

Minutes
FMC Community Empowerment Board
July 17, 2006
7:00 p.m. – Charles City Public Library Meeting Room

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Virgil Pickar, Jr. at 7 p.m. with the following board members present: Virgil Pickar, Jr., Cheryl Jahnel, Bonnie Blake, Kathy Herrick, Jon Cook, Anne Windolf, Shannon Paulus, Mark Knudtson, and Leo Staudt. Members absent: Sue Paulus, Elayne Werges, Deb Freeman, Frank Rottinghaus, and Jennifer Bauer. Introductions were made.

After review of agenda, three additions were made: report from Jane Dahlhouse, CCR&R; update from North Iowa Community Action – Head Start; and proposal from Kathy Babcock for public health. Motion by Jon Cook to approve agenda as amended, seconded by Kathy Herrick. Vote taken, all ayes.

Review of the 2005 Annual Meeting minutes conducted by the board. Motion by Shannon Paulus, seconded by Jon Cook to approve the minutes as presented. Vote taken, all ayes.

Review of the regular June 27, 2006 board meeting minutes. Motion by Bonnie Blake, seconded by Anne Windolf to approve the minutes as presented. Vote taken, all ayes.

Chair Pickar then acknowledged the efforts, time and input from the 2006 FMC Community Empowerment Board members. Special recognition was given to the retiring board members: Frank Rottinghaus, Larry Hicok, Jennifer Bauer, and Kathy Babcock. Chair Pickar then extended a welcome to the new board members: Deb Freeman – representing the public health sector and to Mark Knudtson – replacing education Larry Hicok as the education representative.

Report from Cheryl Jahnel, Nominating Committee Chair, on the proposed slate of officers for FY 2007. Board members recommended were: Virgil Pickar, Jr. – Chair; Bonnie Blake – Vice Chair; and Kathy Herrick – Secretary. Motion by Jahnel to accept the proposed slate, seconded by Jon Cook. Vote taken, all ayes.

Additional board positions were next reviewed. After review of proposed positions, motion by Kathy Herrick to accept Mark Knudtson – educational representative; Amy Sauke – Floyd County citizen representative; and Leo Staudt – Floyd County elected official. Motion was seconded by Shannon Paulus. Vote taken, all ayes.

The Board next heard an update from the FMC Community Empowerment Board Fiscal Agent, Gloria Carr, Floyd County Auditor. Gloria reviewed the financial report showing the proposed FY 2006 Budget report and a report on the proposed FY 2007 budget. After discussion, motion by Jon Cook, second by Shannon Paulus to approve the FY 2006 budget report with corrections as suggested by Carr. Vote taken, all ayes. Lengthy discussion on the FY 2007 budget proposal. After consideration of all issues, motion by Jon Cook, second by

Shannon Paulus to approve the School Ready portion of the FY 2007 budget proposal. Vote taken, all ayes. Due to a new requirement for Early Childhood to appropriate all funds within this budget for FY 2007, no action was taken by the Board.

Dianne Casto next presented an update on the S.O.R. (Starting Out Right) initiative which is being formulated to address the 0-3 year old population in Charles City. The hand-out material which was provided is attached to these minutes for the file. Dianne explained that this program would be a fit for the Early Childhood budget. No formal action taken.

Kathy Babcock presented a joint three-county public health proposal which would utilize Early Childhood dollars. Discussion on the types of services proposed, identified gaps of service, duplication of services, and funding was held. This proposal is targeted to fit criteria of the Early Childhood funds. No formal action taken.

Jane Dahlhouser, CCR&R, provided an annual report on the activities of CCR&R in the FMC Community Empowerment area. Also, questions were asked regarding the additional funds in the Early Childhood budget to be allocated for FY2007. Attached to these minutes is a copy of the hand-out provided from CCR&R. No formal action taken.

Board discussed the three proposals with consensus that all three entities (public health, Head Start, and CCR&R) should prepare an RFP for these programs and submit for consideration at the next Board meeting.

Nancy Beenblossom, LSI – Families Together, next provided an annual summary of the Families Together program for FY 2006. Discussion on the contract with LSI (Lutheran Services of Iowa) with FMC Community Empowerment board for the Families Together program. Consensus that for FY 2007, LSI will contract directly with FMC Community Empowerment for the Families Together program, with payments for services provided to the 0-5 year old population in the three-county area.

Public Comment: question was asked if the pre-school scholarship application could be mailed out to families, if there were any changes to the scholarship application form (there are none except for modification on the reduced/free lunch income guidelines) Consensus of the FMC Community Empowerment board that the preschools should use the same scholarship form with determination of eligibility based upon new financial guidelines provided by the State Empowerment Board/poverty guidelines.

Meeting dates and times for FY 2007 were next discussed. After review of dates and a change in the meeting night, motion by Leo Staudt, second by Jon Cook to move the FMC Community Empowerment board meeting to the fourth Monday night of the month. Vote taken, all ayes. Chair Pickar also informed the board members of a vacancy on the public health advisory board for Floyd County. There being no further business, motion by Bonnie Blake, second by Shannon Paulus, to adjourn the FMC Community Empowerment board meeting. Vote taken, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.