

Minutes
FMC Community Empowerment Board
Monday, March 8, 2010, 6:30 PM
Charles City Public Library, Charles City Iowa

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bob Marreel at 6:35 PM with the following members present: Bob Marreel, Shannon Paulus, Virgil Pickar, Jr., Kathy Herrick, Mark Knudtson, Deb Freeman, Elayne Werges, Carol Strike, Kae Courtney and Lori Jost . Board Members absent: Leo Staudt and Kay Winkelman,. It was determined that there was a quorum (10 members present)

Round- table introductions were made.

The agenda was presented and reviewed. Laurie Kristiansen noted an addition for the agenda was a Board Member resignation (Winkelman) Motion by Strike and seconded by Herrick to approve the agenda as presented. Vote taken. All ayes.

The minutes for the meeting dated January 11, 2010 were reviewed and corrections that Deb Freeman WAS NOT present and Carol Strike WAS present. Motion by Pickar and seconded by Winkelman that the minutes be approved with corrections as noted.. Roll Call Vote was taken. All members present voted aye, No Members voted aye. Motion passed 10-0

Kristiansen presented to the Board a letter of resignation that she received from Kae Winkelman. Due to conflicts with home and work Winkelman has decided to resign from the FMC Community Empowerment Board effective immediately.

Gloria Carr, Floyd County, presented information on the financial report, Current Financial reports for School Ready and Early Childhood were reviewed. Motioned by Freeman and seconded by Herrick to approve the financial reports as submitted. Roll Call Vote was taken. All members present voted aye, No Members voted aye. Motion passed 10-0

Carr also stated that letters have been sent out to surrounding area papers to encourage individuals to complete their census forms when they are received and explaining the importance of being counted.

Carr also informed those present that America's Hometown Business Showcase will be held at the Charles City High School on March 27 from 9am – 4:30 pm.

Kristiansen reviewed a Legislative Update handout from Shanell Wagler, State Office of Empowerment. Kristiansen discussed that the goal is to streamline government including empowerment. Empowerment areas need to be more than one county but less than 4 counties. Some state level changes are there will be a lot more data reporting required (State Board will be also establish and ENFORCE statewide performance measures), prohibits program providers from serving on the board (Home Health Agencies), Department of Management will manage Early Childhood Iowa Initiative (ECI) staff (no longer Governor appointees), re-inserts requirement of 60 percent of family support funding must be spend on programming that includes a home visitation and an Audit will

be required (our program is currently included in the random / representative audit) we may need to have a single audit focused on empowerment (but will probably be a charge for this). By FY 2013, there should be 30 to 38 local empowerment areas (now there are 58).

Kristiansen passed out draft copies of RFP's for Early Childhood and School Ready grants for Board review, but will wait and see what happens with legislation and funding before releasing them.

Program Updates from FMC Partners:

TLC announced that they will have a change in leadership. Effective 5/1/10 Kathy Herrick will be the new Director.

Families Together has received 17 referrals recently. Last Quarter they served 332 and past month they served 224. Primary needs are Mental Health Issues, lack of parenting skills, leaving 8-10 year olds in charge of younger children. "Good People Do Stupid Things"

Public Health reported increase in referrals. They have seen an increase in referrals from doctor's offices (but referrals don't always answer phone calls). 3200 H1N1 shots were distributed in BOTH Mitchell and Chickasaw County.

Community Comment:

None

Other Information and Items

None

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 10, 2010 at 6:30 PM at the Chalres City Public Library meeting room.

Knudtson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Werges seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Shannon Paulus /s/
FMC Empowerment Secretary