

**Richland County KIDS Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 15, 2015**

The October 15, 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:** Amanda Miller, Hallie Wiertzema, Virginia Wiedenfeld, Kay Cunningham, Amanda Coorough, Laurie Couey, Emily Shelton, Leandra Bartow, Brenda Inman

**Members Absent:** Faith Peckham, Char Gald, Shelley Anders, Breann Dray, Crystal Peer

**Minutes:**

1. Call the Meeting to Order: Chair Amanda Miller called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. Approve Agenda and Posting: Motion by Hallie, second by Brenda to approve the agenda and posting for the October 15, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes from July 16, 2015 meeting: Motion by Hallie, second by Leandra to approve the minutes of the July 16 meeting. Motion carried.
4. Citizens Comments: None
5. State and Local Updates:

CLTS: New Funding changes mean this Council may not be mandatory, but we could still meet.

BTT: Breann Dray, Educator is on maternity leave. Amanda Coorough is doing assessments. Referrals have tripled.

Public Health: Richland Fit – funded through May, 2016. Dana resigned. Danielle was hired until the end of the grant. Hired a new Farm to School employee. Richland Fit working on daycare provider obesity training, will provide education, snack and menu planning and exercise ideas. Flu Clinics being held in schools and for the public. Richland School District announced scabies cases in schools.

6. Any Other Business:

Angel Network Cruisin' 4 Autism event. \$10,000 generated in fundraising. Money goes directly to families. Families can apply for \$500 scholarships if they are looking for help.

Amanda Miller suggested an initiative to help Symons Recreation Center get a family changing area so adults could assist with changing etc. and not offend others in the locker room by having boys in the girls or girls in the boys locker room or you don't have to worry about your child in the locker room without supervision. Amanda Coorough said we should invite Denise Hanold, the Director to our next meeting to discuss the barriers.

Another idea presented was a wheelchair accessible swing for the City Park area. We can have a discussion with Shane Stibbe, Park Director regarding the cost.

More activities in the Park and Rec Program for kids with disabilities. We will look into this for next summer's programming.

Ideas for Autism Awareness:

Labels for you and your child "I have autism"

Bake Sales with informational brochures on autism.

Talk with local Walmart management about common issues. Develop a sense that they are a family friendly business. Talk to management staff and explain what it's like to shop for families with a child with autism. Ideas for making your shopping experience better, immediate check out service.

Core Value – Disability Awareness – how we want to be treated.

Are these goals achievable by April? Need to meet every six weeks as a smaller focus group to identify the goals. Volunteers for the Focus Group are Hallie, Amanda M, Brenda and Amanda Coorough. The Focus group will discuss the needs of children with disabilities. We will then meet in January, February and March.

7. Next Meeting Dates: The next meetings will be held January 21<sup>st</sup>, February 18<sup>th</sup> and March 17<sup>th</sup>, all meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m.
8. Adjourn: A motion was made by Kay and was seconded by Hallie to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting ended at 9:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Kathy Dobbs