

Johnson County Empowerment
Community Resource Council
January 12, 2005
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: Diane Dingbaum (NCJC), Bonnie French Watters (Nest), Susan Gray (4Cs),
Michelle Hanks (4Cs), Laurie Nash (Empowerment)

Minutes from the October 2004 meeting were not available.

Goals for 2004-2005:

- Goal 1-Advance/ support Prevent Child Abuse-Johnson County
PCA-JC is a fully functioning group and has obtained 501(c)(3) status. This goal has been achieved and will be removed from the goal list. Interested persons can contact Laurie to be a part of the membership to receive meeting agendas and minutes (membership is different from the Directors).
- Goal 2- Increase Parenting Class/Parent Support List
This list is up and running, though we still need additional activities included. It was decided to remove this from the goal list, but to ask people to continue to advocate for programs to be included on the list. For ongoing implementation, Prevent Child Abuse-Johnson County will provide continued oversight. Contact Laurie for more information.
- Goal 3- Agency Awareness/Best Practices Opportunities
This goal refers mainly to the Empowerment Family Support Program and is addressed by the agencies that provide the program. Therefore, it was decided to remove this item from the goal list.

There was discussion about the purpose of this group and a specific need to meet. Regarding the purpose of the group, Laurie will work on a purpose statement for the group (to be completed via e-mail) so that both the Empowerment Board and the group itself have a better understanding of what we are to be doing. Regarding the need to meet, consensus was that the current issues are either being handled by other groups or are things to be done outside of meeting time. Therefore, it was decided that this group will meet only on an "as needed" basis. We will suspend regular meetings until there is a specific issue to be discussed.

Submitted by Laurie Nash.