

Pickaway County Family and Children First Council
Minutes of May 17, 2007

Marge Wolford called the meeting to order with 24 members present. Introductions were made before starting business.

Attendance/Affiliation

Michelle Callahan, Pickaway County Library
Randy Beach, Pickaway MRDD
Dave Hannahs, PICCA
Diana Green, YMCA
Connie Hardesty, Parent Advisory Council
Mike Hardesty, Parent Advisory Council
Kim Holbert, BBBS
Katherine Robb, Pickaway County Literacy Council
Scott Trobough, Ministerial Association
Debbie Hoffman, PFS Coordinator
Kathleen Bass, JFS/One Stop
Ty Ankrom, Educational Service Center
Rhonda Hoffman, JFS
Teresa Cramer, City of Circleville
Marge Wolford, OSU Extension
Rosemary Starkey, PICCA Head Start
Jill Zimmerman, Help Me Grow
Donna Solovey, PICCA Head Start
Bea Dorman, American Red Cross/Asset Builders
Brenda McMahan, Blueprint Grant
Pamela Hively, WSU
Karen Dudley, WIC
Vince Yaniga, SPVMHC
Barry Bennett, PARS
Wilma Beerman, FCFC Coordinator

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dave Hannahs moved and Vince Yaniga seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2007 meeting. The motion was carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Report: Pam Hively shared Expenditures % Thru April:

FCFC Admin: 53% (Note: This is less the cost of directories - which were more than fully reimbursed.)

PFS: 66.7%

Help Me Grow: TANF 64.6% PART C 68% GRF 57.7%

Children's Trust Fund: 79.1%

ABC FAST: (Behavioral) 60% (Non Behavioral) 29.3%

ECCC: Donna Solovey reported that the Ohio Department of Health is revamping their HMG monitoring process which we expect will include Early Track data review along with program reports in the future. As an interim effort, ECCC members did an informal local review during the April meeting. Help Me Grow program

staff reviewed their own program for compliance and allowed community partners to have and inside look at the HMG program systems as well. Many strengths were found across all program areas and no significant weaknesses. Two indicators of compliance related to Child Find state the need for FCFC involvement, assisted by ECCC:

- Coordination of developmental screenings and other collaborative county activities
- Development of county public awareness materials

These activities can be discussed at future meetings.

Marge Wolford (FCFC Chairperson) and Rojanne Woodward (Director of the Administrative Agent) signed the Help Me Grow Program Assurances on behalf of the FCFC and ECCC.

Parent Advisory/Support Group: Connie Hardesty reported that the group continues to meet monthly. In April the group heard from Bea Dorman on Asset Building and the June meeting will hear about new services available through JFS.

Service Coordination Committee: Bea Dorman reported that they have met in April and May. The group has focused on the evaluation process for TEAM for Youth. They have a checklist for the process, a parent satisfaction survey and a spreadsheet for collecting out of placement numbers. To get input from parents who have been in the program, the committee will send out the parent satisfaction survey and then finalize that portion of the evaluation. The TEAM Coordinator will provide a written report quarterly to Council. The Committee responsibilities include:

- Review the County Service Coordination Plan annually
- Oversee the activities of TEAM for Youth
- Review data on out-of-home placements for Pickaway County
- Assist with the linkage of ongoing diversion programs

Children's Trust Fund Advisory Committee: Vince Yaniga reported that we have been approved for an additional year of funding and Brenda McMahon will coordinate those grant activities. It has not been announced what funding will be available beyond this "transitional" grant year.

PROGRAM REPORTS

Team for Youth: Wilma Beerman submitted a written report (attached) of activities for 3/1/07-4/30/07. She shared that FAST funding will continue and that the evaluation section will not require the parent survey.

Help Me Grow: Jill Zimmerman submitted a written report of program data through April 2007 (attached). She shared examples of ways that MRDD subsidizes the HMG budget. Jill is still waiting on information from the state regarding Program Monitoring. The state is still working on a plan of correction and this will impact the county level programs. ODH is revising their Developmental Evaluation Team Concept and counties that are in compliance may not need to revise their current program.

Children's Trust Fund: Brenda McMahon submitted a written report. She also reported that she distributed 980 kindergarten packets which included a newsletter that consolidated information to eliminate papers in the packet. The middle school packets will be mailed in August and if anyone has information for that age group they should contact Brenda.

