



Parent Education/Family Support Workgroup
Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2009

Present: Linda Severson; Mary Scamman; Bill Landers; Sally Weyer; Lynette Jacoby, representing UAY; Laurie Nash; Randy Knudson, representing Four Oaks; Andy Coghill-Behrends, representing NCJC; Sue Freeman, representing NCJC; Phyllis Tucker, representing ICCSD; Sara Baird; Donna Epley; Carol Nordquist
Absent: Suzanne Henry; Stephen Trefz

1. Minutes for October 8, 2009 were reviewed. Spelling of Mary Scamman's name was corrected by replacing "o" with an "a". Minutes were approved.
2. New member, Randy Knudson from Four Oaks was welcomed to the group. Invitations to join the group will be offered to Rachel Carter, referred by Alice Atkinson and Leonard Roberts, referred by Donna Epley .
3. The following FY 10 1st quarter agency reports were reviewed: HACAP Parent Ed, Children's Center Charities Manantial, ICCSD Family Support Program, NCJC Family Support and UAY Family Support. Laurie welcomed suggestions anyone might have regarding the current process for reviewing these reports.
4. Following up on last month's discussion, Laurie clarified the approval and billing start date for new enrollees in the Empowerment Family Support Program. Approval to provide and bill for services will begin on the date the family signs the enrollment form, provided the enrollment form is received in the Empowerment office by the last day of the month in which it was signed. Enrollment forms received after the last day of the month in which it was signed will be approved beginning the first day of the following month.
5. Laurie reported on the current state budget cutbacks and the resulting adjustments in Johnson County Empowerment's budget. There is a 7 % reduction in Early Childhood funding and a 10 % reduction in School Ready funding for all Community Empowerment Areas. This translates to an approximate \$78,000 cut in School Ready funds and approximately \$16,000 cut in Early Childhood funds in the FY 2010 budget for Johnson County Empowerment. Using carry over funds from FY 09 Continue Care and School Ready Scholarships, and temporarily discontinuing Continue Care and School Ready Scholarships, all FY10 requests are funded, no current contracts have been cut. A possible return of funds for Preschool would go toward reinstating Continue Care.
6. Laurie announced the Johnson County Empowerment Board meetings have been changed to the third Thursday of each month.

The next meeting of the Parent Ed workgroup will be Thursday Dec. 10, 2009.

Submitted by Carol Nordquist