

**WAYNE CO FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
September 11, 2006**

**Present:** John Tooley, Wayne Co. MR/DD  
Ann Obrecht, Wayne Co. Commissioner  
William Mateer, Wayne Co. MH&R Board  
Rob Johnston, Wooster YMCA/City of Wooster  
Carla Unkefer, Community Action Wayne-Medina  
Karen Galloway, 21<sup>st</sup> Century/CFHS  
Cherie Graham, Parent Representative  
Mary Mertic, Parent Representative  
Robin Troyer, Wayne Co. Children Services Board  
Sylvia Upp, PFS  
Jeff Anderson, Department of Youth Services  
Bobbi Douglas, STEPS/Every Woman's House  
Susan Buchwalter, The Counseling Center  
Bob Hurdle, Catholic Charities of Wayne Co.  
Sue Steingass, Wayne Co. Dept. of Job & Family Services  
Ellen Stark, Your Human Resource Center  
Greg Lubelski, Wayne Co. Public Library  
Cameron Maneese, Council Coordinator

**Guests:** Chris Glick, The Daily Record  
Wayne Girbach, Transitions Program  
Robert Smedley, Wayne Co. MH&R Board  
Lynn Moomaw, Wayne Co. Career Center  
Diane Lorenzo, Akron University  
Karen Frimel, Wooster City Schools

The meeting was held at the Kinney Building located at 2534 Burbank Rd., Wooster, Ohio. The Chairperson, John Tooley, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

**MINUTES**

**Obrecht made the motion seconded by Mateer that the Minutes of the July 10, 2006 meeting be approved as written.** Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Executive Committee** - Tooley reported on the committee's last meeting. Minutes were distributed and the committee had no resolutions for the Council's consideration.

**Resource & Grants Management** - Johnston reported on the committee's September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting of the committee:

- They reviewed the budgets for the FY07 grants.

- Reported that the Council will be eligible to apply for an additional \$7,500 from the State Council for planning purposes associated with HB 289.
- The Council will be receiving an additional \$11,000 in ABC funds and it was the committee's recommendation that the Diversion Team determine how these additional funds will be distributed.
- The Council will also receive an additional \$3,000 in FAST 07 funds as the MH&R Board has chosen not to take the administrative fee in FY07.

**Planning Committee** - Maneese reviewed the Minutes from the July 19, 2006 meeting of the committee.

### **HELP ME GROW**

Tooley reported that Holly Brugh resigned her position as the Help Me Grow Coordinator. A committee was put together to find a replacement. The committee is recommending that Suzanne Huse become the new Help Me Grow Coordinator.

**Mateer made the motion seconded by Johnston that the Wayne Co. Family and Children First Council accept the recommendation of the Search Committee and hire Suzanne Huse as the new Help Me Grow Coordinator.** Motion carried.

### **COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Maneese reported:

- Introduced Karen Galloway, the new 21<sup>st</sup> Century/CFHS Grant Coordinator.
- Will be attending a technical workshop tomorrow along with Upp and Unkefer on HB 289 to learn how we can draw down the \$7,500.
- Has the Memorandum of Understandings for the Holmes-Wayne-Tuscarawas Transportation grant application that members need to sign. Last year the program transported 25-35,000 persons in Wayne Co. The MOU's need to be signed as part of the grant and does not commit any of the agencies to using the services.
- Has Service Coordination Brochures that the State developed for anyone interested in taking some back to their agencies for distribution. Also has a pamphlet on Children's Rights for members to take. She will also be asking the library to distribute these.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Mateer made the motion seconded by Unkefer that the June 30, 2006 Financial Report (Before Closing) be approved as submitted.** Motion carried.

Mateer reported that the CY05 audit has been completed and it was a clean audit. He will be sharing the written report at the next meeting of the Executive Committee if it is available.

He also reported that the MH&R Board has received permission from the State Auditor's office to change their official audit year from a calendar year to a fiscal year and as fiscal agent for the Council it will also be changed to a fiscal year.

### **SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

- Frimel reported that the Wooster City Schools appreciated all the work that went into the ODE/TANF grant.

Maneese reported the summer program received \$246,930 and the after school program received \$207,689. These funds were distributed to all the districts in Wayne Co. including the Career Center. Funds from the summer program that could not be used within the time frame will be allowed to be carried over for the after school programs.

Obrecht commended the persons who worked on the grant and the fact that we worked collaboratively so everyone could benefit. In some counties school districts did not and some schools were not successful in receiving the grant.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Maneese reported that Graham attended the State's Internet Safety training along with Larry Strasbaugh from the Sheriff's Department. Graham was very pleased with the training. Maneese announced that at some future meeting there will be a presentation on this program, which is a collaborative work in Wayne Co. with the Sheriff's Department and Wooster City Schools.
- Steingass reported that the Wayne Co. will be among the first group of counties to transition child and family Medicaid cases to managed care. There are three providers that clients can sign up with. All clients will now receive plastic Medicaid cards but with this new system other agencies will not be able to tell whether a person has retained eligibility. Steingass will email Maneese with the name of the three managed care providers that clients are to choose from based on who their physician is and what medications they are currently taken. She will also include the number of the third party which clients need to call to sign up for a plan, this cannot be done directly through the managed care firms.

Mateer noted the transfer to managed care may have an impact on the clients with mental health issues, as some of the medications they use may not be covered by certain managed care firms.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mertic reported there will be several parent meetings taking place in September which she and/or Graham will be attending.
- Douglas reported that STEPS is sponsoring a non-alcohol after hours on Friday in their parking lot from 4-7:30.
- Maneese reported that the car safety seat program will continue in Wayne County through Community Action and Help Me Grow.

- Stark reported that the free in-service trainings will begin on September 21<sup>st</sup>. These will be held the third Thursday of every month at the Salvation Army and free CEU's are available.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Tooley, Chairperson