

REGULAR MEETING
WILLIAMS COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
November 19, 2008

The Williams County Family and Children First Council met on November 19, 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 Kathleen Ewonus, Family Representative; Steve Fireovid, Family Representative; Jeff Woolum, Bryan Area Ministerial Assn.; Trudy Day, Bryan City Representative; Diana Savage Bryan City Schools; Cheryl Robbins, CCFA; Melissa J. Rupp, Council Director; Les McCaslin, Four County ADAMhs Bd; Kathy Short, Four County Family Center; Kayren Woolum, Head Start Representative; Ed DeMain, Ohio Dept. of Youth Services; Marilyn Sachs, OSU Extension; Jim Watkins, Wms Co Combined Health Dept.; Brian Davis, Wms. Co Commissioner; Kathy Nern, Wms Co Juvenile Probations; Edwina Phillips, Women & Family Services, Inc.; Kerri Gearhart, NWOESC; Dennis Myers, Wms Co Bd of MR/DD – HMG Project Director; Chris Malagna, United Way of Wms Co; Tammy Segrist, Wms Co Service Coordinator; Tracey Haygood, YWCA Child Care Resource & Referral; Stephanie Cullis, Four County Family Ctr; Becki Snyder, Wms Co Health Dept.

Minutes from the September 24, 2008 meeting were reviewed and a Motion to Approve was made by Brian Davis; Seconded by Jim Watkins and Accepted by everyone.

Financial Report was reviewed by Brian Davis mentioning that the Board was short \$7,000 for the upcoming 2009 calendar year. A Motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Cheryl Robbins and Seconded by Karyn Woolum and Accepted by everyone.

Help Me Grow Program was updated by Dennis Myers. The number of At-Risk children currently being serviced is 56 (the State established target is 61). The number of Part C children currently being served is 64 (the State established target is 37). The Program is averaging 20.2 referrals per month.

Early Childhood Screenings were held on October 6, 2008 and October 20, 2008 at the Enrichment Center. 47 children were screened with 10 (21%) referred on for further evaluation. The referrals is higher than past screenings

Nikki Herold was hired as the new Family Support Specialist and will be working with Michelle Egler. Nikki's main role will be planning group training opportunities for the parents while their children are attending play groups.

2009 Budget was presented to the Council by Melissa Rupp. In her explanations of numbers through out the projected budget for CY2009 there would be a shortfall of approximately \$7,000. Discussion was held regarding the last raise that Melissa received – at the beginning of CY2008 with a 2.7% raise. Discussion was also held regarding the telephone, contract services and requesting “dues” from Council members. Mr. Brian Davis moved to support the collection of council dues in the amount of \$500.00 from each member, seconded by Kayren Woolum, and Accepted by all with Jim Watkins Abstaining.

2009 Slate of Officers

Kathy Short moved to accept the Nominations as presented, seconded by Marilyn Sachs and Accepted by all. The Nominations are:

Les McCaslin – Past President
Jim Watkins – Current President
Kayren Woolum – Vice President
Kathleen Ewonus - Parent Representative
Brian Davis – Financial Representative
Diana Savage – Member At Large

Help Me Grow: State Changes & Updates were presented by Melissa Rupp.

Service Coordination/Wrap Around Funding opportunity was presented by Kathy Nern. Kathy discussed the Service Coordinator Contract for Juvenile Court, Job & Family Services and Family & Children First Council working together could sustain the position. She discussed entering into a Memorandum of Understanding. A motion was made by Kayren Woolum for Council to engage in the Memorandum of Understanding with Juvenile Court and Job & Family Services, seconded by Brian Davis and Accepted by all with Kathy Short Abstaining.

Request for Full Membership was requested by the YWCA. Kathy Short moved to give Tracey Haygood, YWCA Child Care Resource & Referral full membership with voting rights, seconded by Jim Watkins and Accepted by all.

Melissa introduced Trish Frazzini, Wyandot County Family & Children First Council Director and the meeting proceeded to the compression planning.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at 12:15 p.m. as Season's Coffee & Bistro.

Respectfully submitted by:
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Commissioners' Office