

**Commission on Children & Families**  
**October 21, 2008**  
**5:30 p.m.—Douglas ESD**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Lois Allen, Les Esparza, Bonnie Ford, Barbara Matthews, Steve Schenewerk, Suzie McAmis, Dave Lee, Jeremy Gegenhuber, and Dan Forbess

**Members Absent:** Bruce Justis and Shirley Petterson

**Others Present:** Dan Strasser- Riverside Treatment Center  
Jerry Waybrant- DHS  
Gayle Nixon- Umpqua Training and Employment  
Lynn Wilson- Housing  
Joan Forbess- Oakland High School

**Staff Present:** Gillian Wesenberg and Dawn Smith

Lois Allen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and introductions were made.

**Minutes:** Steve Schenewerk made a motion to approve the September 16, 2008 minutes, Barbara Matthews seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Director's Report:** Gillian shared that a requirement of the Oregon Commission on Children & Families (OCCF) is all local CCF's submit a biennial budget. The summary of the changes to the 2007-2009 DCCF biennial budget allocations are as follow:

**1. Healthy Start**

\$9,467 of unallocated Family Preservation Support funds was added to Healthy Start Intensive Services. \$3,307 in additional Medicaid funds (from Quarters 1-4 accruals) was also added subtracting \$1,653.50 for the Medicaid match. The net additional Medicaid = \$ 1,653.50.

The total Healthy Start Intensive Services expenditures for quarters 1 -- 4 (Health Department) are \$234,724 (based on estimated fourth quarter expenditures of \$44,479).

The total 2008-2009 Healthy Start Intensive Services budget is \$239,011. \$57,386 (5<sup>th</sup> quarter) will go to the Health Department and \$185,625 (6 – 8 quarters) will go to the Family Development Center, which includes \$172,158 per the contracted agreement plus \$9,467 in start-up costs.

## **2. Management Analyst**

\$25,849 was added for a new Management Analyst (\$11,209 of State flexible funds and \$14,640 of unallocated funds from the close out of fiscal year 2007- 2008).

## **3. Riddle Community School**

\$70,446 was added to the Riddle Community Schools grant (our work plan is still in progress, so funds have not been received). The grant targets middle school youth.

## **4. After School Programs**

\$36,286 of the federal Child Care Development Fund for Riddle, Reedsport, Roseburg YMCA and Oakland was allocated based on the RFP/Executive Committee determination.

## **5. Positive Youth Development**

Federal dollars can be carried over (we usually have \$12,000 - 15,000). There is a \$10,067 carry over this year, which has been put into the Youth Investment fund for upcoming youth projects. \$35,000 was allocated to the Build our Kids Initiative for Drain/Oakland, Riddle, Winston, and Phoenix School for the “on the ground” piece of the Build our Kids Initiative.

Lois asked if there were any questions. There being no further questions, Lois recommended approval of the biennial budget adjustments. Steve Schenewerk moved to adopt the budget as presented and Barbara Matthews seconded the motion. The motion was carried by consensus.

### **Build our Kids Initiative:**

Gillian and Dennis Eberhart gave a presentation to the Mercy Foundation Board based on three public service announcements. The presentation was basically an illustration on potential usage of the Build our Kids initiative as an “umbrella” – a way to tie service and collaboration between non-profits, organizations, schools, etc. into a type of “hub” of children’s services.

### **Other:**

Gillian and Suzie McAmis are attending the Healthy Brain Conference in Eugene on Wednesday, October 23, 2008. There will be some excellent speakers, so information will be shared with everyone.

Our coalition of Commissions do not feel things look promising. At this point in time it appears the State budget will be down \$500 million just to maintain current services (not including the cost of Measure 57 or passage of Measure 61).

### **Youth Advisory Board Update:** Jeremy Gegenhuber

The Keystone Club had their first parent meeting on September 13, 2008 at Los Dos Amigos to discuss the membership and by-laws. The Club has 10 members this year and all are from Roseburg High School. Lois asked if the Keystone Club has tried to get other schools in the county to participate. Jeremy will look into the possibility of having a function that would open up membership to other county high schools.

**Riverside School Update:** Dan Strasser gave an operations update stating that Riverside School offers a range of mental health services to children ages 5 to 18.

1. Out Patient – Riverside Center’s Outpatient program provides psychiatric outpatient treatment services to Douglas County children (boys and girls aged 5 – 18) and their families. Treatment services are individualized and include a full array of family and adult services. This includes Psychiatric Medication Management and one-on-one counseling with our licensed therapist.
  
2. Day Treatment – Riverside Center’s Day Treatment program provides intensive psychiatric day treatment and special education services to children between the ages of five and nine, whose primary handicapping condition at the time of admission is diagnosed to be moderate emotional disturbance. The program can also serve children with severe emotional disturbances who require immediate placement/assessment on a crisis basis until they can be referred to appropriate community education or treatment programs. The disturbance must have advanced to a degree and complexity where no other less restrictive program in the community can adequately meet the special needs of the child and family.

**Adjournment:** Lois adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Smith