

Richland County KIDS Council
Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2015

The April 16, 2015 meeting of the KIDS Council was held at 8:30 AM in the Main Conference Room at the Community Services Building of Richland County Health and Human Services.

Members Present: Connie Vlasak, Amanda Miller, Hallie Wiertzema, Faith Peckham, Amanda Coorough, Laurie Couey, Breann Dray

Members Absent: Belinda Granger, Char Gald, Crystal Peer, Virginia Wiedenfeld

Minutes:

1. Call the Meeting to Order: Chair Connie Vlasak called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. Approve Agenda and Posting: Motion by Amanda, second by Hallie to approve the agenda and posting for the April 16, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes for the October 17 meeting: Motion by Hallie, second by Faith to approve the minutes for the October 17 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Citizens Comments:

Connie is volunteering at Circles of Life 2015.

Faith and Amanda are attending Autism Wisconsin. They will bring back information.

Bowling for Acceptance Autism Fundraiser is April 25th in Boscobel.

ANGEL 2015 Jump 4 Autism Event in July

Laurie commented on Yoga Project – free of charge to families.

Brewer Library has new librarian. They are trying to increase activity levels. Open to all ages.

Spring Summer Park and Recreation catalog is out. You can find it online at the Richland Center website.

5. Family Support Program: Plan Approval for State Submission: Discussed at prior meetings, no changes, no request from state for plan. Plan will stay as it is, membership will be the only change.

6. State and Local Updates:

Amanda reported on the Governor's proposed budget changes including opening COP for access to childrens programs; COP and waiver programs may be merged to include adult and childrens programs rolled in together; ADRC may go away; Counties doing resolutions to oppose ADRC elimination; BTT and CLTS Regional meetings are being held next week, hopefully more information will be available at these meetings.

Leah Kornish resigned and interviews will be held for her position.

Breann Dray is now fulltime.

County Audit completed. Everything went well.

The Annual Report will be out in a couple of months.

7. Any Other Business:

Amanda led a discussion on the Center Focus Committee. She questioned if the Council feels it is feasible to have KIDS Council and Center Focus. Today will be the third meeting of Center Focus and she questions if it will be progressive. Connie reported she has not been able to attend so far. Amanda M. is not feeling a benefit from it and is not in favor of having two meetings in one day. She does think it's valuable to hear from other agencies and what they are involved in. Faith does not want two meetings in one day.

Amanda and Hallie will attend the Center Focus meeting today and have a conversation regarding the benefits. Then the group will decide if they want to continue to participate in Center FOCUS.

Chair Connie Vlasak feels that it is time for her to move on from her position as Chair of the Council.

Hallie nominated Amanda Miller for Chairman and Amanda C. seconded. The motion was approved.

Faith nominated Hallie Wiertzema for Vice Chairman and Amanda M. seconded. The motion was approved.

New parents will be invited to the next meeting and their names will then be taken to Health and Human Services Committee for approval to be new parent members.

Hallie presented information on a mushroom based product that she feels has been life changing to her family. They have been giving "Ganoderma Ludicum Mycelium" tablets to their sons and feel it has given the family more normal family experiences. She is now a distributor. These products come in coffee, tea, soap, toothpaste and supplements.

8. Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held July 16th at 8:30 a.m.

9. Adjourn: A motion was made by Amanda and was seconded by Connie to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting ended at 9:30 a.m.