkey called the meeting to order with 27 members present. Introductions were made before starting business.

**ATTENDANCE**

Kathleen Bass  
JoEllen Deal  
Rosemary Starkey  
Rojanne Woodward  
Debbie Hoffman  
Ty Ankrom  
Patty Fouch  
Vince Yaniga  
Barry Bennett  
Debi Hoffhines  
Brenda McMahan  
Pam Hively  
Jill Zimmerman  
Michelle Callahan  
Christy Mills  
Ula Jean Metzler  
Donna Solovey  
Bea Dorman  
Teresa Cramer  
Melissa Benson  
Dave Hannahs  
Katherine Robb  
Gloria Harris  
Marge Wolford  
Tammy Ayers  
Thomas Long  
Scott Trobough

**AFFILIATION**

PCJFS  
PCJFS/Children Services  
PICCA/Head start  
PCJFS  
PFS  
ESC  
PCJFS  
SPVMH  
PARS  
PCJFS/CSEA  
Blueprint  
WSU  
HMG  
Pickaway County Library  
Higher Education Coordinator  
County Commissioner  
ECCC and PICCA Head Start  
Assets/ARC  
City of Circleville  
SEOLS  
PICCA  
Pickaway County Literacy Council  
DYS  
OSU Extension  
Pickaway Co. Health Dept.  
Pickaway Co. Health Dept.  
Pickaway Co. Ministerial Assoc.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Vince Yaniga moved and JoEllen Deal seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2007 meeting. The motion was passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Nomination Committee:**

Michelle Callahan presented the following slate of officers for nomination: Chair: Marge Wolford; Vice Chair: Ty Ankrom; and Secretary: Rojanne Woodward. No other nominations were made. Barry Bennett moved and Debbie Hoffman seconded to approve the nomination and the motion passed. Rosemary Starkey turned the meeting over to new chair, Marge Wolford.

**Finance:**

Pam Hively reviewed the finance report submitted to her by JFS and reported on the following categories:

Council Administrative Budget

Help Me Grow

Children's Trust Fund

Access to Better Care (ABC)

Partnership for Success

Vince Yaniga moved and Brenda McMahon seconded to approve the report. The motion passed.

**Bylaws:**

Vince Yaniga explained the amendment to the by-laws to change the mandated members of schools to match that required by Ohio Revised Code. Mandated members will be the superintendent of the school district with the largest number of pupils and the superintendent of the County Educational Service Center. Pam Hively moved and JoEllen Deal seconded to approve the amendment.

**ECCC:**

Donna Solovey reported that the next meeting will be March 23. She announced that the Week of the Young Child will be April 22 – 28.

**Parent Advisory/Support Group:**

Wilma reported that 11 to 14 parents are attending each meeting.

**Children's Trust Fund Advisory Committee:**

Vince Yaniga reported that there is state funding for another year and Brenda McMahon will continue to serve as the Program Coordinator. He reported that application needs to be made for FY 2008 funding. Rosemary Starkey moved and Ty Ankrom seconded to approve submitting the application for FY 2008 funding. The motion passed.

**PROGRAM REPORTS****TEAM for Youth:**

Wilma provided written report of Team for Youth activities for 1-1-07 through 2-28-07.

**Help Me Grow:**

Jill Zimmerman provided and reviewed the report of Help Me Grow activities. She reported that the MRDD board has agreed to fund 3 additional staff positions. She also shared that ODH is seeking letters of interest for contractors to provide developmental evaluations and assessments which will be using a regional approach to assessments starting 7-01-07.

**Children's Trust Fund:**

Brenda McMahon provided and reviewed a written report on activities. 17 people attended the Mean Girls Seminar held in January. Kindergarten parent packets are being compiled and should be ready March 29<sup>th</sup>. A new thing in the packet will be coloring page promoting library cards.

Transformation Plan:

Sandy Frazier was not present but provided a written report.

Blueprint:

Brenda McMahon provided written report of activities. She attended Asset training on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. The Framework for Understanding Poverty workshop was held on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> with about 300 participants from all four school districts and the community.

Partnership for Success:

Debbie Hoffman handed out the final report for Needs Assessment workgroup which determined that the long-term outcome or goal is that children and youth succeed in school. A workgroup is currently working on the Resource Assessment portion.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

“It Only Takes A Spark” Summit:

Joy Ewing reported that the next summit will be held April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 12.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Legislative Summit:

Donna Solovey and Debbie Hoffman have organized a community legislative summit for 3/30/07 which will be held at the ESC Office. Packets were handed out to agencies to use to make contacts with legislators and to prepare for the summit.

Retreat:

Marge Wolford reported that according to HB 289 we must do an annual plan which we will be using information obtained through the PFS process. A retreat is being planned for Council for June 18 or 19 from 10 – 2 using a facilitator from the Center for Excellence.

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Child Abuse Awareness Month – JoEllen Deal announced that April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. This will be kicked off with a flag-raising ceremony on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Pinwheels will be used again this year to represent the number of reports of abuse or neglect received by Children Services.

Higher Education – Ula Jean Metzler updated council on progress made with the Higher Education Initiative. By working with the Board of Regents, Columbus State will be offering classes in Pickaway County at Teays Valley High School. Christy Mills has been hired as the Higher Education Coordinator. Grants or funding for this is coming from OCAN, the Commissioners, and JFS. Ula Jean has also been working with OCU to offer a Kids in College program for the week of June 11 with Linda Diltz teaching. The Jobs One Stop also offers space for Columbus State to do higher education counseling.

211 System – Vince Yaniga reported that the 211 system is up and running in Pickaway County through SPVMH.

HEAP – Dave Hannahs reported that the HEAP season ends 3/31 with use being down about 6%.

Community Service Day – Bea Dorman reported that April 12<sup>th</sup> is the annual Community Service day. OCU and our all four schools will be participating.

Library – Michelle Callahan reported that the March newsletter is out.

Retirement – A gift was presented to Patty Fouch as she is retiring as of 3/31.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Ty Ankrom moved and Vince Yaniga seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed.

Submitted by:

Rojanne Woodward