Transformation Grant: Sandy Frazier submitted a written report of activities. Vince Yaniga also reported that Sandy has resigned from her position and he is currently interviewing to fill the vacancy.

Blueprint Grant: Brenda McMahon submitted a written report to update grant activities. She also reported that grant funding ends June 30 but that SPVMHC will support the funding of the two Intensive School-Based Counselors for the next school year. She also distributed the new Family and Children First Council brochure. She extends thanks to Jobs One Stop for providing labor to fold and collate the brochures.

Partnerships for Success Grant: Debbie Hoffman reported that the grant is in the last phase for the planning year. The Strategic Action Identification Workgroup prioritized the four short-term outcomes as:

1. Family members value education
2. Adult monitoring and/or supervision
3. Consistent, age-appropriate discipline
4. Significant attachment to pro-social adult

The Workgroup will be researching strategies for family members value education. As this is a community collaboration – anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. Debbie shared the value of the discussions held during the meetings and that the groups are identifying both needs and gaps.

OLD BUSINESS

It Only Takes a Spark: Attendance was low for the Summit in April and the Planning/Steering Committee will be discussing future plans. A survey will be conducted to get input.

Legislative Summit: Donna Solovey reported the success of the Legislative Summit 2007. The purpose of the Summit was to build relationships with our legislators and everyone is encouraged to continue their contacts. Randy Beach suggested that we have forums where we host the senators together and host the house representatives together. It was also suggested that we could coincide the Summit with visits to the program. Wilma Beerman also suggested a legislative day at their offices.

Summer Programs: Randy Beach reported that there is a collaboration of agencies and schools to implement a six week summer program. The mornings will consist of an instruction-based program and the afternoons will integrate YMCA summer camp program. Randy thanked Ty Ankrom for the Educational Service Center's lead in the collaboration. Wilma Beerman reported that FAST funding will support a summer camp program at Teays Valley School District for children with behavior problems. Non-behavioral funding will support the HMG Summer Transition Class. There is also a proposal for a summer program for male middle school and high school students in Circleville.

Grant Sharing Meetings: Wilma invited everyone to the Grant Sharing Meetings held the first Tuesday of every month at 8:00 am at JFS. Because of the need for continued funding for many programs, this group will share information on grants.

Brown Bag Lunches: Debbie Hoffman reported that the Partnerships for Success grant received extra funding to support legislative events. This funding supported the “Chat with John Schlichter” lunch and the “Tips for Advocacy” lunch with Gwen Wolford. A third lunch will be announced.

NEW BUSINESS

FCFC First Annual Retreat: Debbie announced that PfS funding will also support the retreat being planned for June 19 at the Ohio Christian University from 10:00 to 2:00. The PfS Academy will be providing technical assistance to revisit the current FCFC mission and vision statements. The retreat will be held in June in order to unveil the PfS Strategic Plan and to receive approval for the FCFC Annual Plan. A flyer was distributed announcing the event and Debbie will mail the flyer to those not in attendance today.

Dental Consortium: Wilma shared that she will be organizing a county consortium to address the data from the Partnerships for Success Needs Assessment Workgroup. She invited FCFC members interested in the topic to sign up for the committee. Randy Beach shared that this is also a “hot” topic with the Developmental Disabilities Council.

Asset Building Committee: Wilma also shared that a committee will be formed to address asset building as a collaborative effort. She invited FCFC members interested in the topic to sign up for the committee.

Web-Site Development: PFS funds are also being used to support the redesign of the current FCFC website as a way to improve the current site and as a way to mobilize the PFS reports and updates to the community. If anyone has any input or expertise they can contact Wilma.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION:

Dave Hannahs announced that PICCA is taking referrals for the YouthBuild program that serves 16-24 year olds without a high school diploma. Call Beth Barnes at PICCA for the June 4th Class Session.

Katherine Robb announced that summer GED classes will be held at the YMCA in order to provide childcare. The library is also partnering to provide storytime.

Randy Beach discussed ways to bring business and social services together and possibly the Office of Economic Development.

There will not be a July meeting because of the FCFC Retreat in June. Next meeting is September 20, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

Scott Trobough moved and Pam Hively seconded the motion to adjourn.

Submitted by Debbie Hoffman (for Rojanne Woodward)