

REGULAR MEETING
WILLIAMS COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
September 24, 2008

The Williams County Family and Children First Council met on September 24, 2008 in the Meeting Room at Season's Coffee and Bistro.

The meeting was called to order by Les McCaslin at 12:15 p.m.

Members Present Dr. Jeff Woolum – Bryan Area Ministerial Assn.; Trudy Day – Bryan City Rep.; Diana Savage – Superintendent, Bryan City Schools; Cheryl Robbins – CCFA; Melissa Rupp – Council Director; Pheobie Hanover – First Call For Help; LesMcCaslin – 4 County ADAMhs Board; Kathy Short – Four County Family Center; Ed DeMain – Ohio Dept. of Youth Services; Marilyn Sachs – OSU Extension Office; Bruce Abell – Superintendent, Wms Co Board of MR/DD; Jim Watkins – Wms Co Combined Health Dept. & Heath Commissioner; Brian Davis – Wms Co Commissioner; Susan Jackson – Wms Co Dept. of Job and Family Services; Kathy Nern – Wms Co Juvenile Probation; Linda Taylor – Victim's Assistance; Connie Allgire – Women & Family Services; Karen Hauck – TWIGS Chairperson/ECCC; Dennis Myers – Wms Co Bd of MrR/DD – HMG Project Director; Tammy Segrist – Wmc Co Service Coordinator, FCFC and Tracey Haygood – YWCA Child Care Resource and Referral.

Introductions Melissa introduced Jennifer Dietsch, Wms Co Commissioners, Assistant Clerk who will be taking minutes for Family and Children First Council; Tracey Haygood, YWCA Child Care Research and Referral; Kathy Nern, Juvenile Court Administrator; Diana Savage, Bryan City Schools Superintendent; Bruce Abell, Superintendent for Wms Co Bd of MR/DD. Ms. Savage & Mr. Abell are mandated members.

Minutes from the July 30, 2008 meeting were reviewed and a Motion to Approve was made by Brian Davis; Seconded by Karen Hauck and Accepted by everyone.

Financial Report was reviewed by Brian Davis mentioning that an appropriation will have to be done to maintain the Coordinator at 32 hours per week until the end of the year. This funding had been received, but was not available at the time of budget development. A Motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Jim Watkins and Seconded by Connie Allgire Accepted by everyone.

Help Me Grow Program was updated by Dennis Myers. The annual budget is \$238,346.00 with \$215,241 from State funding and \$23,105 from Local funding. The number of At-Risk children currently being serviced is 57 (the State established target is 61). The number of Part C children currently being served is 61 (the State established target is 37). The Program is averaging 16.5 referrals per month.

Early Childhood Screenings are scheduled for October 6, 2008 and October 20, 2008 at the Enrichment Center. The times are from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. each day for children birth through age five.

HB 289 was discussed by Melissa Rupp. The Mental Health Initiative: Families & Schools Together may be expanded to a fourth school this year. Funding is already secured through grants.

Williams County Fair, Literacy Project Report was given by Melissa Rupp. There were 15 volunteers, 17 readers and approximately 200 books given out to children that visited. The books were donations from United Way or books that were purchased previously.

2009 Budget was presented to the Council by Melissa Rupp. In her explanations of numbers through out the projected budget for FY2009 she indicated that the budget for FY2008 was short \$7,000. She also presented a contribution sheet with 2008 contributions. The discussion was tabled to executive committee to complete the budget for submission by October 3, 2008.

2009 Health Assessment Planning was presented to the Council by Jim Watkins. Through discussion it was determined that by the next meeting that Jim will have an update regarding money from the hospital and other contributions.

ESCORE was pulled in August, 2008 due to ownership and contractual issues. A new approach has been made to look at Sonit and three other models. That presentation will be made to the State on October 23, 2008.

Calendar 2009 was presented and reviewed. A Motion to approve the 2009 calendar was made by Jim Watkins and Seconded by Brian Davis Accepted by everyone.

Retreat Planning was discussed and a temporary committee made up of Melissa Rupp, Les McCaslin and Susan Jackson was developed.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 12:15 p.m. as Season's Coffee & Bistro.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Motion made by Jim Watkins

Seconded by Brian Davis

Respectfully submitted by:
Jennifer M. Dietsch, Assistant Clerk
Commissioners' Office