
Children, Youth & Families

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Minutes Prepared By: Kim Baker, Administrative Assistant, Human Services

1. Purpose of Meeting

- Election of New Officers
- Sign up for Committee of choice
- Brief Presentation on Family Group Decision Making
- Presentation of Human Services Website and access to Intranet for Council Members
- Training Calendar Review
- School Based Services

2. Attendance at Meeting

<i>Name</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Name</i>
John Burdis	Jerry Anderson, CYS	Barbara Eubanks, CYS
Rosemary Countess	Judy Bassett, HSD	Kelly Brandon, HSD
David Maisch	Wayne Bear, YDC	Ken Watts, FGDM
Keith Martin	Ellen Carter, D & A	
Rev. Joan Maruskin	Bruce Funk, HSD	
De'Elzier O'Conner, Jr.	Michelle Hovis, HC	
Lydia Schnetzka	Kendra Kakos, MH/MR	
Arthur Smith, Jr.	Steve Warren, MH/MR/DA	
William Vangreen		

3. Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

- David Maisch, Chairman of the Children, Youth & Families Advisory Council called the meeting to order. Roll Call was taken. There was a moment of reflection for Children, Youth & Families.
- The Committee Interest Forms were passed for people to sign up for the Committee of their choice.
- The mission statement for Children, Youth & Families Advisory Council was discussed. It was decided to pull the mission statement from the old Children's Services Advisory Council. It was also stated to check the website of the state office of Children, Youth & Families. This information was requested for review prior to the next meeting.
- Election of Children, Youth & Families Advisory Council officers was conducted: John Burdis was elected Vice-Chairman and Rosemary Countess was elected Secretary by unanimous vote.
- Ken Watts from Family Group Decision gave a brief explanation of the concept behind Family Group Decision Making. Ken stressed that this is a strength-based system instead of a deficit-based system. There will be a Mock Conference training of Family Group Decision Making in Mid-November that is open to any of the Advisory Council Members. All roles will be played by the Family Group Implementation Team for this conference.
- Kelly Brandon from York County Human Services Department gave a short explanation of the Human Services Division Web-site. Kelly told the members of the Council how the intranet will provide them with a forum to discuss issues of importance between meetings. The Council members will be able to check for meeting notices and pull the minutes and agendas from the intranet. Kelly will send out notices to everyone's email address with their temporary passwords for logging into the intranet.
- Dr. Bassett discussed the training sessions. A brief description of the past training session was given along with the topics for the upcoming sessions on 10/31/07 and 11/01/07. The upcoming sessions will include the various agencies within the Human Services Division giving a brief overview of their programs, regulations and funding.
- Dr. Anderson from Children and Youth Services gave a presentation on the implementation of School Based Services. These services consist of having a Children and Youth Services caseworker assigned to various schools throughout York County. So far the pilot program is taking place in Southwestern, Hanover and York City School Districts. Children and Youth Services is transitioning from Satellite Programs to School Based Programs. Children and Youth Services have had a caseworker in Hannah Penn Middle School for the past six years and are using those successes as a basic model for the new programs. Having a caseworker on site in the schools has opened the door for families to request help without feeling a stigma for working with Children & Youth.
- Dr. Bassett said that Mental Health/Mental Retardation and Juvenile Probation are also talking with the schools about embedding employees. Michelle Hovis, HealthChoices program stated PA Counseling Services are currently embedded in several schools. Several schools have stated that they don't need anyone as they feel their needs are being met through the SAP.
- Dr. Anderson stated that Children and Youth Services is moving to an evidenced based concept for treatment of children in the various facilities. The Logic Model is being used by agencies and providing a way of finding treatment facilities that are making a difference in the lives of the children they are treating by the various methods of treatment. These facilities are providing evidence that

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- they are providing a direct benefit to the children by their treatment in the facility. The County is now being approached by facilities that have been using Logic Models to gauge their progress with their patients and are anxious to show what they can provide to the children of York County. Hasmukh Amin in Children and Youth is working on a computer program that will track all data on children to see how they make out in their follow-up visits after Residential Treatment is stopped. There is a known disconnect when children go from a Partial program to BHRS and other services according to Michele Hovis.
- Wayne Bear from Youth Development Center stated that there have been many challenges in the last month at the facility concerning the changes in restraining a child. The new restraint methods are making providers resistant to housing these children because of the behavioral non-compliance. As a result of this YDC is keeping the children longer in their facility before being placed. Staff are trying to use a calm, assertive behavior with the children but more training need to be done. MH/MR/HealthChoice are funding Crisis Counseling and Stabilization Counseling for 20 hours each week. There has been a freeze on new referrals because of overcrowding and staffing problems. The bottom line is to keep both the children and staff safe. Prone restraint has been discontinued due to the inappropriate pressure to the chest are. There have been incidents at other facilities where a child has died during this procedure. As a result the face-up restraint is being used, the problem with this is that a child can spit and the staff trying to subdue them. Seclusion is being used which is done by locking the child in their room. Detention is still crowded, waiting for decisions as to whether the children are moving from the Juvenile System to the Adult System.
 - Steve Warren introduced his staff, Michelle Hovis from HealthChoices Management Unit, Kendra Kakos, Mental Health Specialist, Ellen Carter, Assistant Drug & Alcohol Administrator, Susan Harvey is the Mental Retardation Specialist and Early Intervention but was not in attendance this morning.
 - Bruce Funk addressed the York County Needs Assessment stating that there is still time for people to call in or email their comments to the firm gathering data. The information received from the community on the website is starting to be analyzed. Bruce wanted to thank everyone for their participation in this project. The information gathered will be made public on approximately December 19, 2007.

Other Business

- Announcements: Next meeting will be November 14 from 8-9:30 in the lower level conference room in the Administration Building.

4. Action Items

Action	Assigned to	Due Date	Status
Human Services Website – www.ychsd.org .			

5. Next Meeting					
Target Date:	<u>November 14, 2007</u>	Time:	<u>8:00 AM</u>	Location:	<u>Lower Level Conference Room in the Administration Building</u>
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•				