

Richland County Youth and Family Council
January 4, 2017
Richland County Children Services

The following Board members were

Present: Joe Devany, Brian Garverick, Patricia Harrelson, Sharlene Neumann, Dee Pendlebury, Liz Prather, Karrie Starr, Martin Tremmel, Joe Trolian, Tony Vero, and Kim Washington.

Excused: Hannah Crouch, Linda T. Keller, and Susan Sheaffer.

Absent: Lisa Hall, Katherine Gerhart, and Dan Varn.

Guests: V. Dale Au, Ashley Brown, Terry Carter, Misty Coleman, Deborah Dubois, Veronica Groff, Beth Hildreth, Alan Mitchell, Carmen Torrence, Sue Warren, and Allie Watson.

Teresa Alt, Executive Director and Debra J. Boyer, Administrative Assistant were also in attendance.

1. Call to Order & Introductions:

President Joe Devany called the meeting to order at 1:28 p.m. and observed a quorum. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes December 7, 2016:

Joe Trolian moved and Liz Prather seconded a motion to approve the December 7th, 2016 minutes. The motion passed by a voice vote.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Carmen Torrence reviewed the November 2016 finance report. Carmen requested a budget increase for JAG to \$51,034.38. Combined Council cash balance on hand is \$1,221,779.35.

Joe Trolian moved and Liz Prather seconded a motion to file for audit the November 2016 monthly Treasurer's fiscal report as presented and requested budget increase. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4. Finance Committee:

The January Finance Committee is scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2017 and will be held at Job and Family Services. Early childhood mini grant has been released and submissions are starting to be received.

5. Help Me Grow Report:

Dale Au presented the December 2016 update to Council regarding Help Me Grow, including the number of children being served which is 114 with eligibility, and 21 in referral process for Early Intervention services, 10 were scheduled for evaluations and assessments, 5 qualified for Early Intervention services, 4 did not qualify for Early Intervention services, and 1 was not completed due to cancellation by parent and there are 70 receiving home visiting services. A child is determined not qualified for Early Intervention services if the developmental assessment does not indicate a developmental delay of at least one and one half standard deviations below the mean in at least one of the following areas: adaptive, cognitive, communication, physical, and social or emotional development. There were 69 total referrals for December. Dale also reported that there are 25 families on the Home Visiting waitlist. Families are placed on the waitlist when they do not meet the current Home Visiting criteria; First Time Parents –mother or father with custody whose first child is under 6 months old AND family income is less than or equal to 200% of the federal poverty level OR parent(s) who are expecting their first child AND family income is less than or equal to 200% of the federal poverty level.

6. Children's Trust Fund Update:

Teresa reported that language was passed during the lame duck session that would not allow a member of the regional prevention councils to apply for Children's Trust Fund money. This is concerning to many of the

FCFC's around the state as they had received an Ethics commission statement that they could still apply for the funding while being a member of the regional council. It appears that Children's Trust Fund programming will be difficult to obtain for this area. Historically, Parent Aide has received the Trust Fund money. This past year, the Council pooled fund has provided funding so that there would not be a lapse in service.

7. Adjournment:

President Joe Devany adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Debra J. Boyer, Administrative Assistant to the Richland County Youth and Family Council.

Approved by the action of the Council on February 1, 2017 and approval attest by:

Joseph Devany, President

Teresa Alt, Executive Director