

Commission on Children & Families
April 15, 2008
5:30 p.m.—Douglas ESD
Minutes

Members Present: Barbara Matthews, Bonnie Ford, Sandi Smick, Les Esparza, Bruce Justis and Jeremy Gegenhuber.

Members Absent: Lois Allen, Dave Lee, Shirley Petterson, Steve Schenewerk

Others Present: John Ayer, Harry Mullins, Sharon Johnston, Victoria Rodriguez, Kelly Southern, Matt Brausam, Sylvia Nash, Karin Hardin, Denise Galusha, Terry Waybrant, and Fr. Juniper

Staff Present: Debbie Wheeler Gail Phillips, and Dawn Smith

Barbara called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and introductions where made

Minutes: Bonnie Ford motioned that the March 18, 2008, minutes be approved; Sandi Smick seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Chair's Report: Barbara Matthews reported the following for Lois Allen.

- April is National Child Abuse and Prevention month
- April 24, 2008 is the annual Truth, Lies, and Videotape PSA premier
- April 26, 2008 is Celebrate Children's Day at Wildlife Safari Park

Barbara said that the Healthy Start Advisory Board has been working this past year on the Healthy Start Policies and Procedures. The Board would like the Commission to review and approve the Healthy Start Policies and Procedures.

Motion: Sandi Smick made a motion to approve the Healthy Start Policies and Procedures. Les Esparza seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Director's Report: Gillian could not attend tonight's meeting because she has pneumonia. Debbie Wheeler reported on the following for her:

- ***DINT Grant-Social Services Consortium Meeting and Evaluator Update:*** Debbie shared that the Social Services Consortium had received 2 proposals in response to the Request for Proposals.
- ***Healthy Start State Review:*** The State Commission will be here on May 5, 2008, to review the county's Healthy Start program
- ***Homeless Youth Drop-In Center:*** Harry Mullins said that the general contractor has done a tremendous amount of work for the center all pro bono. However, we still need about \$ 33,000. to finish the remodel

Youth Advisory Board Update: Jeremy Gegenhuber reported that the Keystone Club will be participating in the Truth, Lies and Videotape premier. Also, the Keystone state conference will be held in Roseburg this year at the Boy's & Girls Club on April 25th and 26th.

Douglas County Early Childhood Planning Coalition – Update by Matt Brausam

Matt gave a report on the successes of the Douglas County Early Childhood Planning Coalition. Currently, they have 5 classes in progress. To date, they have had 953 participants.

Douglas County Healthy Start – Update from Karin Hardin

Karin provided an update on the Healthy Start program. Additionally, Sylvia Nash, a Healthy Start parent and Advisory Board member, shared her experiences with the program.

Adjournment: Barbara adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Smith