

REGULAR MEETING
WILLIAMS COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
March 24, 2010

The Williams County Family and Children First Council met on March 24, 2010 in the Meeting Room at Season's Coffee and Bistro.

The meeting was called to order by Diana Savage at 12:17 p.m.

Members Present

Kathleen Ewonus, Family Representative;
Jeff Woolum, Bryan Area Ministerial Assn;
Diana Savage, Bryan City Schools, Super;
Cheryl Robbins, CCFA;
Melissa J. Rupp, Council Director;
Pheobie Hanover, First Call for Help;
Les McCaslin, 4 County ADAMhS Board;
Kathy Short, Four County Family Center;
Nate Johnson, Stryker Schools, Super;
Ed DeMain, Ohio Dept of Youth Services;
Jim Watkins, Wms Co Combined Health Dept;
Susan Jackson, Wms Co Dept J&FS;

Kathy Nern, Wms Co Juvenile Probation;
Kerri Gearhart, NWOESC;
Tracey Haygood, YWCA Child Care Resource & Referral;
Chris Malanga, United Way of Wms Co;
Jeff Dick, OSU Extension Office;
Connie Planson, Director MVGC;
Tammy Segrist, Wms Co Service Coordinator, FCFC;
Elizabeth Rodriguez, FCF Intern;
Zac Shoup, First Call for Help Intern; and
Jennifer Smeltzer, Big Brothers & Big Sisters

Also in attendance, Jennifer Dietsch, Assistant Clerk, Commissioners' Office for record taking

Minutes from the January 27, 2010 meeting were reviewed and a Motion to Approve was made by Les McCaslin; Seconded by Jim Watkins and Accepted by everyone.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Financial Report was reviewed by Diana Savage. A Motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Nate Johnson and Seconded by Chris Malagna and Accepted by everyone.

Clinical was reviewed by Tammy Segrist. Currently 27 children in 24 families are being served. Three (3) of those children are also be assisted by Ed DeMain.

Help Me Grow Program report was presented by Melissa Rupp. There is an issue with the At-Risk children being served. There are currently only 31 which is five less than what is mandated. There are the lesser amount of children because of the reduction of funding. We are no longer permitted to include wrap around & Part C services.

The parent survey was also included in the report. The survey was conducted statewide of Part C families. The percentages of positive responses are very high, but we are unaware of the number of families participated in the parent survey.

RLF funding has been applied for & the Attorney General is involved.

Executive Council met in February and the Director's evaluation was completed. Melissa did a time study and the Executive Council moved to increase Melissa's hours to 35 hours per week and that increase has been approved by the Williams County Commissioners. The cost and increases do not show on this budget report but will be reflected in March's month ending report.

OLD BUSINESS

YRBS Survey results were presented at the Summit Breakfast on February 9, 2010. The survey will be presented at the Bryan Rotary. There is no since having the survey done if the results are not going to be shared. The survey is posed on the following web sites: Williams County Family & Children First; Williams County Health Department & Williams County United Way.

The Adult Assessment is being looked at being done as well. The Youth Survey is only one piece of the puzzle. There is \$10,500 needed yet to fund this assessment.

Justice Assistance Grant Notice was received of \$62,000 for training.

Training with CEUs this is a two (2) day training for RAD. It is scheduled for June 17 & 18, 2010. There are 12 CEUs available. Camp RADical is at full capacity.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrative Agent Designee Melissa presented a Memorandum from Angela Sausser Short from the Governors, Office regarding the Administrative Agent Designee for SFY 2011. A motion to not change the Administrative Agent and keep the Board of County Commissioners was made by Jeff Woolum; Seconded by Jim Watkins and Accepted by everyone.

Children's Trust Fund Mid Year Report was presented with the requests for funding; \$10,200 for FAST & \$4,000 for Loving Solutions. Both vendors met their requirements. A motion to approve & submit the report as presented was made by Nate Johnson; Seconded by Les McCaslin and Accepted by Everyone with Kathy Short abstaining.

HMG RFP need to extend contract for one year on funding that is through June, 2010. All details are the same. A motion to extend the contract was made by Tracey Haygood; Seconded by Kathy Short and Accepted by everyone.

Summit: is scheduled for April 13, 2010; August 31, 2010 & November 30, 2010 at Wesley United Methodist Church.

Announcements

There is a Guardianship workshop scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 2010 at the Williams County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Call 419-485-8331 for more information.

There is a workshop on domestic Violence & Abuse: Effects on Children & Treatment on Friday, April 16, 2010. Contact Alesia Yakos-Brown at Defiance College at 419-783-2425 for more information.

Volunteer Connection is now being handled by United Way. If you are looking for volunteers or are looking to volunteer please call Jennifer Creighton at 419-636-8603.

The Williams County Health Department now has Facebook, look them up.

There is an Autism Fair to be held at the NW Ohio Educational Center on Thursday April 29 from 6-8 pm & Friday April 30 from 9-11 am.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 12:15 p.m. as Season's Coffee & Bistro.

