

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

**MINUTES  
JUNE 22, 2009**

**PRESENT:**

NAME	ORGANIZATION
<b>BILL VOSKUHL</b>	<b>PROGRAM DIRECTOR - GC JUVENILE COURT</b>
<b>SUE GIGA</b>	<b>DIRECTOR, GC FCF</b>
<b>KATHY GORBY*</b>	<b>CORS-XENIA AREA COORDINATOR &amp; SITE SUPERVISOR</b>
<b>BETH RUBIN*</b>	<b>DIRECTOR - GCDJFS</b>
<b>RENEE LAMMERS</b>	<b>INTERSYSTEM COORDINATOR-FCF-FAMILY STABILITY</b>
<b>PAM HAMER*</b>	<b>FCF-HMG-REP ECCC</b>
<b>SUSAN LOPEZ</b>	<b>FCF – BELLBROOK/SUGARCREEK FRC</b>
<b>FRAN MILLER</b>	<b>XENIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS</b>
<b>DONNA SIZEMORE</b>	<b>DIRECTOR, GC FVPC</b>
<b>FRED BAXTER</b>	<b>OHIO DEPT OF YOUTH SERVICES</b>
<b>MELANIE HART</b>	<b>GC OSU EXTENSION</b>
<b>DAVE NUSCHER</b>	<b>DIRECTOR, IYS</b>
<b>GINGER SMITH</b>	<b>GCFCF-PARENT SUPPORT COORDINATOR</b>
<b>K.B. VON DERAU</b>	<b>GC COUNCIL ON AGING</b>
<b>KIM MCELROY</b>	<b>IYS</b>
<b>KAY WEBSTER</b>	<b>GC PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>
<b>JONI SPENCER</b>	<b>P.A.T. PROGRAM – CORS</b>
<b>LESIA INLOW</b>	<b>IYS</b>
<b>GRETA HOCHSTETLER</b>	<b>GC MHRB</b>
<b>BRUCE BARCELO</b>	<b>GC CHD</b>
<b>EMILY MAGOTEAUX</b>	<b>STRENGTHENING FAMILIES – GC JUVENILE COURT</b>
<b>WAYNE FLOYD</b>	<b>CORS</b>
<b>LINDA WAREHIME</b>	<b>GCFCF – ADMIN SUPPORT</b>

**\* Mandated Members**

The meeting was called to order by Beth Rubin @ 6:10 p.m. and she thanked everyone for coming. Introductions were made. Minutes from the May 2009 Full Council meeting were reviewed. As there were no additions or corrections, a motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Kathy Gorby, seconded by Bill Voskuhl and was passed without exception.

**JUNE 2009 PROGRAM REPORT**

Ms. Giga reported that the Program Report is up to date as presented, with the exception of Help Me Grow. Pam Hamer reported that effective immediately, there are several major program changes in the GC Help Me Grow program. ODH is no longer funding HMG Newborn Home Visits (one time visit for newborns up to 6 weeks of age), but does not affect children who are suspected of having delays or

disabilities, or children with a medical diagnosis. HMG is not going to accept any more NBHV referrals in order for Robin (NBHV nurse at GCCHD) to complete current NBHV's before 7/1/2009. Also, ODH has changed the criteria for *At Risk* families to enroll in the program (Ms. Hamer distributed a detailed list of the criteria). In addition, because of the uncertainty of funding for this next year, it is necessary at this time for *at risk eligible* families to be placed on a waiting list pending the outcome of the Ohio Budget. Ms. Giga advised that the Governor prepared a new budget which reinstated significant dollars to HMG, but also created significant cuts to other county agencies (mental health, child protection, etc.), but this budget has not been finalized. FCF normally receives \$20,000 per year, but this has been cut 20%. Ms. Hamer also advised that the Service Coordinators from CORS for HMG will be laid off effective 7/1/09, and MRDD will take over Service Coordination.

