

Richland County KIDS Council

Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2014

Members Present: Connie Vlasak, Hallie Wiertzema, Faith Peckham, Virginia Wiedenfeld, Leah Kornish, Laurie Couey, Amanda Miller, Becca Lewis-Clifton, Amanda Coorough, Kay Cunningham, Belinda Granger, Faith Peckham

Members Absent: Belinda Granger, Richland Center Schools representative, SWCAP Head Start representative, Richard Brown

Minutes:

1. Call the Meeting to Order: Connie Vlasak called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.
2. Approve Agenda and Posting for the October 17, 2014 Meeting: Call to approve the agenda and posting as submitted was made by Connie Vlasak. Virginia Wiedenfeld made the motion, Amanda Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes for the January 23, 2013 meeting: Call to approve the minutes as submitted and posted was made by Connie Vlasak. Motion made by Amanda Miller; motion was seconded by Hallie Wiertzema. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Citizen's Comments: The group did introductions, as Becca Lewis-Clifton of CESA 3 was joining the meeting for the first time this morning. Connie and Hallie gave an update on recent fundraisers put on by ANGEL Network around the state. Amanda Miller shared information about an opportunity for funding from the Knights of Columbus "Tootsie Roll Drive", as well as Autism Society of WI's Spring 2015 conference, featuring speaker Temple Grandin, at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.
5. Updates:
 - Richland School District: No representative in attendance today, but Amanda Coorough updated the group on new special education hires for the district.
 - Birth-to-Three: No updates – Regional meeting occurred 10/16/14.
 - Children's Long-Term Support: No updates – Regional meeting occurred 9/9/14.
 - Public Health (Kay Cunningham): Kay was not in attendance today, but Amanda Coorough reported some current department initiatives in response to Enterovirus D68 and Ebola concerns. Also touched on flu vaccines.
 - Head Start: No representative in attendance for update today.

- CESA 3 (Becca Lewis-Clifton): Becca shared information regarding a professional development opportunity for Birth-6 professionals to improve child outcome rating processes and reliability. Becca also shared information about Camp Barnabas and Barnabas Prep in Missouri - a resource that may be useful to the council's parent members.
6. Any Other Business: Amanda Coorough discussed the creation of the Center FOCUS group, a joint meetings initiative, and its purpose within the agency and community. Members are encouraged to be a part of this group, while continuing to be involved in advocacy uniquely important to the KIDS Council. Kick-off meeting for Center FOCUS will be held at the agency on October 22nd, 2014 from 11:30-12:30.
 7. Future Agenda Items: Family Support Program plan review, 2015 conference opportunities, Council elections
 8. Next Meeting Date The Next KIDS Council Meeting will be **January 15th, 2015 from 8:30 -10:00 a.m. in Conference Room A/B** at the Community Services Building. Members encouraged to attend Center FOCUS meeting on 10/22/14.
 9. A call was made by Connie Vlasak to adjourn; Hallie Wiertzema motioned and this was seconded by Amanda Miller. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:30am by Connie Vlasak.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Coorough

Children's Services Manager

Richland County Health and Human Services