

Richland County KIDS Council
Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2015

The July 16, 2015 meeting of KIDS Council was held at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room A/B at the Community Services Building of Richland County Health and Human Services.

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

Potential Members Present: Leandra Bartow, Brenda Inman, Melanie Manning

Members Absent: Char Gald, Virginia Wiedenfeld

Minutes:

1. Call the Meeting to Order: Chair Amanda Miller called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Everyone introduced themselves as we had some new potential members in attendance. KIDS Council meets quarterly, programs are funded are CCS, BTT, CLTS, approve State Plan for Family Support Funding annually, parent members advocate for services that are available to families. Prospective members will observe today to see if they are interested. Interested members names will be taken to the HHS Board for approval.

2. Approve Agenda and Posting: Motion by Connie, second by Hallie to approve the agenda and posting for the July 16, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

3. Approve Minutes from April 16 meeting: Motion by Hallie, second by Faith to approve the minutes of the April 16 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Citizens Comments:

Connie volunteered at Circles of Life 2015. Next year this event will be held in Waukesha.

Faith and Amanda reported on Autism Wisconsin. They attended sessions on Special Needs Allocation Trust Funds and Picky Eating.

5. State and Local Updates:

Richland School District: New Superintendent has started as well as new Vice Principal at the High School, Caleb Hunt.

Birth to Three: New electronic scoring kit for Battle Testing.

Headstart: Changes coming with performance standards; November Children's First Conference will be held at the Wilderness, 2 days open to parents and kids; Enrollment in Headstart good.

CLTS: Changes with Autism related slots; No longer wait list for MA services; Waisman Center brochure.

Family Support Plan: Update year – no changes, plan submitted in June

Proposed changes in Governor budget: Merging of COP Funds with Waivers/Family Support Funds.

6. Any Other Business:

Richland Center High School started a new Hornet Pride Camp this summer including Cross Training Monday through Thursday and fun activities on Friday for ages 13+.

The HHS Children's Unit partnered with Richland FIT to host Summer Camp Monday through Thursday for families receiving services. High School volunteers assisted with the program.

Children's Protective Services kids, ages 5-12, 12 children attended. They walked to attend programs at the Brewer Library, Richland Center Park and Recreation, bowling at the Phoenix Center, Safe and Healthy Ambassadors, Jefferson Elementary School meal program, Schreiber Foods donated yogurt and cheese.

Juvenile Justice THRIVE Group ages 13-16 years met twice a week June-August. They performed individual skills building and rights and responsibilities of citizen's activities. These hours counted toward service hours required. Some of their activities included: Hosting a Bake Sale with proceeds going toward food and needs for the Richland County Sheriff Department dog Titan, they handmade 100 greeting cards and delivered them to Pine Valley Healthcare residents, they washed squad cars.

This is Connie Vlasak's last meeting, her son aged out of the program. She stated she would be happy to help out when needed. Thank you to Connie for her service.

Center FOCUS Meetings purpose is to take all subcommittees and coordinate services for a common goal. Parents can make the decisions whether they wish to attend. Amanda and Hallie stated it's a good way to learn what is happening.

7. Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held October 15th at 8:30 a.m.

8. Adjourn: A motion was made by Connie and was seconded by Shelley to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting ended at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Kathy Dobbs