

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

**MINUTES
NOVEMBER 3, 2008**

PRESENT:

NAME	ORGANIZATION
DENNY MORRISON*	SUPERINTENDENT/BEAVERCREEK CITY SCHOOLS
BILL VOSKUHL	PROGRAM DIRECTOR - GC JUVENILE COURT
SUE GIGA	DIRECTOR, GC FCF
DAVE NUSCHER	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-INTEGRATED YOUTH SERVICES
FRED BAXTER*	REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR - ODYS
KATHY GORBY*	CORS-XENIA AREA COORDINATOR & SITE SUPERVISOR
JASON ROUSH	CORP COMPLIANCE OFFICER - TCN
BETH RUBIN*	DIREFTOR - GCDJFS
RENEE LAMMERS	INTERSYSTEM COORDINATOR-FCF-FAMILY STABILITY
ROSE HOERSTING	FCF-HMG-REP ECCC
MARK MCDONNELL*	HEALTH COMMISSIONER- GCCHD
GINGER SMITH	FCF-PARENT SUPPORT COORDINATOR
LINDA BUTLER	PRESIDENT -BUTLER CONSULTING
KENT YOUNGMAN*	CEO - GC MHRB
GRETA JONES	PARENT REP
JOHN LA ROCK*	SUPERINTENDENT - GC MRDD
RHONDA REAGH*	EXE. DIRECTOR – GC CSB
LINDA WAREHIME	FCF – ADMIN SUPPORT TECH
MELANIE HART	OSU EXTENSION
RICH SCHULTZE	EXEUTIVE DIRECTOR - GREENE CATS
TERRY THOMAS	SUPERINTENDENT-GCESC
MEG GILLIS	DIRECTOR - GC UNITED WAY
DONNA SIZEMORE	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - GCFVPC
BRENDA SANDMAN- STOVER	REP ECCC
DR. DAVID GOLDBERG	GCGMH
PAMELA HARRIS	PARENT REPRESENTATIVE
SUSAN LOPEZ	FCF BELLBROOK/SUGARCREEK FRC
JOHN MARTIN	COURT ADMINISTRATOR - GC DR COURT
BARB STAMPER	DIRECTOR - GC VISITATION CENTER
K.B. VON DERAU	KINSHIP NAVIGATOR - GC COUNCIL ON AGING
FRAN MILLER	XENIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
EMILY DEMETER	GC GREENE CATS

* Mandated Members

The meeting was called to order by Kent Youngman @ 9:05 a.m. and he thanked everyone for coming. Minutes from the August 2008 Full Council meeting were reviewed. Rhonda Reagh made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Linda Butler seconded and the motion passed without exception.

NOVEMBER 2008 PROGRAM REPORT

Everyone had reviewed the Program Report previously sent in the mailout prior to the meeting. As there were no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Meg Gillis to accept the Program Report as presented, seconded by Bill Voskuhl and the motion was passed without exception.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Steering Committee - Under Committee Reports, Ms. Giga reported that the Steering Committee has met on a regular monthly schedule, with the last meeting held on October 6 at FCF. Lisa Cron, Drug Free Schools Supervisor, will attend the December meeting so the committee can resume their study on middle school substance abuse. Recent reports indicate a decrease in the use of tobacco, alcohol & drug abuse in Greene County students, which is the result of the efforts of a lot of different agencies. Ms. Giga reminded everyone that Beavercreek willingly declined their participation in the Steering Committee in order to let another school district participate. Fran Miller from Xenia City Schools will take on that roll. The Committee will meet after the Full Council meeting today. There was nothing further to report.

Audit/Finance Committee - Dr. Youngman advised that the Audit/Finance Committee had met earlier in the day to review the Fiscal Summary Reports for January-September 2008, July-September 2008 Admin Allocation & Expense Reallocations. There were no red flags and nothing unexpected. The expenses are below revenue and we are gearing up for '09. The committee recommended forwarding the reports on to the Steering Committee.

A BETTER CHILDHOOD-ECCC (MS. ROSE HOERSTING):

Ms. Hoersting advised there is nothing new to report. The next ECCC meeting will be on November 18 at Faith United Methodist Church.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (MS JONES):

Ms. Jones reported that the committee last met on August 20 and that Ms. Giga had brought everyone up to date on the legislative program. The Bookmark Contest was held and was a great success. A poster was distributed showing winners' entries. The Bergamo Conference will be held on May 14th and the theme will be "Pathway of Self Sufficiency". This will focus on parenting with challenging kids and breakout sessions will be relevant for parents and providers. The conference is still in the planning stages.

OTHER ITEMS AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR/DIRECTOR:

Ms. Giga distributed flyers regarding a one-day training being presented by GCCC on November 14 “Baby, Let’s Think It Over.” A day long seminar to train professionals working with adolescences in the area of parenthood reality. Call if you wish to reserve a space.