Susan Lopez from the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Family Resource Center reported that the center is offering the "Within My Reach" program, starting on July 2, for four weeks. A free \$25.00 gift card is being offered to women who pre-register and complete all four sessions. The "Relationship Smart" program is also being offered starting 7/28 for teens which last two weeks (twice a week) and is no charge. There were some questions and some discussion.

Ms. Lammers reported that Jamestown FRC's basic needs requests are way up and that the S.O.A.R. program is starting this week.

Family Stability and Shared Youth Placement are continuing as previously reported.

After some further discussion, a motion to approve the Program Report as presented was made by Dave Nuscher, seconded by Kathy Gorby, and was passed without exception.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Audit/Finance Committee** - Ms. Rubin advised that the Audit/Finance Committee has not met since May 4<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Giga advised that the Council Audit is nearly complete and there are no major problems. Consensus is that the Audit should be complete in the next week or two.

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

Since Ms. Hamer was not present at the last ECCC meeting, Kathy Gorby reported that a new Chair and Vice-Chair were elected. The new chair is Kathy Gorby, the new Vice-Chair is Renee Lammers. The next meeting is scheduled for July 14 and will be held at DJFS due to budget restraints. The theme for this year is Education.

There are speakers scheduled for the July and September meetings, and meetings have been scheduled for the rest of the year.

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (MS JONES):**

Ms. Giga reported that the committee met in May. She advised that there are four very active parents in Greene County. The Incredible Years grant was discussed. The proposal targets parents in Fairborn with children 3 to 6. Chris Tannreuther, a parent and the group's convener suggested that the Fairborn Christian Alliance would be a good group to speak to about the program.

**SFY10 GOVERNANCE ACTIONS (MS GIGA):**

Ms. Giga explained that the bylaws require that non-mandated members indicate their continued interest in participating on the council annually. Please let her know in writing that your organization wants to continue to participate on the council in SFY 2010. The statement should indicate who will represent your organization on the council.

Our bylaws also call for the selection of two non-mandated organizations to serve a two year term on the Steering Committee. The committee meets monthly. IYS is currently serving for SFY09 and 10. We need to select an organization to serve for SFY10 and 11. Ms. Giga distributed a ballot which showed OSU Extension as the only interested candidate. Donna Sizemore of FVPC advised that she had sent a e-mail indicating her interest, so was added to the ballot. The mandated members voted and returned ballots. As there was a tie, the ballots were distributed again and everyone was asked to re-vote. The final outcome is FVPC will serve for SFY10 and 11.

Ms. Giga reported that the bylaws are being amended slightly. There was some discussion regarding attendance of mandated members at all the meetings, and whether they are excused absences or not. In previous years, *there was no attention to excused absences*. The Steering Committee voted that Sue should decide if an absence is considered excused, and FCF is keeping track of attendance and reasons why a meeting is missed.

**THERE WAS A SHORT REFRESHMENT BREAK**

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

### **SCHOOL READINESS: PAT – PAM HAMER/WAYNE FLOYD**

Ms. Giga distributed chart showing KRAL (Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Literacy) results from Fall 2005 to Fall 2008.

Ms. Hamer explained that since its inception and training in the Parents as Teachers (P.A.T.) program in the fall of 2006, there has been great success and a number of agencies are incorporating P.A.T. into their programs: GRADS, CORS, Early Head Start and GCCHD w/Pre-Natal. In SFY 2009, there have been 184 families served, 1748 hours of service (approximately 18-22 moms served at GCCHD). Ms. Hamer is very pleased with the number of children seen. A survey on PAT was conducted recently with parents who had received PAT for a minimum of six months. 24 surveys were returned from parents. Ms. Hamer read some of the positive comments that parents had returned.

Wayne Floyd from CORS commented on PAT. Joni Spencer of CORS works with 0-5 age group and advised that PAT has opened doors for kids who have aged out of HMG. They are getting a lot of referrals. Joni gave two examples of how PAT has helped parents learn to interact with their children and has changed their whole focus on being parents. Also, home visiting is very different from counseling in an office. Parents are beginning to look at the development of their child and are getting more involved in their lives.

