

**CENTER FOCUS
MINUTES
August 3, 2016**

Mission Statement: Promoting the health, development and well-being of children and families by connecting people, ideas and resources.

The August meeting of Center Focus was called to order at 11:35 a.m. August 3, 2016 by Barb Fullmer in Conference Room A/B of the Community Services Building, 221 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Present: Lucas Clements, Amanda Coorough, Karleen Craddock, Myranda Culver, Kay Cunningham, Kathy Dobbs, Margaret Draxler, Barb Fullmer, Windy Goodman, Ashley Hady, Angela Metz, Vicki Meyer, Betsy Roesler, Don Seep, Chelsea Wunnicke,

Approve Minutes from April 6, 2016 Meeting: Motion by Windy Goodman, second by Chelsea Wunnicke to approve the minutes of the April meeting.

Approve Agenda and Posting: Motion by Ashley Hady, seconded by Amanda Coorough to approve the agenda and proper posting. Motion carried.

Brief Summary from Last Meeting: The minutes from the December meeting were sent out after the meeting as a reminder of upcoming events. We will continue this practice.

Program Updates:

Amanda Coorough, Children's Services Manager: "Rainbow Pass Program" 30 kids/17 families were given free passes for summer activities including the bowling, roller skating, swimming pool, and library activities. The THRIVE group has 10 teenagers working on community service projects. They are sponsoring a fundraiser called "Petfest" on Saturday, August 20, 2016, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Community Services Building Parking Lot, including food, drinks, activities, children's games and pet obstacle course. Proceeds will go toward purchasing a Wheelchair Swing for Krouskop Park. Admission is \$8.00.

Myranda Culver, Clinical Services Manager: CCS – continuing efforts to regionalize with Sauk and Columbia counties. KIDS Council disbanded, and some members have joined CST's Coordinating Committee. The CST Coordinating Committee has also agreed to supervise Children's COP funding.

Angela Metz, Social Worker at Richland Hospital: Toddler Tech went well; Senior Expo – handed out information regarding Advanced Care Directive. College for Kids appeared to be a success this summer. Health Care Directive – working on new trainings starting with hospital employees – "get your wishes on paper". The Hospital will have a Senior/Geriatric Mental Health Program starting later this year.

Windy Goodman, Substance Abuse Counselor: She and Myranda held an all day "Prime for Life" session. This class is mandated for underage drinking offenses. There were 15 in the class. Working on a TAD Grant – OWI Court.

Betsy Roesler, Health and Wellness Coordinator: Working with Richland Fit and RC Children and Family Advocacy Council regarding early alcohol use and underage drinking. Distributed a handout “Richland County Substance Abuse Prevention” an overview of results from data collected at the recent Prime for Life class. Discussion followed. Compliance checks also discussed. County Community Assessment Workbook distributed from a different rural county concerning underage binge drinking and the effects. Richland Fit – Food for Life, Community Garden, Farm to School, Pine River Trail working together to improve health in our community. School will be selling sweet corn at the Richland Hospital.

Karleen Craddock, UW Extension: Karleen is working with teens to do a program at the Library called “Choose Health: Food, Fun & Fitness”. She also works with the 4-H youth program.

Luke Clements, Chief of Police: Recently held Bike Rodeo at Jefferson. July 29th held a point in time homeless survey that identified 1 person they weren’t aware of. Sheriff/Police Department are playing a softball game against the Children’s Unit THRIVE teens. August 26 – DEC – Drug Endangered Children Program 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the High School.

Chelsea Wunnicke, UW Extension: Report distributed from “Raising a Thinking Child” program. It will be held again at Ithaca and Lincoln schools. Rental education for residents at “A Child’s Place”. SWCAP received large 8 year grant for behavioral health services, the goal is to create new programs regionally.

Don Seep, Richland County Board member: Pine Valley renovation nearing completion. October 6, at 8:00 am they will be moving residents – they have to be in their new rooms by Noon. Volunteers are needed.

Vicki Meyer, Passages: April was Sexual Assault Month. They had displays at the library and schools. Working on finishing grants and getting ready for school.

Margaret Draxler, Passages Youth Services: Held “Camp Ada James” for 6 to 16 year olds, 2 days a week. THRIVE teens did a service project with this group – a family fun day with various activities. The camp kids will be having an outing at the Rockbridge Park.

Kay Cunningham, Richland Fit and Public Health: Handed out bookmarks and cards on Preventing Lyme Disease, how to remove a tick and tick identification. There is an increase in Lyme disease cases.

Citizen Comments: None

Any Other Business: Betsy announced that there will be a party for Kay Cunningham who is retiring from Richland County Public Health after serving 42 years. The party will be August 26th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: November 16th at 11:30 a.m.

Adjourn: Motion by Don Seep, seconded by Myranda Culver to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Dobbs
Fiscal Specialist