

**FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

June 5, 2017

PRESENT:

BRENT LEWIS	FCF - Director
JOHN LaROCK	GC BODD
MELISSA BRANUM	GC Public Health
PAM HAMER	GC Public Health - HMG
AMY LEWIS	GC Juvenile Court
GRETA MAYER	MHRB
BETH RUBIN	GC JFS
HARMONY BYRD FOR DEBBIE MATHESON	FVPC
KATHY GORBY	CORS
TERRY GRAVES-STRIETER	Greene ESC
TOM OTTO	TCN Behavioral Health
ROBYN FOSNAUGH	GC Public Health
NANCY KESSINGER	GC Public Health - HMG
DEB CORDELL	FCF Fiscal Coordinator
KIM CERNEY	FCF – Admin Support

Ms. Strieter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 2017

The minutes from the May 2017 meeting were reviewed.

As there were no additions or corrections to note a motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Ms. Gorby and seconded by Dr. Mayer. The motion passed without exception.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MAY PROGRAM REPORTS

Mr. Lewis highlighted the Partners in Prevention program and the many activities that have taken place in the past month. On the not so bright side, we will be losing our Parent Educator, Anna Carrera, for the PIP program. This will go back to a part-time position. Amy Wissman will be put into the full-time position for PIP. We will also be hiring a part-time position for Family Stability.

Mr. Lewis asked for questions regarding the program reports. There being none, Ms. Strieter asked for a motion to approve the May 2017 Program Report as presented. Ms. Rubin motioned to approve and Ms. Branum seconded. The motion passed without exception.

REVIEW / APPROVAL OF FISCAL REPORTS

Ms. Cordell stated that we fully anticipate spending all of our grant dollars. At the end of May for FCSS and Engage we have under \$5000 to obligate. Now that school is out parents will be calling asking for summer camps and programs for their children.

Ms. Branum questioned the way our reporting is done regarding HMG-EI. She is concerned by the fact that the revenue for EI only reflects the period of January through June of 2017 which does not reflect the SFY beginning July of 2016. She said that she felt the 21% reflects an underspending of funds. She was wondering if we could revise the report to reflect the entire fiscal year. Ms. Cordell countered stating that the County budget is based on a calendar year so our reports must also reflect the calendar year. She added that it may be possible to do a footnote. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Strieter asked for a motion to approve the January - April 2017 Fiscal Reports adding the "footnote" for Early Intervention. Ms. Branum motioned to approve the Fiscal Reports as presented and Mr. LaRock seconded. The motion passed without exception.

COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE REPORTS

E3C UPDATE

Ms. Hamer stated that the last meeting was April 27th. They postponed the Daddy & Me Carnival because of the Hamvention. They will be moving it to a date in the fall. She also noted that their Advisory Group will be meeting in July.

DRUG COALITION

Mr. Lewis commented that the last meeting was on June 1st however he was off and did not attend. He knows they are looking at sustainability. They have nominated officers of which he is now Chair. Dr. Mayer added that the reason they are looking into formalizing sustainability is to apply for grant funding such as the Drug Free Communities grant. Ms. Branum noted that Public Health has also been monitoring the data regarding the drug issue observing that there were 85 drug related deaths in 2014 and 2015. This continues to be a problem within our county. She also stated that in the first quarter of this year on one single Friday night there were 16 drug overdoses in their emergency room. Discussion ensued on how to get Narcan training and supplies to the different organizations.

HMG Update

Ms. Hamer announced that Help Me Grow is now Home Visiting only. She inquired of Ms. Cordell and Mr. Lewis if a separate Home Visiting report would be in order as well, if FCF would like to have it reported with E3C.

SAFE SCHOOLS/HEALTHY STUDENTS GRANT UPDATE – Ms. Strieter

Ms. Strieter presented a video to begin.

There are two specific areas that we are wanting to sustain with this grant. One is our Early Childhood Mental Health Therapist. She not only goes to the public pre-schools she also goes into the private pre-schools. What is happening is these young children are being expelled or asked not to return due to their behaviors. What the therapist does is works with the families to try to keep the child in their classroom. This being the primary focus Ms. Strieter asked the group if they had ideas for funding. Ms. Fosnaugh recommended that the data points be made available to prospective funders. The second area is to continue to expand PAX which they are doing. This grant ends on June 30th and they are hoping there is an extension that they may receive as there is quite a bit of money that has not been spent.

OTHER ITEMS AT THE DISCRETION OF CHAIR/DIRECTOR

Ms. Strieter added that she and Amy Lewis as well as other School Superintendents have been talking about a way to do more Wrap Around regarding student attendance issues. They will begin a new pilot program with what will be called a Truancy Interventionist who will do Wrap Around and actually go to the homes. This will be hired through the ESC and someone from the Courts will supervise.

ROUND TABLE

- **Ms. Lewis reported that the Supreme Court had applied for a grant for the Juvenile Court. They won't know until August if they are successful. If they are, then they will have another person to work with the ESC's Truancy Interventionist. They have also requested in their 2018 budget an Educational Interventionist to work with the families to get them back on track and get the children to school.**
- **Dr. Mayer advised that they are working with TCN to apply for some Federal dollars to work on the opiate epidemic.**
- **Ms. Gorby notified the group that their fall recruitment.**
- **Ms. Branum announced the new building project will begin within the month.**

- **Ms. Fosnaugh updated the group regarding Five Rivers Health Center. They have seen over 300 medical and dental clients since April 10th. As the word of Five Rivers gets out they expect to see the numbers climb.**
- **Ms. Rubin announced that June is Elder Abuse Month.**
- **Ms. Byrd noted that they are going through their 4th cycle of reaccreditation with one of the requirements being stakeholder evaluations. Some of those at the table may be receiving these electronically. Please return them in a timely manner.**
- **Mr. Otto reported they are seeking funding for 1st episode of psychosis. This means that if you can quickly intervene with a client that has their first episode of psychiatric break and provide wrap around and follow up services that are needed that client will have these episodes less frequently and hospitalizations won't be necessary.**
- **Mr. Lewis reminded everyone that there will be no meeting in July.**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Kim Cerney

Date: *August 7, 2017*

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