



VISION STATEMENT

The Butler County Child and Family Development Task Force, with community support, ensure quality, available, and affordable childcare, early childhood education, children's health services and family support for all children in Butler County.

Meeting Minutes

For Wednesday, April 20, 2011

Location: Bradford Memorial Library – El Dorado, KS

Attendees (17 total):

Amanda Dorey, SCMHCC Social Stars; Audra Kenneson, Smart Start; Barb Roths, K-State Research & Extension Butler County; Becky Hadicke, SRS; Darla; Jamie Downs, Butler County Health Department; Kandi Miller, United Way of the Plains; Kathy Van Zelfden, Smart Start; Kelly Price, Community Development Institute Head Start; Kris Nicholson, Child Care Aware of Kansas; Luann McFadden, Bright Beginnings; Marcy Cone, Child Start; Marla Canfield; ECAAP Dept of Commerce; Sue Barrientos; BCC Early Education; Susan Harsh, Bright Beginnings; Suzi Thien, SCARF; Tamara Bernard, Smart Start; Teresa Thompson.

Introductions & Announcements:

- Susan – Bright Beginnings received a donation from White Eagle Credit Union for \$5,000. Susan related the story of the when they brought the generous gift to Bright Beginnings.
- Kris – brought Kansas Child publication from Spring 2010 because it has good information about making connections and advocating with law makers.
- Teresa – BCCAECCE had their Annual Inservice earlier this month. In the morning they had Beth Reeder presenting Conscious Discipline and in the afternoon they had The Bug Lady. They were pleased with the turn out. They will have the Family BBQ in May.
- Suzi – SCARF's annual fundraiser, The Bckaroo Ball, will be at the Boot Scootin' Barn on April 30 at 6:30. You can get more information by contacting Suzi at 316.313.4107. Additionally, Suzi is asking for help. They are having computer issues and have had volunteer help, but would like to find someone to contact and pay to do it. They want someone to look at their network and provide tech assistance, etc. IF we know of who can do this, please pass a name and number on to Suzi.
- Marcy – brought new Crib Notes for April – July. Child start is also offering trainings and a special one in Butler on May 7 will focus on Keeping Children Safe (see attachment). Marcy also brought flyers about a Literacy Conference that will be held in July and August (see handouts).

- Kelly Price - Community Development Institute now has Head Start. They will be here for 12 to 18 months and then a bid will be open for others to write for the Head Start program. CDI is an extended Start Up Team. Sarah Hurd is no longer with Head Start. The new director is from out of state and will be here soon. Questions for now can go to Janett Spencer who is the assistant to the director. 775.6666. When you visit the Head Start in Augusta please use the Head Start doors. (see handouts)
- Amanda – Social Stars is having budget issues. They eliminated two positions. They are still open and serving more kids than they did last year at this time.
- Jamie – Crib Guidelines are changing. (see handouts) We have until December 2012 to make the changes. These changes are nation-wide. Also, Carol Borger is retiring soon. Her reception is May 20 from 3 to 5. More info to come.
- Barb – 2nd Annual “Getting Healthy with Herbs” will be on April 27. (see Handouts). (*Note: Audra still wonders, “Who is this Herb and why are we getting healthy with him?”*)
- Audra – Just finished Incredible Years in Haverhill last night. A new class will be on May 24 (see handouts). We had a day of autism training in partnership with The Easter Seals Capper Foundation and Smart Start with lots of help from BCC. We had about 50 attendees. We have two CPR/First Aid days coming as well as a Safe Slumber training.
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Guest Presenters:

Barb Roths – K-State Research and Extension Butler County (with help from Jamie Downs – Butler County Health Department): Barb and Jamie are working on “Hop’N Home” which is a grant-funded program that focuses on healthy foods and activities with goals of reaching children and their parents through child care programs. The goal is to prevent the effects of marketing campaigns designed to influence the purchase of unhealthful food and sedentary toys. This is a 12 week curriculum and currently is in two centers and two homes in Butler County. This program is currently being piloted in Manhattan, Ks and Butler County. (see handouts). Also, Barb presented information about “Grow It, Try It, Like it!” which is a program that contains a garden-themed nutrition education kit that introduces children to three fruits and three vegetables. A free kit can be obtained. (see handouts). For more information about services offered by the K-State Research and Extension office, you can reach Barb at Broths@ksu.edu or by calling 321.9660.

Legislative Reception Update - Susan

Dale Tower contacted Audra and Susan and they gathered a group of identified partners at non profits from around the county to work on hosting a Legislative Reception, which was held on Friday, April 15. Audra passed around a booklet they created about the agencies involved. (The Task Force would like to create a similar booklet of the agencies involved on our task force). Ed Trimmer attended the reception and we spoke with him about the good support he has given preventative programs and the concerns he has with the budget and the way other representatives voting. Audra and Dale will be sending the booklets to the legislators who were unable to attend, with the booklet, a photo of the group who attended will be sent with a note to let them know we missed seeing them. (see handouts)

Calendar for 2011 Updates:

Friends will continue to identify people to be the guest presenters for our meetings.

Other

None

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on May 18 at Bradford Memorial Library (611 S. Washington; El Dorado, KS). The presenters scheduled for that day is Becky Hadicke.

(Note: after the meeting, Becky notified Audra that she will be unable to attend. A scheduling conflict – the SRS Listening Tour for El Dorado has been scheduled for that day/time. Should anyone wish to take Becky's spot, please consider letting Audra know and we will put you on the agenda).

Note: If you or someone you know would like to be added to the mailing list for the Butler County Child & Family Development Task Force, please email Audra Kenneson at akenneson@rui.org

Minutes written by Audra Kenneson, LMSW
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