

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



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**KCFCCC Meeting Minutes**  
**April 1, 2014 12:00pm – 1:30pm**  
**MSU Extension Offices – Room A & B**  
775 Ball Avenue, NE

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**Members/Alternates**

**Present:**

Trinity Clemons (Alternate for Candace Cowling), Lynne Ferrell, Kathy Freberg (Alternate for Scott Gilman), Kristen Gietzen (Alternate for Jack Greenfield), Patricia Gardner, Shannon Gardner (Alternate for Maureen Noe), Scott Gilman, Ron Koehler (Alternate for Kevin Konarska), Gary Lemke, Adam London, Sharon Loughridge, Nancy Marshall, George Meek, Maureen Noe, Julie Ridenour, Savator Selden-Johnson, Diana Sieger, Dave Tronleer (Alternate for Jacob Maas) Patti Warmington,

**Members Absent:**

Nadia Brigham, William Forsyth, Sandra Ghosten-Jones, Cynthia Gladyness, Lynn Heemstra, Kevin Konarska, Jacob Maas

**Guests:**

Wayman Britt, Rebekah Fennell, Rich Liberatore, Pam Parriott, George Tyndall, Matthew VanZetten

**1. Welcome & Call to Order**

Lynne Ferrell opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions were done. The agenda was reviewed and accepted.

Judge Patti Gardner made a motion to accept the minutes from the February meeting as submitted, supported by Sharon Loughridge. **UNANIMOUS.**

**2. Public Comment**

There was none.

**3. KConnect Update**

Lynne introduced Pam Parriott – KConnect's Executive Director. She provided an update on KConnect's progress since its formation.

Pam explained that in the near future KConnect will launch its first workgroups – Data and Equity – along with two action oriented workgroups K-3 and High School to College. KConnect will be utilizing a structured workgroup process that utilizes professional facilitation, the Inter-cultural Development Inventory (IDI), as well as system and data mapping. GVSUs Community Research Institute (CRI) will be a partner in the work and build upon the data already being collected in the community. She also shared that the concept of Targeted Universalism will be utilized as the equity frame.

Other workgroups will be rolled out in the next year after these workgroups have been operationalized. KConnect also plans to work with the ENTF on how they can support each other.

It was agreed that regular updates will be provided at the KCFCCC meetings.

#### **4. Kent School Services Network Update**

Ron Koehler shared an update on the status of the Kent School Services Network (KSSN). Initially, KSSN was in eight schools in three school districts. Today, it is in 28 schools within seven districts and serves over 16,000 students which would make its schools the second largest school district in Kent County. Moreover, there is further demand by additional schools and districts to serve students.

In an effort to manage growth and provide fidelity to a community school model, KSSN has become its own 501(c)(3) and will work closely with private agencies on providing mental health services within KSSN schools. It is also working closely with DHS to expand its services throughout KSSN.

There were several remarks thanking the Kent ISD for their strong partnership in this effort, and noting that when the County, ISD, local school districts, network180, DHS, philanthropy and private agency partners work together we can accomplish many things.

#### **5. Section 515/100% Purchase of Service Update**

Matthew VanZetten reminded the KCFCCC that the State Legislature created a section within the FY2013 DHS budget that requires a plan to move toward a child welfare 100% private agency, Purchase of Service model in Kent County. This is moving forward, and plans are being made to transition cases from DHS to private agencies no later than September 30, 2014.

The FY2014 DHS budget required the State to create a Performance Based Funding (PBF) model. In February a report was issued that expands the Section 515 model, and would implement a case rate system for every child entering the child welfare system through a phased in approach. Kent would be the first area to implement such a change. This in essence requires the establishment of a local, care management entity between private agencies and/or public sector partners.

A request has been made for technical assistance funding to DHS along with direct involvement by private agencies as to how the case rate is set. At this time, DHS seems willing to support both requests.

One area which is unclear at this time is how Medicaid funding via network180 will be able to be utilized. Moreover, in-home care and prevention services are still not funded at the FY2008 levels, and the Early Impact system has been torn down due to previous DHS administrations.

A goal of a care management entity would be to reduce costs while improving services, with the saved costs being reinvested into more robust family preservation models. Milwaukee Wraps and other CME models have been able to do this over time.

## 6. **KCFCCC Planning Update**

Matthew VanZetten provided an update on the doodle poll. The survey showed that Council members preferred two, 4-hour sessions, with a focus toward more integrated service delivery or use of data. They also wanted then entire Council and others in the community to participate. The Executive Committee will continue to work on this and provide an update at the next Council meeting.

## 7. **Miscellaneous**

- Diana Sieger noted an upcoming event at the Wealthy Street Theatre.
- George Meek noted that after two meetings at the KCFCCC he's amazed at the complexity of the work at hand, and commended the expertise around the table.
- Gary Lemke provided a handout related to the Affordable Care Act.
- Nancy Marshall noted that Healthy Michigan applications were starting to be accepted today.
- Lynne Ferrell handed out a GVSU Health Professionals Summer Activity brochure.

## 8. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

**Next Council meeting:**      June 3, 2014 12:00pm – 1:30pm  
MSU Extension Room A & B