

Community Resource Council  
Johnson County Empowerment Meeting Minutes  
July 14, 2004  
4 Cs Conference Room  
1500 Sycamore Street, Iowa City Iowa

Meeting was called to order by Bonnie French Watters at 9:15 a.m.  
Present: (see sign in list)

Minutes of the April 14, 2004 meeting were reviewed and approved

Facilitator and Note Taker for 2004-2005: Bonnie agreed to act as facilitator and Jim Swaim as note taker.

Goals for 2004-2005: There was a discussion of the goals for the coming year

- Goal 1-Advance/ support Prevent Child Abuse-Johnson County. The group wants to keep this as a goal. Grant was submitted--\$2,000 for public awareness, and \$11,000 for parent ed for parents of children with disabilities- work done by U of I School of Social Work and the ARC of Johnson County. McGladry is doing the 501(c) (3) non-profit application for the group. Prevent Child Abuse Iowa funded 60% of the requests. Bonnie asked what the total funds from Birth Certificates is earmarked for the state.
- Goal 2- Develop a parenting class list. The group discussed the challenging nature of this, its on-going. Personal contacts with folks at the different providers is done. Suggested to post on infovision/channel 5 of local cable, Empowerment web site and possibly on the Iowa Youth Development web site. Also contact Mercy On-call for their resource data bank. AEA has so many its hard to keep up. Bonnie will follow-up with the monthly calendar at University Hospital. Questions for the list will be sent in early August and posted in early September. It's also hard to get word back from the area churches and what classes/resources they are offering.
- Goal 3- Investigate best practices training opportunities for family support program support. This is a valuable goal and should continue. The group working on evaluation is Diane (NCJC) Lynette (UAY) Chris Hynek (NLFRC), Bill Landers (AEA) Jean Saunders, and Judy McRoberts. Ed Saunders is developing evaluation tools and can identify a number of "best practices". November site visits can be a time to identify them with staff. NCJC staff meets monthly and Laurie is willing to attend for training. One of the training opportunities—"Will you hold my Child" is a 2 person performance geared for professional, not the public, about domestic abuse impact on child development. Coalition Against Domestic Violence is working on dates it might be available in this area. Linda identified training on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome done in two 3 hour sessions, sponsored by the ARC. If AEA or Extension or Kirkwood co-sponsor it may be eligible for CEUs.

The group shared other news of work at service providers, budget craziness, and new staff.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Swaim, Note taker