



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, August 17, 2011

Location: Bradford Memorial Library – El Dorado, KS

Attendees (22 total):

Amanda Dorey, SCMHCC Social Stars; Audra Kenneson, Smart Start; Becky Hadicke, SRS; Darla Carter, Family Life Center Safehouse; Debbie Mai, Rainbows United; Jamie Downs, Butler County Health Department; Jennifer Stanyer, The ARC of Butler County; Jamie Jellison, BCC EduCare; Kandi Miller, United Way of the Plains; Kathy Gann, Children's Mercy Family Health Partners; Kris Nicholson, Child Care Aware of Kansas; Leslie Sissel, Parents as Teachers; Marcy Cone, Child Start; Marla Canfield, ECAAP Dept of Commerce; Miles Harvey, Butler County Special Ed Coop; Sue Barrientos, BCC Early Childhood & EduCare; Sue Givens, USD 490; Susan Harsh, Bright Beginnings; Tamara Bernard, Smart Start; Teresa Thompson, BCC Early Childhood; Anne Sehie, Butler County Health Department; Kurtis Jacobs, CRI Wichita MSA; Nijah Fudge, City of El Dorado.

Introductions & Announcements:

- Audra – A new Incredible Years has been set to start in Andover on September 19. When flyers are ready they will be emailed to the group. Jamie and Audra wrapped up Incredible Years last week. There were 8 people who completed the class.
- Jamie D. – Health Department purchased infant carriers, booster seats, bike helmets, breast pumps, playpens, etc. using a Maternal Child Health Grant with the purpose of preventing childhood injury. We have done a good job getting the word out because people are coming in and getting the items. If people are interested in obtaining items, contact Jamie for more information: Jdowns@bucoks.com.
- Nijah – This is Nijah's first meeting, she is the new intern with the City of El Dorado. The City is working on an application for the All American City Award which is sponsored by the National City League. 10 cities are selected each year, last year Scott city won. This year's focus is on cities who collaborate to increase grade level reading by improving three areas that are (1) School Readiness, (2) Summer Learning, and (3) School Attendance. Nijah will begin contacting people from the Task Force who may be of help in the application process. If you are interested in getting on her mailing list, contact her at nfudge@city.eldoks.com. (see handouts for more information)

- Kathy G – Kathy brought several items that will all be found in our handouts – among them are New Care Cards, which advise on distinguishing between urgent care and emergency care. Mileage is now done as a debit card rather than a check and will be issued one time each month. CMFHP will be at the state fair again and will be doing a display and demonstrations. The logos on the Health Wave applications have been changed but the old ones are still valid, so it is ok to use them. They will be doing the bike drawing again. For more information, Kathy can be reached at kgann@fhp.org. (see handouts)
- Marcy – The new issue of Crib Notes was handed out. Child Start just did Literacy Training in Reno, Sedgwick, and YMCA. There were 247 attendees. (cover of new Crib Notes is in notes)

Guest Presenters:

Anne Sehie – Butler County Health Department Healthy Start Program: Ann's main job is to help new mothers get ready and deal with issues that arrive with a new infant. She visits before they have the baby and after. Visits are 20 minutes to an hour; she does about 50 visits per month. Funding for this program comes from the Maternal Child Health Grant. She brings new moms information (lists of resources, pamphlets, etc) and items (smoke detector, carbon monoxide detector, sleep sack, one year calendar, teething ring, etc). For more information Anne can be reached at 321.3400 or Jamie can be reached at jdowns@bucoks.com. (see handouts).

Kurtis Jacobs – Cities Readiness Initiative – Wichita MSA (Butler, Harvey, Sedgwick, Sumner): CRI is a federally funded effort to prepare major US cities and metropolitan areas to effectively respond to a large scale bioterrorist event by dispensing antibiotics to their entire identified population within 48 hours of the decision to do so. Pointes of Dispensing (or PODs) are identified at three points in Butler County: Butler Community College campus in El Dorado, Augusta High School in Augusta, and Andover Middle School in Andover. Kurtis also shared information about Anthrax. For more information, Kurtis can be reached at 316.660.7462. (see handouts) CRI is a federally funded effort to prepare major US cities and metropolitan areas to effectively respond to a large scale bioterrorist event by dispensing antibiotics to their entire identified population within 48 hours of the decision to do so. Pointes of Dispensing (or PODs) are identified at three points in Butler County: Butler Community College campus in El Dorado, Augusta High School in Augusta, and Andover Middle School in Andover. Kurtis also shared information about Anthrax. For more information, Kurtis can be reached at 316.660.7462. (see handouts).

Bright Beginnings Infant/Toddler Program Semi-Annual Report – Susan

During January 2011-June 2011 this group reported screening 700 children in Butler County. If you do screenings (health, vision, hearing, social/emotional, developmental, etc) of children birth – 5 please let Susan know and she can add your numbers into what is being done throughout the community. Bright Beginnings served 129 children in the last six months. They received 89 referrals for evaluations and/or services. They are receiving more referrals for families who have multiple children receiving services. If you do trainings for parents, child care providers, or professionals regarding young children, please let Susan know and she can add that information into the overall trainings that happen in the county. To learn more about this report, please contact Susan at sharsh@rui.org.

MSA Council Update – Audra

The Butler County Child and Family Development Task Force (our group) is the Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) for this county. Audra serves as the Butler County representative from our ICC and meets quarterly with the representatives from the ICC in Harvey, Sumner, and Sedgwick Counties. At those meetings, each representative gives an update on initiatives and activities occurring in their home counties.

Earlier this week a large group of current participants in the Smart Start Grant and Early Childhood Block Grant (ECBG) met to discuss the two different grants. The Request for Proposal (RFP) will be released sometime around Labor Day for the 2012 grant. This year the Smart Start and ECBG will be released as one RFP. The Smart Start Advisory Committee has released a survey (earlier today) to ask for feedback from community partners, parents, and child care providers. The hope is that we will know more about the grant at the Task Force's September meeting.

Other:

MSA = Metropolitan Statistical Area

We were asked to include a schedule for Count Your Kid In. We will include it in the email with the minutes for this meeting.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on September 21 at Bradford Memorial Library (611 S. Washington; El Dorado, KS) at 11 am. The presenter will Jennifer Stanyer – ARC of Butler County.

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

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