

**Kent County**  
**Family & Children's**  
**Coordinating Council**



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**KCFCCC Meeting Minutes**  
**February 2, 2010, 12:00pm – 1:30pm**  
**MSU Extension Offices – Room B**  
**775 Ball Avenue, NE**

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**Members/Alternates Present:** Susan Broman, Candace Cowling, Bev Drake, Jack Greenfield, Lynne Ferrell, Judge Patti Gardner, Cynthia Gladyness, Paul Ippel, Jackie Klinesteker, Rich Liberatore, Sharon Loughridge, Nancy Marshall, , Cathy Raevsky, Savator Selden-Johnson, Diana Sieger, Sue Toman, Sandy Walls, Patti Warmington

**Members Absent:** Tom Czerwinski, William Forsyth, Bob Haight, Lynn Heemstra, Ron Jimmerson, Kevin Konarska, Dr. Bernard Taylor

**Guests:** Wayman Britt, Jill Eldred, Rebekeh Fennell, Matthew VanZetten, Nancy Teat, Diane Gibbs, Jon Wilmot, Carol Paine-McGovern

**1. Welcome & Call to Order**

Jack Greenfield opened the meeting with a welcome and introduced new member Cynthia Gladyness. He had everyone introduce themselves.

The minutes were reviewed and Lynne Ferrell made a motion to accept the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diana Sieger – UNANIMOUS.

**2. 0-3 Secondary Prevention Grant**

Jack Greenfield explained briefly the 0-3 Secondary Prevention Grant. He said the Department of Human Services (DHS) announced an invitation to bid on a 0-3 Secondary Prevention program in five counties to include Kent, Wayne, Genessee, Macomb and Oakland. These are the same counties that were associated with the Children's Rights Lawsuit as designated counties. The purpose is to solicit bids for designing services to provide child abuse and neglect for children ages birth through three. According to the intent to bid, the defined population of service must be tied to the County's community collaborative and Great Start Collaborative Comprehensive Prevention Plan and that successful bids need to be endorsed by the local community collaborative.

Upon review of the requirement of the 0-3 grant, the Executive Committee of the KCFCCC is recommending that proposals seeking the Coordinating Council's endorsement will demonstrate a deliberate, coordinated approach with the Welcome Home Baby program and Kent DHS that supports a universal intake process into the Kent County Early Childhood System. As part of that, proposals submitted are due on February 11 and any proposals requested from our community, be received by Matthew no later than Noon on February 4, so the Executive Committee can make the endorsement that is required of it in the intent to bid.

Jack called for a motion, Lynne Ferrell made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judge Gardner, after discussion, vote

was UNANIMOUS.

### 3. Community Partnership Consensus Agreement

Jack Greenfield introduced the topic by saying it was an action request to the Council. The Community Family Partnership is the name of SAMHSA Grant funded to Network 180. A significant part of it is the creation of a broad community collaborative. It has been directed by the leadership group for the Community Family Partnership, a subcommittee of the KCFCCC. During discussions the group has come to recognize this initiative that has gone before the Executive Committee for action today. Jack turned the discussion over to Jackie Klinesteker for her explanation.

Jackie began by saying the leadership group has been working on the best way to proceed with change and to engage to whole community in efforts of creation of a coordinated system of care for children. One of the pieces that have been effective for Newtwork180 for a co-occurring system of care for people who have combination health and substance abuse service needs, was to begin with consensus agreements, that develops over time. As the initiative progresses, the initiative agreement does also.

Jackie said the document the group received is the initial Community Family Partnership consensus agreement. She said it outlines the local guiding principals put together by the leadership group for our local System of Care. They are based on the System of Care principals, originally presented prior to submitting the grant, modified for what we are doing locally, in an effort to broaden it beyond just children with serious emotional disturbances, but to make decisions around resource allocation and services. She said the guiding principals are for the signatories to use them to guide decisions when making resource allocations for services and planning. They will also help guide the Committee in thinking about how to proceed, for example with the 0-3 secondary prevention grant, using the system of care principals focusing it the multipurpose collaborative body, keep it aligned and integrated with all of our efforts in hopes that we are getting it to a larger system with aligned outcomes and indicators of success and helps make decisions of leveraged dollars.

