

Kent County
Family & Children's
Coordinating Council

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KCFCCC Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2016 12:00pm – 1:30pm
Kent County Admin Office – **Room 311**
300 Monroe Ave NW

Members/Alternates

Present:

Judge Patricia Gardner, Ron Caniff, Candace Cowling, Lynne Ferrell, Kristen Gietzen, Sandra Ghosten-Jones, Jack Greenfield, Lynn Heemstra, Adam London, Jacob Maas, Nancy Marshall, George Meek, Julie Ridenour, Savator Selden-Johnson, Diana Sieger, Michelle VanDyke, Patti Warmington, Michael Zoerhoff.

Members Absent:

William Forsyth, Scott Gilman, Cynthia Gladyness, Teresa Neal

Guests:

Wayman Britt, Heather Boswell, Tracie Coffman, Amber Erickson, Kathy Freberg, Maureen Kirkwood, George Tyndall, Annmarie Valdez, Matthew VanZetten, Chana Edmond-Verley, Betty Zylstra.

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Judge Gardner called the meeting to order and announced the newest members, Jim Paparella and Yazeed Moore. She also welcomed Michelle VanDyke, the new Executive Director of Heart of West Michigan United Way. Judge Gardner also mentioned Jack Greenfield, Patti Warmington and Mike Zoerhoff were reappointed. Introductions were done. Judge Gardner mentioned Wayman Britt's Giants Award he will receive for his work in the community. The agenda was reviewed and accepted.

After a review of the November minutes, a motion to accept them was provided by George Meek, second by Lynne Ferrell – vote was UNANIMOUS.

2. Public Comment

There was none.

3. Youth Community Data Center

Matthew VanZetten introduced this topic, complementing the ELO Network for its work in this important conversation.

Lynn Heemstra thanked those in the room who have supported this effort and the providers who have been engaged.

Amber Erickson from GVSU's Johnson Center provided an overview of the data system for the ELO Network, known as Youth Community Data Center (YCDC). It is a public dashboard that shows aggregated outcomes for youth in ELO programs. It also has a private dashboard feature for users (those who serve the youth). Data is gathered by a variety of sources, which include: student names, date of birth, program attendance, social emotional learning, academic achievement, school attendance and youth delinquency. This data is all merged to form an integrated dataset, which feeds into the database to provide aggregated outcomes across the different topic areas. To access the data, users need to register with YCDC. Not only does this provide outcomes for youth in the academic arena, out of school time fields and the juvenile justice field, but also provides the effects of out of school time programming.

After a few years of development, pilot testing and on-boarding of ELO providers, there are now 38 organizations and 58 programs participating.

Additionally, data trainings are being held for providers to teach them to use the data and apply it.

After discussion, Amber shared some highlights of the preliminary analysis. She added that the next steps will be to get more providers on board, continue to explore the relationship of the data and to train providers on how to use the data.

Lynn Heemstra added that the next six months will be an opportunity to look at sustainability. Anyone who is interested in helping to shape the future of how we look at the impact of this system-wide, county-wide, the time is now.

4. **Lakeshore Regional Partners/Network180 Update**

Matthew began this update, pointing to the Beacon report of the findings of the audit of the Lakeshore Regional Entity PIHP. This report includes the required corrective action plan.

The action plan was due January 25 and has been submitted. Matthew said one of the biggest issues addressed through the process was the governance model of the Lakeshore Regional Partners. Historically, this has been a frustration on the part of Kent County with only having 2 of 10 seats when over 50 percent of the work is done in our community. This is especially in light of the cost curves of network180 services in comparison to those along the lakeshore counties.

Through a lot of negotiations, a model has been proposed to the State, where each county will have one seat from their CMH Board on the new governance body, with ten at-large seats that would be designated by population of the county or community. Kent County

would have four of the ten seats. This model provides the Kent County community with five of the 15 seats. The ten at-large seats are open to those outside of the CMH arena. This includes private providers, hospital systems, funders, advocates, consumers and others.

This proposed governing structure now has to go back to the each of the CMH's and the counties for approval. If the CMH's and/or counties don't approve this model, it will make the corrective action plan null and void.

It looks like the PIHP was able to work with the CMH's to provide this corrective action plan and it's hopeful we will be able to retain our CMH status in the short term.

However, there seems to be a large movement across the State to move the CMH services into the Health Care Plans. We'll need to figure out how to ensure the things our community finds most valuable will remain in place and how we can retain the savings we achieve locally.

Jack Greenfield shared that we need to figure out ways to support and sustain local care. As the region looks at things from a broader perspective, we run the risk of losing the relationships of our providers. He thinks the KCFCCC should be first and foremost in helping our community develop a local system that does both instead of either/or.

5. Nomination Committee

Due to inclement weather, Judge Gardner said there has been a delay in bringing these nominations forward. Patti Warmington, Julie Ridenour and Matthew VanZetten are the members participating in the nominating of Executive Committee members for this year. Matthew said the work is not finished, but they have learned that the by-laws require the Chair and Vice-Chair to be members of the KCFCCC, and not alternates. Judge Gardner's term as presiding judge of the Family Court is expired, so she can be on the Coordinating Council as Judge Feeney's alternate, but can't serve as Chair.

The Nominating Committee has to reconvene to sort that out. A written report will be provided by email prior to the April meeting. Judge Gardner has agreed to remain part of the Executive Committee to assist in the Child Welfare Reform work. Her voice is crucial in completing this work.

6. Miscellaneous

- a) **Adam London** – Due to the State changing their policy on parents receiving waivers for unvaccinated children in school, Adam said the waiver rates in Kent County are down 36 percent. That equates to about 400 less waivers than last year.
- b) **Lynn Heemstra** – Mayor Bliss is giving her State of the City Address tonight. It will be on live stream at www.mayorbliss.org.

- c) **George Meek** – Reminder of the loss of Michael Young from the City of Rockford. He was very effective in his work there and he will be missed.
- d) **Wayman Britt** – Thanked the group for their comments on the Giants Award. He added without the support of the Administrator’s office and the work of this collaborative body, he would be unable to do what he does. He said he is very proud of the collaboration in our County.
- e) **Julie Ridenour** – Julie thanked Judge Gardner for her willingness to continue serving on this committee.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at the Kent County Administration Building, Room 311.