

Kent County
Family & Children's
Coordinating Council



KCFCCC Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2008, 12:00pm – 1:30pm
MSU Extension Offices – Room B
775 Ball Avenue, NE

Members/Alternates Present: Judi Bosscher (for Patti Warmington), Susan Broman, Candace Cowling, Sandra Davis (for Tom Czerwinski), Kristen Gietzen, Jack Greenfield, Bob Haight, Lynn Heemstra, Paul Ippel, Ron Jimmerson (Cascade Engineering), Jackie Klinestecker, Kevin Kornaska, Sharon Loughridge, Carol Paine-McGovern, Cathy Raevsky, Marcia Rapp (for Diana Sieger), Andy Zylstra

Members Absent: Tom Czerwinski, Bev Drake, Lynne Ferrell, William Forsyth, Judge Patrick Hillary, Debra Holmes-Garrison, Diana Sieger,

Guests: Dona Abbot, Wayman Britt, Venesse Chandler, Diana Gibbs, Randy Zylstra

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Carol Paine-McGovern opened the meeting with a welcome and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

A motion was made by Paul Ippel to approve the September minutes. Sharon Loughridge supported. **UNANIMOUS.**

2. Community Agenda for America's Public Schools

Carol Paine-McGovern reviewed with the Council the memo written by Matthew VanZetten regarding the endorsement of the Community Agenda for America's Public Schools. In July, the KCFCCC Executive Committee approved the endorsement and is now asking the full council to endorse the Agenda with the intent that the endorsement be forwarded to the incoming County Board of Commissioners Chair for review and possible endorsement by the Board of Commissioners.

A motion was made by Sandra Davis to endorse the Community Agenda for America's Public Schools and forward the endorsement to the incoming County Board of Commissioners Chair with a recommendation that the Board of Commissioners review the Agenda and consider an Endorsement as well. Susan Broman supported. **UNANIMOUS**

3. Strong Family Safe Children Plan

Carol Paine-McGovern reviewed with the Council the memo written by Matthew VanZetten regarding funding from the Strong Family Safe Children dollars. Paine-McGovern noted that the

funding for SFSC is significantly down as it does not seem the State carried over the \$2 million in TANF funding it looked to do. As a result, the funding this year is less than previously received.

Key changes for 2008/09 include reduced funding for the Kinship programming due to a contracting challenge in Lansing and a significant reduction in Early Impact funding. However, DHS was able to find short-term funding to replace the cut funds. The next fiscal year looks to create additional challenges.

The recommended SFSC funding plan is as follows:

Kinship Program (Family Outreach Center) – \$57,452
Adoption Support Services (Adoptive Family Support Network) – \$31,600
Healthy Start (Health Department Assessment) – \$75,457
Healthy Start (CCWM – Home Visits) – \$31,600
Early Impact (LCFS) – \$89,049
KCFCCC (Misc.) – \$257

A motion was made by Paul Ippel to adopt the recommended SFSC funding plan. Cathy Raevsky supported. **UNANIMOUS**

4. **Prevention Initiative Update**

Carol Paine-McGovern shared that the Prevention Initiative has received a \$30,000 reduction from the County. On Friday, November 21 a funders meeting of all those entities that fund the Prevention Initiative programs will occur to discuss the best way to reduce this amount from the budget. An update will be provided at the January meeting.

5. **Youth Master Plan**

Carol Paine-McGovern shared that Jackie Klinestecker has agreed to co-chair a committee with Lynn Heemstra to determine the best way to connect with and coordinate efforts with the City's Youth Master Planning efforts.

In the short-term, they will be identifying members for the Committee while a formal charge for the work can be formalized. The recommendations provided by Karen Pittman during her meeting with the community will be taken into account.

6. **Public Comment**

There was none.

7. **Miscellaneous**

Andy Zylstra shared that bifurcation is underway and that Savator Selden-Johnson is the Interim Administrator of Children's Services for Kent County. He also shared that he will continue as the Director of Kent County DHS and oversee financial assistance. As a result of this, it is probably important to review which one of the two of them should remain on the Council.

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Next Council meeting: Tuesday, January 6, 2009, 12:00pm – 1:30pm
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