

Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BJ's Restaurant, Gaylord, Michigan
March 4, 2005

Rev. Bob Knight provided blessing for the meal prior to the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Dale Huggler at 12:48 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Stuart Bartlett, Terry Beardslee, Jim Bricker, Frank Cowger, Bob Cudney, Ann Denis, Pauline Hall, Bob Harden, Pete Hennard, Rev. Bill Hipwood, Dale Huggler, Rev. R.C. Knight, Jean Kroll, Dawn Lawrence, Jack Mahank, Herb Makima, Tehea Minke, Boyden Olson, Joseph Pellens, Dianna Schafer, Clyde Soucie, Bob Spencer, Gerald Wall, Gary Wozniak and Leonard Zolnierok

Excused: Mike Davis, Donna Dietz, Suzanne Linkins, Daniel Marcrum, Sheila Phillips, Rose Walsh and Walter Walsh

Absent: none

Quorum present.

Staff Members Present:

John Briggs, Laura Budreau, Barb Dault, Kathy Goddard, Karen Godi, Diane Price, Jim Robarge, Laurie Sauer, Sue Schuler, Lisa Slupecki, and John Swise

President Huggler asked for a moment of silence in memory of Board Member Jim Charboneau who recently passed away.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Motion by Rev. Bill Hipwood to approve minutes of the February board meeting. Support by Rev. Bob Knight. All ayes, Motion carried.

Bob Spencer led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Financial Report – Jim Robarge

Jim distributed and reviewed the Agency Wide, Head Start and Compass Youth and Family program financial statements.

Motion by Joe Pellens to receive and file the financial report as presented. Support by Pauline Hall. All ayes, Motion carried.

Rev. Bob Knight and Rev. Bill Hipwood both provided reflections.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Board members introduced their guests.

COMMUNICATION

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Head Start Policy Council – Dawn Lawrence

The Policy Council met and discussed the fatherhood initiative grant as well as recommendations from the Governors meeting that was held in January.

Regional Advisory Council – Rev. Bill Hipwood

No Meeting, No report.

Volunteer Program Advisory Groups:

Senior Companion Advisory Group – Rev. Bob Knight

The group elected a new slate of officers for 2005. There are 53 Senior Companion Program volunteers providing volunteer hours at 35 stations. Recruiting efforts for volunteers have been increased. The new Federal Poverty guidelines were discussed and the new program guidelines will be issued from the Corporation soon. The proposed State budget cuts will affect the Senior Companion Program budget for next year. The Volunteer Recognition is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28th at the Holiday Inn in Alpena.

Foster Grandparent Program – Jean Kroll

The group elected a new slate of officers for 2005. Jean Kroll was re-elected as the liaison to the Board of Directors. There are 68 Foster Grandparent volunteers providing volunteer hours at 25 stations. The proposed State budget cuts will affect the Foster Grandparent Program budget for next year. The Volunteer Recognition is scheduled for April 19th at the Holiday Inn in Alpena.

Client Services Advisory Council – Boyden Olson

The meeting was held on Feb. 21st and no quorum was present. Kathy Goddard provided an update on the CSFP and TEFAP food programs as well as the Weatherization, LIHEAP and MPSC programs. Beth Storms reported on the Crisis Prevention programs.

Personnel Committee – Clyde Soucie

No meeting, no report.

Membership Committee – Frank Cowger

The committee met prior to the Board meeting and reviewed one application submitted from Iosco County. It was decided that the applicant not be selected, as there are currently 4 representatives from Iosco County on the Board. The committee recommended that membership be sought from either Otsego or Presque Isle County.

Program Planning and Evaluation Committee – Rev. Bill Hipwood

Rev. Bill Hipwood stated that the committee discussed the one action item that was included in the Board packet. The committee reviewed and recommended adoption of the Head Start Governance Policy that was previously adopted by the Board in 2002. It was noted that the policy be reviewed and adopted prior to Peer Review this spring.

Motion by Pauline Hall to adopt the Head Start Governance Policy as presented. Support by Rev. Bob Knight. Roll Call vote:

Stuart Bartlett, yes, Terry Beardslee, yes, Jim Bricker, yes, Frank Cowger, yes, Bob Cudney, yes, Ann Denis, yes, Pauline Hall, yes, Bob Harden, yes, Pete Hennard, yes, Rev. Bill Hipwood, yes, Dale Huggler, yes, Rev. R.C. Knight, yes, Jean Kroll, yes, Dawn Lawrence, yes, Jack Mahank, yes, Herb Makima, yes, Tehea Minke, yes, Boyden Olson, yes, Joseph Pellens, yes, Dianna Schafer, yes, Clyde Soucie, yes, Bob Spencer, yes, Gerald Wall, yes, Gary Wozniak, yes, and Leonard Zolnierek, yes.

All yes, Motion passed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Directors Report:

Program Information Report – Compass Youth and Family Guidance Program Review – Lisa Slupecki and Stacy Shafto

John Briggs introduced Lisa Slupecki and Stacy Shafto from the Compass Youth and Guidance program. Lisa began by giving a brief overview of the program budget cuts that were necessary for this program to survive this fiscal year. John Swise commended the staff as they have a difficult task in continuing to conduct their day-to-day business of the program while other agencies and schools are reducing positions and budgets therefore leaving the troubled students to the Compass program.

Lisa Slupecki provided a brief overview of the program, its goals and staff responsibilities. The current funding contract is 4 years old. The contract began as a 3-year agreement and it has been extended for another year at the same funding level. Four areas of focus for this program are: crisis intervention, counseling, community education, and prevention, which are all requirements of the contract. Temporary Foster Care placement, for up to 14 days, is another option provided by the contract, however this option is used as a last resort. Lisa reviewed the other contract requirements and indicated the required client numbers necessary to be served with the funds received. Lisa stated that for the first time the program is looking at a client waiting list because of the cuts in staff hours and the increased number of cases being opened. There is less time to do more work.

Stacy Shafto reviewed the types of cases that counselors are working with and how the program has changed. Many clients have depression and anger issues which have been discovered through the work of the counselors. Counseling staff work with students both individually and in-group settings.

Dan Doezema stated that the State is putting on a Faith Based symposium on March 14th.

Motion by Rev. Bill Hipwood to adjourn the meeting at 2:01 p.m. Supported by Rev. Bob Knight. All ayes, Motion carried.

Date Prepared: March 4, 2005

Date Approved: _____

Board Secretary

Date