Ms. Giga passed around literature regarding Sharing Family Strengths. An Activity Booklet is available free. If you or anyone in your organization is interested, the literature provides a website you can visit to receive this booklet.

Ms. Giga distributed a “Data and Measurement Capacity Building Interest Survey” and asked that anyone interested, please fill out the survey and give to Linda before leaving the meeting.

Ms. Giga distributed a draft of the local FCF “Position Paper” regarding removing Help Me Grow (HMG) Governance Administrative Responsibilities from local Family & Children First Councils. There was some discussion. Ms. Giga asked that every Greene County agency send e-mails urging that HMG stay with FCF. If you have any helpful information, please let Ms. Giga know. She will e-mail a list of where to send e-mails. Moving control from local to state will take away the county’s ability to determine what is best for the county.

**PRESENTATION: “ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE PILOT PROGRAM”-
RHONDA REAGH:**

Dr. Reagh reminded everyone of Issue 21 on the ballot November 4th.

Dr. Reagh updated everyone of the “Alternative Response Pilot Program” implemented on 7/1/2008. Dr. Reagh reported that the program has so far been very successful. There are three workers with full case loads. Shelley Brecount is the director and the workers are Chad King, Becky Blankenship & Joyce Pierce. The numbers have remained consistent throughout the months. In July, 16 families were involved in AR. 6 stayed in the pilot for over 45 days. The balance of those cases closed. In August, 16 families were involved and in September, 17 families. In a four month period, 2 families were transferred to ongoing services, which is a significant decrease in number of cases transferring. The mission is to help and to work together. Workers are able to make calls and schedule appointments with families. There is an AR newsletters produced on a regular basis at the state level, Rhonda is hoping to be able to transfer it to the GCCSB website. Hopefully, in the future, only 5% of cases will go the conventional way. Some of the barriers have been: 1) the pilot itself and 2) deciding what cases will get AR. Rhonda has been involved in a “community advisory committee” with other agencies (Beth Rubin, Renee Lammers, Chris Pinkleman, and Tim Callahan) to discuss any systemic problems with the program, but the group did not recognize any major glitches.

Collaboration in Greene County is very good. Mandated reporter/AR training could not be provided for everyone interested, but by the end of the year, everything should be caught up.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Goldberg reminded everyone about Issue 22 on the ballot tomorrow and ask for support for the ½ mill levy renewal.

Rich Schultze of Greene CATS advised that the demand for their services is way up and also expenses are high due to the cost of fuel. There has been three new flex routes added in the past year, but demand is still over capacity. They had have to turn down over 700 requests for assistance (i.e. someone called and needed a ride to a doctor's appointment, but there was not a bus route available for that particular time).

Jason Roush urged everyone to vote for Issue 24 on the ballot tomorrow.

Janis James, Legal Aid, advised everyone of the Access to Justice Awards meeting.

Linda Butler distributed flyers regarding a Grant Writing seminar being held on 11/14 and announced two other seminars being held.

John LaRock urged everyone to vote Yes on all Greene County issues and also on the GC school levies.

Dave Nuscher urged everyone to please vote Yes on Issue 24. He advised that there will be a "Levy" watch party with entertainment, food, etc. on Election Day at 1321 Research park Drive. He invited everyone to attend.

Denny Morrison advised that Beavercreek is one of the "rapid growth" districts in Ohio. His district increased by 266 students this year and they are 1200 students over capacity. He urged everyone to vote Yes on Issue 16. They badly need the support.

Terry Thomas echoed everyone's request for support for all Greene County issues.

Emily Demeter of Greene CATS introduced herself to the group and described her position. If you need assistance with any issues at Greene CATS, please call her at 562-6461.

Renee Lammers urged everyone to support the MHRB, CSB, and MRDD levies. She also advised everyone of the "Within My Reach" program which is being held at the Bellbrook Family Resource Center. This is a very good program which helps women with "relationship" problems. This program offers information and support

to help women make better decisions when choosing to start a relationship with someone. Renee encouraged everyone to get the word out about this program.

Susan Lopez advised that the Bellbrook kids did a video on kids against drug use, which got the message out in a very entertaining way. The PfS Frisbee Gold Course has finally been started.

Kathy Gorby advised that, on a very short notice, her office has been moved to Colorado Drive and she can be reached at 372-1446, Ext. 1. The HMG Service Coordinators are being moved into the Four Oaks Building, Room 9.

Fran Miller from Xenia City Schools introduced herself and urged everyone to vote and to pass the school levies. They are desperately in need of the funds.

Kent Youngman reiterated on the importance to get out and vote. Greene County is a strong county, don't rely on other people to vote, please support your county with your vote.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Warehime
Administrative Support Technician
Family & Children First

Date