

**GREENE COUNTY FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST
FULL COUNCIL**

**MINUTES
MAY 4, 2009**

PRESENT:

NAME	ORGANIZATION
BILL VOSKUH	PROGRAM DIRECTOR - GC JUVENILE COURT
SUE GIGA	DIRECTOR, GC FCF
KATHY GORBY*	CORS-XENIA AREA COORDINATOR & SITE SUPERVISOR
JASON ROUSH	CORP COMPLIANCE OFFICER - TCN
BETH RUBIN*	DIRECTOR - GCDJFS
RENEE LAMMERS	INTERSYSTEM COORDINATOR-FCF-FAMILY STABILITY
PAM HAMER*	FCF-HMG-REP ECCC
MARK MCDONNELL*	HEALTH COMMISSIONER- GCCHD
LINDA BUTLER	PRESIDENT -BUTLER CONSULTING
KENT YOUNGMAN*	CEO - GC MHRB
GRETA JONES	PARENT REP
RHONDA REAGH*	EXE. DIRECTOR – GC CSB
SUSAN LOPEZ	FCF – BELLBROOK/SUGARCREEK FRC
TERRY THOMAS*	SUPERINTENDENT-GCESC
MEG GILLIS*	DIRECTOR - GC UNITED WAY
PAMELA HARRIS*	PARENT REPRESENTATIVE
JOHN MARTIN	COURT ADMINISTRATOR - GC DR COURT
FRAN MILLER	XENIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
RICH SCHULTZE	GC GREENE CATS
KENT YOUNGMAN*	GCMHRB
PENNY M. JOHNSON	AMERICAN RED CROSS
DENNY MORRISON*	SUPERINTENDENT, BEAVERCREEK SCHOOLS
HOWARD POSTON*	ADMINISTRATOR, GC BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DONNA SIZEMORE	DIRECTOR, GC FVPC
LIBBY NICHOLSON	MICHAEL’S HOUSE/CHILDREN’S MEDICAL CENTER
KATE LEVESCONTE	OSTERLEIN SERVICES FOR YOUTH
PENNY ZIMMERMAN	OSTERLEIN SERVICES FOR YOUTH
LINDA WAREHIME	FCF – ADMIN SUPPORT TECH

*** Mandated Members**

The meeting was called to order by Kent Youngman @ 9:06 a.m. and he thanked everyone for coming. Introductions were made. Minutes from the February 2009 Full Council meeting were reviewed. As there were no additions or corrections, a motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Meg Gillis, seconded by Linda Butler and was passed without exception.

MAY 2009 PROGRAM REPORT

Everyone had reviewed the Program Report previously sent in the mail out prior to the meeting. Ms. Lammers advised that the Bergamo Conference scheduled for 5/14/09 is full. There are 119 people scheduled to attend. We are still in need of door prizes which can be brought to Bergamo on that day. Susan Lopez reported that the *Within My Reach* program had been held in Bellbrook again and was successful. This program is geared toward women to help them make wise choices in relationships. There is some worry that funding will not be available to continue the program. Ms. Lammers advised that Family Stability has 100+ meetings per year. Shared Youth Placement is increasing slightly, but CSB is doing more residential placements. Ms. Hamer reported that HMG Part C eligibility is now proposing to change to higher 25% delay (which has changed since Program Report was completed). There was some further general discussion. As there were no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Linda Butler to accept the Program Report as presented, seconded by Rhonda Reagh and the motion was passed without exception.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Steering Committee - Under Committee Reports, Ms. Giga reported that the *Incredible Years Grant* application had been submitted on time by 4/23. There were lots of components in the Grant. The focus of the Grant will be on parents in Fairborn with children 3-6 years of age. Ginger Smith and Pam Hamer will be involved. The Grant is for \$20,000 for up to four years. Ms. Giga does not know when we will know if we will get the Grant.

Ms. Giga reminded everyone that Full Council will meet on 6/22 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Media Room on Ledbetter Road. The meeting is a little different structure from the normal meeting.

Audit/Finance Committee - Ms. Rubin advised that the Audit/Finance Committee had met earlier today to review the January-March 2009 Fiscal Report, the January-March Administrative Costs and Expense Allocations, and the FCFC Admin Actual Costs for January-March 2009. Expenses to revenues are good, except for FAST expenses which should pick up in the 2nd quarter. SFY 2010 funds from the State for HMG were only slightly cut (14%) which is less than anticipated. The audit is nearing completion and the State is keeping expense down for the audit. The committee recommended approval of reports to the Steering Committee (with the exception of the Admin Actual Costs which need some adjustments and will be presented to the Steering Committee in June). The SFY 09 Grant Spend Out Reports for HMG through March 2009 (which is $\frac{3}{4}$ of the fiscal year) was also reviewed for information purposes and did not call for a vote.

A BETTER CHILDHOOD-ECCC (MS. PAM HAMER):

Ms. Hamer advised that the ECCC last met on March 10. There was a presentation from Joyce Rickels on *Childhood Obesity*. The next meeting will be on May 12 and there will be a presentation on *Lead*.

