

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



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**KCFCCC Meeting Minutes**  
**September 11 2007, 12:00pm – 1:30pm**  
MSU Extension Offices – **Room B**  
775 Ball Avenue, NE

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**Members/Alternates Present:** Susan Broman, Tony Campbell, Candace Cowling, Sandra Davis (for Tom Czerwinski) Jack Greenfield, Lynn Heemstra, , Lynn Heemstra, Debra Holmes-Garrison, Jackie Klinestecker (for Paul Ippel), Kevin Kornaska, David Murkowski (for Judge Patrick Hillary), Sharon Loughridge, Carol Paine-McGovern, Wendy Lewis Jackson (for Diana Sieger), Patti Warmington, Savator Selden-Johnson (for Andy Zylstra)

**Members Absent:** Susan Broman, Tom Czerwinski, Bev Drake, Lynne Ferrell, William Forsyth, Arlen-Dean Gaddy, Judge Patrick Hillary, Paul Ippel, Cathy Raevsky, Andy Zylstra

**Guests:** Ben Emdin, Gayle Orange, Matthew VanZetten

**1. Welcome & Call to Order**

Carol Paine-McGovern welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A motion was made by Lynn Heemstra to accept the meeting agenda and the June 5, 2007 minutes. Sandra Davis supported. **UNANIMOUS**

**2. Early Childhood Plan – Next Steps**

Carol Paine-McGovern welcomed Ben Emdin, the Children's Commission Executive Director, to provide an update on the early childhood plan.

Emdin shared that the work of the early childhood plan is moving forward. The **Medical Home** component is currently in Phase I – the research phase. Priority Health has expressed interest in implementing a data driven pilot after Phase I is completed. The **Home Visiting** component is modeling its work after Cuyahoga County and its next steps are to visit Cleveland to detail the program and make stronger connections to the hospitals. The **Infant/Toddler Care** component is prepared to provide 'provider education' to ensure environment enrichment. It also has identified its continuum of levels that will provide merit awards to the centers. The **Communication** effort is extremely important to ensure that the community understands the importance of the work. A strategic framework for messaging has been created with support of the Metropolitan Group. The first phase is ready to launch in the fall after a project manager has been hired.

Finally, the Great Start Collaborative is expected to receive \$300,000 this year from the State for its work.

### 3. **KCFCCC Annual Report**

VanZetten distributed the KCFCCC Annual Report to the KCFCCC members and reviewed a power point slide show that will be shown to the Kent County Board of Commissioners later this month regarding the Kent School Services Network. Of note is that in 2006, the work of the KCFCCC leveraged \$2,278,000 in state, federal and local grants.

### 4. **Prevention Initiative Update**

VanZetten provided an update on the Prevention Initiative evaluation. Based on the input from the July planning meeting, data has been pulled regarding individuals who were referred to Early Impact, but did not engage. After a cursory review, many of these individuals have been found to have substantiated cases with CPS before and after the referral. The Executive Committee intends to review the data more closely and discuss program options. Additionally, the Executive Committee is reviewing what other measures need to occur to gather necessary information. They intend to provide an update at the November meeting.

### 5. **System of Care Grant**

Matthew VanZetten introduced Jackie Klinestecker from network 180 and they provided an overview of the system of care grant. Systems of care are intended to serve children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances with a wide range of services that have come together to provide a case management network. Key services are typically from mental health, juvenile justice, child welfare and education. The grant being reviewed provides \$6 million of federal money over a period of 6 years to implement the system of care and make necessary changes locally to sustain the program.

The thought process for the grant application is to expand the KSSN concept at middle schools within GRPS, a north county location and a southwest location. Jackie and Matthew have met with representatives from DHS, KISD, and Circuit Court and each are amicable to working together on the project. The grant application is expected to be released sometime in 2007. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

### 6. **Strong Family Safe Children Funding Update**

Paine-McGovern reviewed the final Strong Family Safe Children plan. She reported that our lobbying efforts paid off and that Healthy Start assessments and Early Impact services were allowed to remain in our plan. We did have a 20% cut in funding levels as more of the SFSC funds are being directed at services currently funded by TANF. In turn, those dollars are being used to fund the expanding FIP caseload.

### 7. **Public Comment** – Carol Paine-McGovern

There was none.

### 8. **Miscellaneous**

Judge Murkowski alerted members of the KCFCCC that there are draft changes being floated to amend the Binsfield legislation with the goal of reducing the number of permanent orphans in foster care that has resulted from the 12 month permanency requirement.

### 9. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

**Next Council meeting:**

Tuesday, November 6, 2007, 12:00pm – 1:30pm  
MSU Extension Room B