

Kent County  
**Family & Children's**  
Coordinating Council



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**KCFCCC Meeting Minutes**

September 12, 2006, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

MSU Extension

775 Ball Avenue NE – Grand Rapids

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**Members/Alternates Present:** Susan Broman, Tony Campbell, Candace Cowling, Sandra Davis (for Tom Czerwinski) Lynne Ferrell, Jack Greenfield, Lynn Heemstra, Debra Holmes-Garrison, Jackie Klinestecker (for Paul Ippel), Wendy Lewis Jackson, Sharon Loughridge, Carol Paine-McGovern, Cathy Raevsky, Diana Sieger, Patti Warmington, Mike Weiler, Mary Alice Williams  
Andy Zylstra

**Members Absent:** Bev Drake, William Forsyth, Judge Patrick Hillary, Arlen-Dean Gaddy, Paul Ippel

**Guests:** Wayman Britt, Paul Haan, Rich Libertore, Matthew VanZetten, Randy Zylstra

**1. Welcome & Call to Order**

Carol Paine-McGovern welcomed everyone to the meeting. Carol noted that Bev Drake, Judge Hillary, and Paul Ippel notified Matthew VanZetten that they were not able to attend today's meeting.

A motion was made by Diana Sieger to accept the meeting agenda and the June 6, 2006 minutes. Sharon Loughridge supported. **UNANIMOUS**

**2. 'Get the Lead Out' Presentation**

Paine-McGovern welcomed Paul Haan from 'Get the Lead Out' (GTLO) to share about its efforts.

GTLO is a community partnership that focuses on reducing childhood lead poisoning in Kent County. Since its inception in 1999, GTLO and its partners have been able to significantly reduce lead poisoning in Kent County from 6.2% in 2000 to 2.5% in 2005. This has been accomplished through among other things \$9 million of home repairs to 365 homes, revising Grand Rapids Housing Code, and working in Lansing on policy change.

Recently, the partnership has noted slowed reductions in the number of children with lead poisoning. It's the belief of the partnership that the easy fixes have been accomplished and that now new strategies need to be brought to the table.

To do this, the partnership intends to promote the following agenda:

- Full integration with existing programs.
- Full coordination.
- Fully fund needed activities (shift to prevention).
- Test ALL at-risk 1 & 2 year olds.

- Impact secondary and tertiary target populations.
- Eliminate hazards in ALL housing (pre-1978).

### 3. **Prevention Initiative Action Requests**

Paine-McGovern notified members that the existing three year contracts for the Prevention Initiative are set to expire and that new contracts need to be executed. To do this, the KCFCCC is requested to approve Action Requests prior to their submittal to the Kent County Board of Commissioners.

A motion was made by Diana Sieger to submit Action Request to the Board of Commissioners for the following programs:

- Primary Prevention – Child & Family Resource Council [Healthy Start (\$600,000) and Bright Beginnings (\$200,000)]
- Perspective 21 – Kent County DHS [Early Impact (\$430,000)]
- Substance Abuse – network180 [Family Engagement Program (\$450,000)]

Susan Broman supported. **UNANIMOUS w/Mike Weiler, Candace Cowling, Andy Zylstra and Jackie Klinestecker abstaining.**

### 4. ***Children's Aid Society Community Schools Presentation & Kent School Services Update***

Wendy Lewis Jackson provided an update on the Kent School Services Network by sharing a short DVD regarding the concept of community schools. It was again pointed out that the collaboration between providers in this program is unprecedented. Matthew VanZetten distributed a funding and program update to the members.

### 5. **Early Childhood Planning Update**

Susan Broman noted that the early childhood planning update continues. One note of importance is that the State has provided an additional \$100,000 a year to permit the hiring a coordinator to support the effort. A full report is expected at the November KCFCCC meeting.

### 6. **Kent County Substance Abuse Prevention Plan Update**

Matthew VanZetten shared that the substance abuse prevention planning process continues. Community members are meeting two days a month to craft the plan. A funders update meeting will be held later this month to provide additional information regarding the expected outcomes of the plan.

### 7. **Public Comment**

There was none.

### 8. **Miscellaneous**

There was none.

### 9. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

**Next Council meeting:**

Tuesday, November 7, 2006, 12:00pm – 1:30pm  
MSU Extension Room B