

Shawnee County ECC Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2015 - 1:30 to 3:30 - KCSL, 3545 SW 5th

Attendees: Angie Bloom, Brenda Brown, Rebecca Clancy, Lisa Collette, Jessica Enriquez, Chasity Foster, Bonnie Gonzales, Jessica Hosman, Kathy Johnson, Janice Jones, Julie McGinley, Brooke Miller, Margarita Munoz, Joanna Penn, Kay Powell, Sue Smith, Kerry Tummons, Luanne Webb, Paula Westphal, Renee Wohletz, Angie Wolferts, Chaiya Zahara and Carole Creason

Staff: Rebecca Clancy (Chair) and Julie McGinley (Past-Chair)

The meeting was called to order by Rebecca Clancy

1. Introductions and Announcements:

- A. Kathy Johnson announced that Lisa Collette received the TARC advocacy award. Also, Infant Toddler Services received the grant award from KDHE. The amount is around \$1,000 less than last year.
- B. Kerry Tummons explained a summer camp for at-risk children in the Highland Park area.
- C. Brenda Brown informed the group of the new website and email addresses for Community Action – WeFightPoverty.org
- D. Lisa Collette explained the support group Two Hands, One Voice; that meets for 2 hours, once a month for children with hearing disabilities.
- E. Luanne Webb reported on activities at the library.
- F. Kay Powell gave a reminder of the WIC scheduling change. Clients can call for an appointment.
- G. Margarita Munoz showed fliers for upcoming cooking classes.
- H. Renee Wohletz distributed cards for the Designer Show House.

2. Approval of February minutes: The February minutes were approved as written.

3. Goal 3: “Children’s Palace”. A presentation by Jessica Hosman:

- A. Jessica reviewed and explained the history and progress of the Rescue Mission.
- B. Each year the shelter house 300-500 children, with 1/3 to 1/2 being under the age of 6. Several programs are in place for services for older children, but no environment at the mission for younger ones.
- C. The Children’s Palace will provide a safe for children, daytime care for non-school age. There will be two classrooms per developmental age group with a total of 10 classrooms, a resource area, storm shelter, indoor play area for each age group and satellite office space.
- D. Groundbreaking for the Children’s Palace will be May 8th at 10:00, with a completion by the end of the year. Opening date will be January 2016. Operations will start at half capacity.

4. New Website Unveiled:

- A. Brooke revealed and reviewed the new website with the horizontal menu, three main menus which make it easier to navigate, and a boot-type slider. Still needed to do are parenting quizzes, parent tips and subject pages.
- B. Special events can be highlighted.
- C. The website needs to be continually updated and kept fresh.
- D. The website went live with a click of a switch.

5. Summer Services sharing discussion:

- A. Feeding sites are in question due to the cuts in the 501 budget. Seaman and Washburn-Rural will have something through July. Programs could be a feeding site. More sites are needed. Contact Chaiya with any suggestion.
- B. The Library will sponsor a June and July reading programs. There will be story time and crafts, and Readapoluza (for older kids). Also included will be camps, prizes, drawings, movies and blockbusters. On June 27th a family concert with Jim Gill will be featured.
- C. A Farmers' Market will start soon at Avondale East.

6. Family Engagement Update:

- A. Kathy reported that this year they will be targeting 50 preschool families in the Pine Ridge Prep area. Each family will participate and set individual goals. They will be advocating, partnering with service providers, volunteering. A pre-test and post-test will show their participation and progress. Points will be earned. A grand prize will be around \$600.00.

7. Other:

- A. Lisa Martin with K-State is looking into the cost of printing Heidi Benham's Healthy Snack Flip Book.
- B. The April CASS and Exec meeting will be changed. Renee will advise the date and time.
- C. The next Brown Bag is May 7th.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next meeting is May 4, 2015