

**WAYNE CO FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 5, 2007**

Present: John Tooley, Wayne Co. MR/DD
Ann Obrecht, Wayne Co. Commissioner
William Mateer, Wayne Co. MH&R Board
Karen Galloway, 21st Century/CFHS
Cherie Graham, Parent Representative
Randall Muth, Wayne Co. Children Services Board
Jeff Anderson, Department of Youth Services
Bob Hurdle, Catholic Charities of Wayne Co.
Richard Owens, Wayne Co. Dept. of Job & Family Services
Robert Zeh, Your Human Resource Center
Cameron Maneese, Council Coordinator
Eugene R. Linton, Tri County ESC
Suzie Huse, Help Me Grow
Helen Meyers, Orrville Area United Way/Orrville Turning Point Coalition
Gary Porter, Christian Children's Home of Ohio
Mary West, The Salvation Army
Dan Good, Wooster City Schools
Brenda Linnick, United Way of Wayne-Holmes Cos.
Susan Buchwalter, The Counseling Center
Bobbi Douglas, STEPS and Every Woman's House
Mary Mertic, Parent Representative
Melinda Hill, OSU Extension Office
Polly Baker, Parent Representative
Carla Unkefer, Wayne/Medina Community Action
Raymond Leisy, Wayne Co. Juvenile Court
Bonnie Sander, Even Start
Greg Lubelski, Wayne Co. Public Library
Tamela Spotts, Service Coordinator
Helen Meyers, Orrville United Way/Turning Point Coalition

Guests: Melody Snure, Gault Family Learning Center
Chris Kick, The Daily Record
Sandy Grasman, Alice Noble Ice Arena
Susan Varnes, Wayne Co. Health Department
Trish Huffman, Wooster YMCA
Gary Baldwin, Alice Noble Ice Arena
Kathy Niswander, Unison Health Plan

The meeting was held at the Kinney Building located at 2534 Burbank Rd., Wooster, Ohio. The Vice Chair, Helen Meyers, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. due to the absence of the Chairperson.

Introductions were made.

MINUTES

Tooley made the motion seconded by Obrecht that the Minutes of the February 5, 2007 meeting be approved as submitted. Motion approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Meyers reported:

- ✓ The committee discussed the Help Me Grow RFP process and noted that the Resource Management Committee will be reviewing these on March 22nd and make a recommendation to the full Council at the April meeting.

Resource Management – Meyers reported:

- ✓ The programs funded by the Children's Trust fund will be making presentations later in the meeting and a resolution will be presented for the Council's consideration after those reports.
- ✓ The RFP's for the FY08 Help Me Grow Program have been distributed and will be reviewed later in the month with a recommendation for the Council at the April meeting.
- ✓ Reviewed the 21st Century grant.
- ✓ Discussed compliance issues that have come up regarding the Help Me Grow grant. These were not relayed until we were well into the year. Action has been taken to address this.

Planning Committee – Maneese reported:

- ✓ A small workgroup continues to work on developing a youth asset survey. They continue to consult with a resource person from the College of Wooster and the Center for Learning Excellence. A survey out of Oklahoma as been located and we are looking at implementing this in Wayne co. They are also looking at the possibility of making this a web based survey.
- ✓ Looking at using indicators that are aligned with the programs the Council is responsible for overseeing.

Communications – Hill reported:

- ✓ Smedley is looking at putting together a call-in radio show.
- ✓ The web site is up and working but updates are needed. We are currently looking for someone to take on this responsibility. Possibly a staff member at one of our member agencies.
- ✓ The brochure has been reviewed by focus groups and will be reviewed by two other groups over the next month. Results will be reviewed by Communications and the brochure will move on to printing after this process.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mateer reported on the ABC carryover from FY06 (see March 5, 2007 Resource Management Committee Minutes for more information).

Mateer made the motion seconded by Tooley that the financial report as of January 31, 2007 be accepted as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Maneese reported:

- ✓ HB289 – we are still working on drilling down the indicators to a more manageable number.
- ✓ Changes are still being made to the Council Bylaws. These will be discussed again at Executive Committee. There has been discussion regarding designation of committee Chairs, whether this is the department head or a staff member of the agency. Further discussion will take place at the next Executive Committee.
- ✓ Need to designate the Administrative Agent for the Council.