She said we are asking for support from the Council as a whole, but would also like individual members to sign on. The members of the leadership group are in the process of having it signed and endorsed within theirs, DHS, Network180, the Court, KISD, providers, United Way and Grand Rapids Community Foundation, so membership of the group are in a position to move forward with it as individual agencies.

Jack said that Jackie brought this to the leadership group. He said it is important we have a document to share and commit to in helping to develop the next steps.

Wayman wanted to know what the next steps would be. Jack answered they are asking for an understanding what the principals are of this document, a mutual community agreement and acceptance of these and then they will be looking for members to get it approved by their organizations and sign on. Beyond that, the committee will be using the document to work collaboratively with others as decisions come up in the community and as choices and priorities need to be made.

Jack clarified the action of this group is to accept the Consensus Agreement is and expect that agencies represented will consider it as well.

Candace Cowling asked what it would like for an organization that might be considering signing the agreement but hasn't been involved in these efforts when it talks about participating in the development of community standards and participating in the planning and implementation groups and efforts.

Jackie said it would depend on the group and the agency as to how involved they might want to be

involved. It's not mandatory for everyone to be involved in every one of those efforts, but there will be a number of groups developed as part of the Community Family Partnership there will be governance to it. There will be a sustainability and implementation group, a cultural competence group, a total of 4 groups. The hope is the grant brought this infrastructure money to the community and we can assist the whole community in gaining from it. So, the participation in all of those would help all organizations. She gave the example that we will have a full time cultural competence coordinator that's funded by the grant for six years. That person's skills and abilities need to be used by the whole community, not just within just this organization to help us all move forward in our efficiency. Those participation opportunities will be there, not a requirement, but would like each organization to consider as they feel it makes sense for their organization or for the greater good.

Diana Sieger stated the Grand Rapid Community Foundation may use it, in addition to signing it, would be whenever they would be involved in an initiative or funding request, assuring the organization has signed the document, as a strong reminder that this is part of the collaboration and that if an organization chooses not to do that, it may be difficult to secure financing for an effort if there is not a strong collaborative.

Jackie said they used it for their current procurement process that is in place right now. It provides a requirement for proposals to at least have an understanding and commitment to the principals for their own provider network.

A motion was made by Judge Gardner, seconded by Diana Sieger. Vote was UNANIMOUS.

#### **4. Public Comment**

There was none.

#### **5. Miscellaneous**

Cathy Raevsky mentioned that the CNBC syndicated show "American Greed" will be doing a show on Dr. Stokes. It will air sometime in March.

Bev Drake told the committee that the ENTF decided at their last meeting that they would look at the development of an Economic and Workforce Development Subcommittee. ACSET has launched the effort and they are working towards the definition as it relates to the Essential Need Task Force. She said they have engaged a person who will lead them through some strategic planning so whatever they come up with will be value-added and not a repeat of what others are doing.

Bev continued she is also involved in Voices for Action, the poverty reduction initiative. She said it involves an 11-county area. She is the co-facilitator. Jack Greenfield was invited to a meeting where they had collaborative bodies and DHS people and Great Start Collaboratives to talk about this being a state mandated thing, what could be done to add value. Jack will be the representative from the KCFCCC.

Rich Liberatore mentioned they have launched this year's season of free tax preparation for people to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit. There is still \$14 Million that is not getting back into our economy. The number in terms of eligibility has gone up to \$48,000, depending on family size. They have 23 sites this year. Brenda Brame or Rich can give information on where sites are. Citizens can call 211 and get a location that is convenient for them.

#### **6. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

**Next Council meeting:** Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 12:00pm – 1:30pm  
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