

Full Council 5/19/11

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Present: Marcy Cone, Child Start; Cayla Wasson, Connecting Point; Paco Price, Rainbows; June Remple, USD 266; Chris Johnston, PAT-USD259; Kandi Miller, United Way; Sandra Zeh, Kansas Health Policy Authority; Deena Williams, Wichita Child Guidance Center; Teresa Rupp, Child Start; Anne Maack, Child Start; Tim Quiggle, Pregnancy Crisis Center; Vicky Roper, Kansas Children's Service League; Elizabeth Bruscheen-Cartenaga, Parent and Sedgwick County Extension Office; Craig Perbeck, SRS; Katie Noller, Via Christi; Terri Norgren, Families Together; Rhonda O'Neill, The Children's Lodge; Erin Osbeck, Youthville; Lutfu Begum, Connecting Point; Hilary Koehn, PAT- USD259

Introductions - June Remple, Co-Chair

The Children's Lodge - Rhonda O'Neill

Childhood Fatality Response Team formed in 2008 after several child fatalities. They looked at what caused the spike in child fatalities and what could be done. Their goal was to strengthening families. 80% of cases were not in SRS system at the time of the fatality. Most were non-biological offenders. This is opposite of most of the nation's trends. Looking at how to get families to look for services when needed. Identified 7 high risk zip codes. Most were due to shaken baby under 1 year due to consistent crying. 30% of cases the father is the perpetrator. The Period of Purple Crying has been implemented state wide.

The rate of shaken baby syndrome has double in the years since the economy has declined. A child living in a home with non-biological parent is 48 times more likely to die. The Children's Lodge has been forming as a Crisis Nursery in response to a need in the community . This is short term care for children at risk of abuse. This is voluntary. 24/7 365 days per year. Developmental and social screenings are done on all children. Parenting training is provided. A Parent Support group will be offered on-going. Wichita Children's Home as agreed to take the project on. They are doing marketing now and hopefully will be up and running soon. Will start with private placements. 0-12 years will be age range. United Way will initially fund the Children's Lodge.

There is an event that will be held to gather supplies for families at the Children's Lodge.

The Junior League has chosen Child Abuse Prevention as their main project going forward.

Contact The Wichita Children's Home or Cayla will pass it on for volunteering.

SCECCC Resource Guide - Cayla Wasson

Cayla will be putting together all the resource forms on the Connecting Point website by Mid-June. We are looking at updating on a yearly basis.

Voice Committee - Anne Maack

The voice committee tried to insure that our community could use their voice effectively and use the same message. We worked at making sure legislators had events to attend. At the end of the session, we used our contacts to advocate for early childhood. There will only be a 3% cut to the Children's Initiative Fund instead of a 17% cut.

It was important to organize locally.

Grant Updates

Smart Start and Early Childhood Block Grant - Kandi Miller

Reports for Smart Start and the Block Grant are on the back of the Full Council Agenda. Smart Start lost a partner this year. Due to other losses in their agency the Wichita Family Services Institute could no longer continue. That money was distributed to the other partners.

The Children's Cabinet will be doing a site visit in June. Details have not been announced.

Pre-K - Vicky Roper

The grant outcomes were all met this year. The RUI classroom transferred to USD 266. See Handout. There will be a 4% cut for next year to the program.

Childhood Prevention Month - Vicky Roper

Wichita has been named a Pinwheel Award winner for 2011 by the Prevent Child Abuse America national organization. Vicky shared the announcement letter that praised the collaborative effort put forth in our community. There has been acknowledgement for these projects at the local, state and national levels. Vicky brought the actual award. WSU will continue to be involved.

Announcements & Updates -

Child Start

Free training for child care providers on August 6th.

Sedgwick County Extension

Board game event for KSU Extension had 60 attend. Ruth does Parenting Classes in Spanish.

Families Together - parent training coming up this summer. Listing of all their trainings are on resource table.

Our Healthwave representative, Sandra Zeh will now office at Via Christi.

Child Start - Head Start will be opening a new site July 13th 4:00 2020 N. Oliver. They are combining two centers to create this one.

SRS general assistance funding is no longer.

KCSL

Held several Parent Café events in the last couple of months.

CEO Janet Schlansky resigned and Dona Booe is the new CEO for KCSL.

Male Focus Coalition

June 4th is Camp Dad at Camp Hyde from 9 -3.

Pregnancy Crisis Center class will support Dad's Flyer on website at imagineagain.com

PAT

PAT in usd259 will only have 1 teacher, 3 parent educators and one secretary going forward. Currently they serve 2000 families with 700 home visits last year. They will be looking at 200 home visits next year. They have had to find their match money they lost from the USD through private funding sources.

Youthville

Trauma Recovery Center is growing - Bruce Perry Model

Public Library -

Summer Reading Program will be done this summer. Will have give-away books as prizes.

Early Childhood Mental Health Group is welcoming others. Call Cayla for more information.