

**Commission on Children & Families**  
**November 13, 2007**  
**5:30 p.m.—ESD Conference Room**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Lois Allen, Les Esparza, Dan Forbess, Bruce Justis, Barbara Matthews, Shirley Pettersen, Dave Lee, and Sandi Smick

**Members Absent:** Bonnie Ford

**Others Present:** Ron Yockim, Jerry Waybrant, Joanna Byford, and Jeremy Gegenhuber

**Staff Present:** Gail Phillips, Gillian Wesenberg, and Debbie Wheeler

Lois called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Minutes:** Bruce Justis motioned that the October 16, 2007, minutes be approved; Barbara Matthews seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Chair's Report:** Lois spoke on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Plan Task Force meeting held on Wednesday, November 7, 2007. Lois reported there were 20 that attended the meeting and the Task Force voted to:

1. **Target Population:** Continue with serving grades 4, 5, and 6;
2. **Program Design:** Continue with the Multi-systemic Therapy program design.
3. **Outcomes:** Continue with the current outcomes, plus add an additional outcome which will track any subsequent entry into the juvenile system.
4. **Runaway & Homeless Youth Grant Application** – Harry Mullins completed the Grant Application. Ron Yockim will review it prior to going before the Board of Commissioners on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November, 2007. Lois explained this is Grant is for Homeless and Runaway Youth Drop-In Center, which will be built in the basement of Casa De Belen. The Ford Family Foundation has offered a Challenge Grant \$20,000.00, if we get the \$79,000 Grant.

**Executive Meeting:** Sandi Smick reported that the Executive Committee met on November 6 to review the 2007-09 Requests for Proposals. She said the Executive Committee recommends the following:

1. **STRATEGY 1.** Increase supports for children who are at-risk of family violence, child abuse and neglect
  - Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA): Douglas County CASA  
Grant Amount: \$76,462
  - Relief Nurseries: Family Development Center  
Grant Amount: \$248,582
  - Healthy Start: Douglas County Health & Social Services  
Grant Amount: \$350,318
  - Welcome Baby: Mercy Foundation  
Grant Amount: \$33,750
2. **STRATEGY 3.** Increase youth involvement and positive activities for all Douglas County youth. Increase early intervention services for youth at risk of substance abuse, juvenile delinquency, teen pregnancy, and school failure
  - MultiSystemic Therapy: Options Counseling  
Grant Amount: \$142,500
3. **STRATEGY 4.** Create and support safe places for children and families to have fun and connect with community resources
  - Warmline: Umpqua Community Action Network (Family Connections)  
Grant Amount: \$13,500

**MOTION:** Sandi Smick motioned that these grant amounts be approved; and, Dave Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Justis raised concerns that the Warmline is not known by those who could utilize this service. After discussion, the Commission agreed to form a committee to look at how to better publicize this service. Gillian suggested having a conversation with Vic Falgout of Family Connections. Bruce Justis, Sandi Smick, and Gillian Wesenberg volunteered to serve on this committee.

**Director's Report:** Gillian Wesenberg reported that the Build Our Kids Initiative is going very well. The major sponsors are: Roseburg Forest Products, Douglas County Independent Physician Association, FCC Furniture, LTM, and the Mercy Foundation (each gave \$5000). The Roseburg Rotary Foundation volunteered to be the fiscal agent. Gillian explained that an "on-the-ground" campaign will begin in January 2008. Roseburg Forest Products has given another \$5000.00 towards the on-the-ground efforts. Part of the on-the-ground efforts includes providing technical support to partners such as communities, schools, and organizations providing technical support. Phil Bowser, a retired school psychologist, will be providing training sessions on practical applications of the 40 Assets, as well as the non-traditional piece.

**Youth Advisory Board Update:** Jeremy Gegenhuber reported that at the last Keystone Club meeting officers were elected. Jeremy Gegenhuber is the President and Janikka Merrill is Vice-President. The club had a pizza sale and earned \$300.00; they are not sure what they will use the money for. Teen Night is this Friday, November 16, 2007 at the Boys & Girls Club. December 22 and 23, 2007 the club will host another Teen Night for the teens at Casa De Belen. The club is planning on participating in a National Campaign which will recognize an outstanding teen. Gillian asked what the Commission can do to help the club accomplish their goals. Jeremy will present this question at the next Keystone Club / YAB meeting. Lois asked which school districts have a student representative. Jeremy replied Roseburg High School at this time. Lois encouraged the club to try to get students from other school districts involved.

**Review of the Douglas County 2008 – 2014 Comprehensive Plan for Children & Families -**  
Presentation by Gillian Wesenberg on Draft Plan – (Power Point Presentation attached) – Action –

**MOTION:** Barbara Matthews made a motion to accept the plan with the possibility of technical revisions; Lois Allen seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously. The Plan will be submitted to the Douglas County Commissioners in December and to the State Commission in January 2008.

**Other:** Gillian called upon Jerry Waybrant to give an update on the transformation of the DHS Office with the appointment of Brian Johnston as Interim Director of CAP. Mr. Johnston is an attorney, a legislator, and has served as a Commission Member.

**Adjournment:** Lois adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Phillips