

Williams County Family & Children First Council

Regular Council Meeting

January 23, 2008

12:15 p.m. Season's Bistro Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Jim Watkins at 12:20 p.m. Introductions were made with 18 persons present, including 11 mandated/voting members and 7 staff, project personnel and guests.

Minutes were reviewed from the November 2007 Meeting. Kayren moved to accept as written, Kathleen seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Finance reports were not available at the time of the meeting. Melissa said she would email when they were available.

Clinical Committee meets monthly and Tammy Segrist reported on the number of kids in each level of Service Coordination. Currently all families with wrap teams have been entered in the new ESCORE platform.

Help Me Grow Report was not available.

Executive Committee: Jim Watkins reported on the December Executive committee meeting which focused on the feasibility of the coordinator's hours being maintained at 32 hours/week through Calendar year 2008. Melissa reported to the Executive Committee that invoices had been sent to all voting members, mandated and at-large. Pam C commented that invoices should be resent to those agencies that had not yet responded to the letter and invoice. Melissa agreed to do that.

Old Business:

HB 289 Outcomes Guidance is not yet available, and the Director will be trained when the guidance is finalized. The standing committee for HB 289 will work on this report which will be due July 1, 2008. Melissa will contact the committee upon finalization of the guidance.

ESCORE Program Update and desired outcomes: Three persons were trained in the ESCORE web-based data platform, Tammy Segrist, Kathleen Ewonus, and Melissa Rupp. Currently Tammy has entered all the WA caseload into the system. Tammy and Melissa are working with the developers at OSU to accurately reflect the work being done in the county. The ESCORE planning report was distributed.

Update on Member Contribution for 2008: Jim W reported as part of Executive. Melissa commented that 3 agencies contacted the FCF Office to say they would be unable to participate. She has currently received contributions from 6 members. Two of which gave beyond the requested contribution of \$500. Pam requested the Melissa resend to all agencies not paid to date and also to extend the mailing to all school districts. Melissa said she would communicate with Pam on how to work with the non-council school districts.

Recap of the First Lady Visit, December 7, 2007: Teresa Reed-McGlashan spoke briefly about the comments compiled from the visit. She noted that the comments given at our meeting confirmed and supported many of the same issues in Defiance County. The multi-county initiative that is forming in the extreme northwest has been noticed by the state offices and the First Lady. Teresa said that she would email the comments to Melissa to forward to the council. She is requesting that the council members review the document then forward comments back to Melissa for compilation.

[New Business](#)

RFP for Children's Trust Fund: Melissa announced a tentative date for a bidder's conference of January 31, 2008 pending the outcome of the Regional meeting that will provide training on the CTF process for this year. (The bidder's meeting was cancelled due to state requirements being more extensive than anticipated. A bidder's conference will be rescheduled when planning is completed)

RFP for Help Me Grow: Dennis M was unable to attend the meeting. A final decision on how the RFP will be presented is pending decisions of the HMG Steering Team. Most likely an RFP for HMG services will be available mid to late February 2008. The HMG grant is due mid to late April.

Regional Teen Day 2008: Melissa announced that the fourth annual RTD will be held on April 25 at NWSCC. Anyone interested in being involved on this day please contact Melissa.

BH/JJ Grant: The Behavioral Health/Juvenile Justice Grant awards were released this morning and Williams County did not receive the funding. Montgomery and Cuyahoga Counties were funded for expansion and Butler was given new funding. \$150K was not allocated and may be re-released.

[Agency sharing & announcements](#)

1. Kathy Short announced that the Middle School FAST is now complete at North Central. 24 youth and 10 families participated.
2. Beth Schweitzer updated the council on the Teen Preg Prevention Project. She is meeting with interested persons and building a coalition. The next meeting is Thursday, February 21, 2008 at Wesley United Methodist Church. Call Beth for details: 419-485-3141. May is Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month.
3. Kayren shared that a new opportunity was coming to northwest Ohio through a mobile site offering Prescription Drug assistance. The mobile unit is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2008 from 10 to 2 at NOCAC in Defiance. Kayren will email out the flyer when available.
4. Melissa distributed Children's Trust Fund Calendars to those interested. If anyone wants more calendars please contact Melissa.
5. Chris Malanga of United Way reported that 875 children are currently being served through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program. This is for children 0-5. If you know of anyone that would benefit from this program have them contact the United Way. He also mentioned the Prescription Program cards they have available for reduced cost prescription medications for the un-insured.

6. The United Way campaign for Williams County is only \$4000 from their goal. Thursday, January 24, 2008 is Dairy Queen Blizzard Day. Each Blizzard purchased gives money back to the United Way.
7. Chris Malanga announced the Ohio Benefit Bank opportunity. He is recruiting volunteers to work with individuals on a web-based tax preparation system and program entry. The program is open to all persons with an income of \$52,000 or less. There will be two ½ day trainings for the counselors. Contact Chris at the United Way to become involved.
8. Denise from the YMCA of Toledo announced their Special Needs Children Conference to be held on March 15, 2008 in Toledo. She will forward a flyer to Melissa for distribution. The YMCA Child Care Resource and Referral serves a 16 county area. She also mentioned the opportunity to nominate someone for excellence in being a Child Care Provider through the WGTE television station.
9. Jim Watkins announced the “Friends for a Healthy Future” guided educational tours of the Health Department. The Tours last precisely one hour and provide an in depth look at all the service areas of the Health Department. The next tour is scheduled for February 7, 2008. For future dates, contact Jim at 419-485-3141.
10. Melissa reminded Council Members to continue collecting Pop Tabs and to let her know when their bucket is full. In 2007 more than 200 pounds of tabs were collected for the Ronald McDonald House.
11. March of Dimes, March for Babies is being held on April 26, 2008 at the Imagination Station. Call Melissa for details: 419-636-9348

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2008 from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. at Season's Bistro in Bryan.

Adjourn was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.