Ms. Gorby reported that the “*Daddy and Me*” carnival held on May 2 was a success. There were 96 adults (57 dads) and 150 kids that attended. Attendance was steady all day long. Horseback riding was a great venture that everyone enjoyed. There was a small problem with entrances being blocked off because of motorcycle training which has been moved from Ledbetter Road, but all in all the day was very successful.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (MS JONES):

Ms. Jones reported that the committee last met in March. Ms. Lammers updated everyone on the Bergamo Conference and Ms. Giga updated the group regarding fiscal reductions, program changes, and the Council Admin budget.

OCTF APPLICATION AND PLAN FOR SFY10 (MS. GIGA):

Ms. Giga advised that the OCTF Allocation for SFY 2010 will be the same as last year-\$44,605. The Core Planning Team, after reviewing SFY09’s plan, recommended to and was approved by the Steering Committee to make no changes in SFY10 to current programming, Parents as Teachers. The next meeting with the Core Group will focus on preparing for the end of year SFY 09 report. The question was asked as to who is on the Core Group. They are as follows: Alice Maddox, GCCSB, Jason Roush, TCN, Leslie Bates, GCDJFS, Meg Gillis, United Way, and Sandy Szczygiel, GCMHRB. Ms. Giga asked for the Council’s approval. A motion to approve the application as submitted was made by Rhonda Reagh, seconded by Beth Rubin, and was passed without exception.

SFY10 GOVERNANCE ACTIONS (MS GIGA):

Ms. Giga reminded everyone that this is the time of year when everyone will start getting e-mail regarding SFY10 FCFC governance.

PRESENTATION: MICHAEL’S HOUSE (LIBBY NICHOLSON FROM CARE HOUSE/CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL):

Rhonda Reagh introduced Libby Nicholson from Michael’s House, the Child Advocacy Center. Ms. Nicholson advised that the purpose of her presentation is to introduce all county agencies to Michael’s House and it’s purpose. She distributed some literature.

In 1985 District Attorney Bud Kramer started the first Child Advocacy Center in Huntsville, Alabama. The need arose from the fact that abused children were actually being retraumatized by the system. The children were being interviewed by so many different agencies and the agencies weren't talking to each other. Because abused children need multi-system agencies, Montgomery County started Care House where one representative from each system is housed and can collaborate on how best to interact in a case. Rhonda Reagh recognized the need for a Care House in Greene County. At the same time, Elaine Mercurio, a C.A.S.A. child advocate and prominent Greene County resident tragically lost her son. She asked that all memorial contributions to her son be given to Greene County for the purpose of the Care House. There was an outpouring of response for donations. A piece of land was donated to Greene County by George Oberer, 1016 Rainbow Court (which is located at 675 & Dayton-Yellow Springs Road), and a brand new building was especially designed for a care house system.

The children undergo a forensic interview and medical exam and it is determined how best to interact and take care of the children. Supportive services are available from the Prosecuting Attorney, CSB, Law Enforcement, Sheriff's Department, and Children's Medical Center. This is the most cost efficient way to respond to abused children. The facility was named Michael's House to honor Michael Mercurio and his family by helping abused children.

The question arose regarding intake hours which are between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Libby advised that if a case comes to the attention of police at 2:00 a.m., the police secure the scene and make sure the child (children) are taken to a safe place for the night (to get a good night's sleep), although there is a team from Michael's House who has access 24/7 if the need arises. CSB does not respond unless law enforcement is involved.

Everyone thanked Libby for the presentation and better understanding of the facility.

OTHER ITEMS AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR/DIRECTOR

Kent Youngman reminded everyone of the Legislative Forum held April 16 with State Representative Jarrod Martin. If any agency has a concern, it must be made "specific" to the Representative.

The MHRB is hosting a web-based training. There has been some change in scheduling, contact Roselin Runnels.

Ms. Lammers advised that the Webinar on Friday was very well done.

Rhonda Reagh advised that May is "National Foster Parent" month. If you know of anyone interested in being a foster parent, please advise CSB. There are advertising spots running on T.V.

Ms. Reagh advised that in July, there will be a new public awareness about “Choosing Your Partner Wisely”. Many child abuse cases are a direct result of the partner you choose inflicting harm on your children. This is in collaboration with the Greene County Family Violence Prevention Center.

Ms. Reagh advised that she is and will be in touch with many to set up Council of Accreditation Peer reviews. She will ask for community participation.

Kathy Gorby advised that now is recruitment time for her programs at the Early Learning Centers which have received 1st star rating. A flyer was distributed.

Rich Schultze from Greene Cats advised that there is now a new flex route in Xenia. Also they have gone out for bids to install cameras on the buses (for security & safety reasons), and are expanding weekend services for the disabled.

Linda Butler advised the Miami Valley Chapter meeting of the American Association for Grant Professionals will be held on May 5. This will be an extended meeting in celebration of their 5th anniversary.

Mark McDonnell updated everyone on the H1N1 (Swine) Flu virus issue. If anyone has any questions, please contact the Greene County Combined Health District at 374-5600.

Kate LeVesconte and Penny Zimmerman from Osterlein Services for Youth advised they have opened in Greene County a treatment foster care office in the First Evangelical Lutheran Church. Their goal is to recruit five treatment foster care families in the next year who are able to handle challenging kids. Please contact Penny Zimmerman @ 1-800-404-5437, Ext. 203, if you know of anyone interested in foster parenting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Linda L. Warehime
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Family & Children First**

Date