### **READY TO READ – KAY WEBSTER GC PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Kay Webster reported that the GC Library is involved in “Every Child Ready to Read” and teaches the six skills to help a child learn to read. All librarians in Ohio have been trained per the Governor’s initiative of two years ago. Materials are available for families, and playtimes are available. A playroom with learning activities to encourage reading and math are available. Discover, learn and grow programs in storytime room are available for public use. Kay distributed a flyer introducing Online Video Storybooks which can be accessed if you have a library card.

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN (KIM MCELROY (IYS):**

Kim McElroy distributed Program Update on Mental Health Services for Young Children. The Strategy in 2007 was to increase access to mental health services. The intent was to increase child/family functioning. The target population was children under the age of 5 and their families. Kim reviewed the report and the results of outcome data for child functioning comparing 2007 to 2009. The surveys showed an increase in functioning and problem severity, but a decrease in parent hopefulness. Consensus is that parents have become more aware and are more involved and realize that mental health issues in young children are real. Since 2007, 105 children have been served.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SUBSTANCE ABUSE:**

**STRENGTHENING FAMILIES (EMILY MAGOTEAUX):**

Ms. Giga distributed strategy chart for HB289 Middle School Substance Abuse – SFY2009 with the ultimate goal to decrease the percentage of youth reporting recent use of tobacco, alcohol & marijuana. Statistics show that there has been a significant decrease in use in all three categories from 2006 to 2008.

Emily Magoteaux explained the Strengthening Families program which lasts 7 weeks (2 hours each week). The program teaches parenting skills such as how parents need to listen to their children, how to talk to students, etc. It also teaches students how to handle stress, peer pressure, and set goals for the future. The parents and students are taught separately and then the families get together around a table in one room and do activities as a family. Statistics show an 80% completion rate (139 families) in 2008 and an 87-1/2% (125 families) completion rate in 2009. SF gets referrals from Juvenile Court, DR Court, FVPC, and schools. The program measures relationship building and bonding, family communication and school support. It also helps youth and parents not to use drugs. Hopefully, the program will continue, contingent on funding.

**TOBACCO COMPLIANCE (BRUCE BARCELO (GCCHD):**

Bruce Barcelo distributed and reviewed report on Tobacco Free Healthy Communities. Current smokers has slightly decreased, but Ohio is ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the United States for tobacco use. Statistics show that tobacco compliance regarding selling to underage teens in Greene County has increased from 2008 to 2009, with the exception of Bellbrook and Beavercreek. Ohio receives \$1 billion in revenue from cigarette taxes.

**PARENT AWARENESS (LESIA INLOW – IYS):**

Lesia reported that it was a struggle at first to get parents to meet with them, but IYS is now on the docket for two school open houses and they are trying to get into the schools through sports programs. The word needs to be spread about how dangerous a problem drugs are to children in the middle school age group.

Lesia reported the results of 250 surveys recently completed and turned in by parents. Results revealed that Tobacco use is the 1<sup>st</sup> mind altering drug used, with alcohol 2<sup>nd</sup>. Parents are also aware that the DADS survey showed that use of prescription drugs and pills is on the rise. Results also showed that parents are in agreement that closer supervision of their children is the most effective way to deal with the problem. IYS's goal was to develop a newsletter for parents and children, but they developed a website, which Dave Nuscher brought up on the computer screen and briefly reviewed. The website is [www.gcydtf.com](http://www.gcydtf.com). Please take a look at the website, which answers a lot of questions and has a lot of information. Your agency can be linked to the website and is linked with Greene County schools. It was noted that Steve Haller, County Prosecutor, has funded a lot of Greene County programs with seizure money (drug busts).

**DISTRICT-SPECIFIC UNDERSTANDING (SUE GIGA):**

Ms. Giga reported that the Steering Committee, throughout the past year, has met with various Greene County schools to ask specific questions regarding middle school substance abuse in their school. Ms. Giga advised that a report should be completed by August with the results of these sessions.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda L. Warehime  
Administrative Support Technician  
Family & Children First

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Date