

Commission on Children & Families
September 16, 2008
5:30 p.m.—Douglas ESD
Minutes

Members Present: Lois Allen, Les Esparza, Shirley Petterson, Bonnie Ford, Barbara Matthews, Steve Schenewerk, and Suzie, McAmis, Dave Lee

Members Absent: Bruce Justis

Others Present: Harry Mullins-Homeless Runaway Youth
Jerry Waybrant- DHS
Dave Gianotti-Riddle School District
Meg Story-Adapt

Staff Present: Gillian Wesenberg and Dawn Smith

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

Minutes: Barbara Matthews motioned that the May 20, 2008 minutes be approved, Steve Schenewerk seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Chair's Report: Lois Allen reported that the Executive Committee met on August 1, 2008, to discuss the RFP and awarded the Family Development Center the Healthy Start program. FDC will be taking over on October 1, 2008

Director's Report: Gillian shared that the Commission on Children & Families has been very busy this summer the commission has been working on the two RFP's (After school and Healthy Start) for this year and replacing Debbie Wheeler..... Steve Schenewerk stated that Winston will be holding a 40 Assets training on December 12, 2008 at the Winston visitor center. They have a speaker from the Search Institute coming they will be holding a training session in the AM hours for teachers & staff of local schools, then in again in the PM for the community. Dave Gianotti asked about video taping the training for the Build our Kids pilot communities or maybe setting up a second date for training

Homeless Youth Drop-In Center: Harry Mullins gave an operations update stating that the Homeless Youth Drop-In Center opened on June 16, 2008 at the Boy's & Girls Club and they have had 143 visits that served 16 youth ages 16-20. The services have been: Showers, laundry, bus tickets, grocery cards, meals, and assistance with accessing medical services. Harry also shared that the Douglas County

Homeless Youth Drop-in Center will be holding an open house at Casa de Belen on Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 1:00 pm.

Riddle Community School Grant: Dave Gianotti reported that Riddle School District was awarded a \$70, 446 a year grant from the state for their after school program.

The proposed Program will include staff: One licensed teacher as director (design and coordinate), Two Licensed teachers as tutors, enrichment activity instructors and four highly qualified adult tutors, mentors.

The program sample actives are: Active Alternative Educational Activities (Staff), Tutoring/Homework assistance, (Math, Reading, Science) (Staff), Mentoring (Adult Volunteers), Healthy Living educational activities (HKOP), Asset Development & Awareness (BOK), Field Trips/ Guest Presentations, Inter-Personal Communication/Group inter-actions work (DCMH), Parent Education Classes (TBA) and Parents Night Activities (Staff).

Riddles partners are:

- Mercy Foundation Healthy Kids Outreach Program (HKOP) and Nurse (Health and wellness education)
- DC Mental Health (DCMH) (mentoring/counseling assistance)
- Alder Creek Children's Forest providing natural science activities/location
- DCECPC/Adapt Parent education classes
- Open Bible Church, Volunteers & Transportation

Dave hopes to encourages the parents to take the parenting classes offered by DCECPC in exchange for a discount on the after school program.

Adjournment: Lois adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Smith