Tooley made the motion seconded by Obrecht that the Mental Health & Recovery Board of Wayne-Holmes Counties be designated as the Administrative Agency for the Wayne Co. Family & Children First Council for FY08. Motion passed unanimously.

HELP ME GROW

Huse reported:

- ✓ Distributed the January report. We are currently not staffed to reach the base target set by the State.
- ✓ See March 5, 2007 Resource Management Committee Minutes for additional information on State target and outcomes to be reported to Council.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Good reported:

- ✓ The Ohio Graduation tests will be given in all districts next week.
- ✓ Reported on what variables are considered to determine whether to close schools due to inclement weather.

Linton reported:

- ✓ Working on an after school program that will help students make up credits they are deficient in.
- ✓ Some districts would like to be in touch with students who are home schooled in order to make transition to public school much smoother if this should occur later on in the youth's education.
- ✓ Dual credit opportunities will be offered to students. This will allow students to earn high school and college credits during the summer. High school teachers are being accredited at Wayne College to teach college courses. A pilot program will be offered this summer.
- ✓ The Alternative Education program is not currently equipped to handle 11th and 12th grade students, as well as Special Ed students. Currently looking at how the needs of these students can be met.

Owens reported:

- ✓ Job and Family Service departments will be holding regional meetings with legislators to discuss the budget. Wayne County will be part of the meeting being held in Ashland after this month.

CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES (CFHS)

Galloway reported the RFP is out. We will be allowed to apply for funds up to our current funding level of \$111,360. These are due to the State by April 9th.

21st CENTURY GRANT

Galloway reported:

- ✓ We are in the final year of the grant for Northwest, Rittman and the Opportunity School. All three sites are looking at sustainability plans and have come up with other ways to keep at least part of their programs in place.
- ✓ We will begin the third year for the Shreve and West Holmes grant.

Maneese reported she attended the bidders' conference for the 21st Century grant. Grants are to be used to fund three buildings. Applications are due April 15th.

CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

Maneese reported that Trish Huffman was here from the YMCA and Sandy Grasman and Gary Baldwin were here from the Alice Noble Ice Arena. These are the two programs that are funded by this grant. They will be reporting on the programs they provide.

Huffman reported:

- ✓ Kids are served at The Spot from age 10 through high school.
- ✓ Not just a drop in center. Mentoring, tutoring and club opportunities are offered.
- ✓ Currently at 85% of their goal.
- ✓ 17,586 hours of programming have been provided.
- ✓ Working on addressing areas where they see additional services are needed based on their development asset check list.
- ✓ Will pilot the Youth Asset Survey at the SPOT for the planning process.

Baldwin reported:

- ✓ Served 54 children last year and served 89 to date this year.
- ✓ 74% of the children served are on free and reduced lunch – 26% are full pay.
- ✓ Children spend an hour on the ice four days a week, provided a healthy snack/meal, must do one hour of homework and if have no homework must read for at least 15 minutes.
- ✓ Goals of the program include keeping children active, offer a safe environment, help children learn to interact with peers, help children learn new skills.
- ✓ Teachers and counselors are recommending the program to students.
- ✓ Funding from the Noble Foundation allows the program to continue through the summer.

After some discussion West made the motion seconded by Unkefer that the Children's Trust Fund grant be used to fund The Spot and the Noble Kids programs for one additional year, July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Open Forum

- ✓ Hill reported that OSU Extension has a grant to present nutritional program in the community.
- ✓ West is working with Frito Lay to once again provide chips to the local community. Frito Lay has begun to distribute these through the Akron and Cleveland Food banks, leaving a much smaller share for local distribution.
- ✓ Graham reported the Northeast Ohio Parent representative meeting will be held April 2nd.
- ✓ Snure reported the 0-5 committee will be discussing whether to add a prenatal issue to the Growing Years Newsletter.
- ✓ Linton reported there will be an informational meeting at Wooster High School regarding anew proposed constitutional amend for a new way to fund schools other than property tax.
- ✓ Mateer reported a meeting will be held at Fisher Auditorium regarding the addition of Aged, Blind and Disabled to the Medicaid Managed care program.
- ✓ Douglas reported there is a HBO section on addiction that will be aired on March 17th.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Meyers, Vice Chair