



Benton County Commission on Children and Families  
Executive Committee Meeting Summary  
May 29, 2008

**Members**

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Jay Dixon       Kathleen Heath       Staci Heintzman       Beth Hogeland       Tom Eversole  
 Karen Nibler

**CCF Staff**

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JoAnn Miller       Linda Stensgard       Juan Sanchez

Recorded By: Linda Stensgard

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**AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The agenda was approved with the addition of *Revenue Forecast*. The meeting summary of April 24, 2008 was approved as distributed.

**REVENUE FORECAST DISCUSSION** – Karen Nibler started the discussion by announcing the upcoming revenue forecast looks good. Contributing factors include Nike, the incentive money from the feds, a high percentage of retirees, and renewal of timber dollars.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - JoAnn gave a brief update of her activities:

- 🔊 Early Childhood Luncheon yesterday had a nice turn out – next steps: ECC and HSMT follow up will be to create a speaker's bureau and begin presenting to service organizations.
- 🔊 Jim Moorefield, Willamette Neighborhood Housing attended the May 14<sup>th</sup> ECC meeting and talked with members about the feasibility of a Head Start facility. WNH is partnering with CARDV on a housing project, but unfortunately there is not enough land to include a Head Start facility. He gave them some ideas and direction – members may create an advisory board in the future to help move forward on a Head Start facility.
- 🔊 Teen Idol Finale was held May 23<sup>rd</sup> – it was a huge success – Amanda DeWolfe was the winner, Megan Knox was second place, Katie and Ginny Conrad duet took third. The band winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> The Basic, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sugar Dirt, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Demi-Lemon. Michael Harper and Dr, Goldberg served as celebrity judges.
- 🔊 Talking with Youth Commission kids to see if someone will be able to attend America's Promise Event in Washington, DC in September.
- 🔊 Will be meeting with state staff regarding the Comprehensive Plan

**EARLY CHILDHOOD LUNCHEON** – The luncheon held yesterday had a great turn out of about 60 people. There were program presentations by Healthy Start, RAFT (Crisis Relief Nursery), and Head Start. Agencies and non-profit organizations provided packet information and helped facilitate conversations at their tables.

**CCF RETREAT** – The CCF Retreat will be held September 11, 2008 from 10am – 4pm at the Library.

- Do we want a facilitator – Cynthia Solie, Council of Governments was suggested
- Opportunity for new members to get familiar with commission system (Kathleen to be the teacher)
- Review priorities – direction for future funding
- Review Juvenile Crime Prevention Plan update
- Review initiatives/projects – criteria for capacity to work on particular initiatives brought before CCF
  - Children of Incarcerated Parents; JoAnn contacted other counties to see what they are doing. There has been some talk about approaching Linn County and Lincoln County for joint work on Center for Success. Multnomah County works close with law enforcement and have the best data of kids with incarcerated parents and have a Center for Success.
  - Faith-Based Initiative (on hold for now – Jean Nelson had knee surgery in April)

**JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION PLANNING – 2008** – JoAnn reported she pulled the last plan out to review and discovered the last community wide input was in 1998. She is in the process of updating the data and her goal is to have a skeleton available for PYD Committee at the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. She will ask members to take the portions of the plan that relate to their area and provide update information regarding service availability, service delivery system and how they are interconnecting. Good things have taken place since 1998. We would like to be ahead of the state as they are starting to meet and talk about Juvenile Crime Prevention.

**OCCF REVISIONING RECOMMENDATIONS** – Vision, Mission & Guiding Principles document submitted to the State Commission Executive Committee by the Revisioning Workgroup was presented by JoAnn for comment and feedback.

**Recommendation #1:** Adopt the State Collaborative/Commission vision statement for the OCCF system.

*All Oregon's children and youth will be safe, healthy, well-educated, employable and valued contributors to their communities.*

**Rationale:** Even though the Workgroup was not asked to develop or adopt a system vision statement, it was difficult to establish a mission and core values without a clear vision of what future we want to create. It was also felt that a common vision is critical to sustaining a strong collaborative system.

**Recommendation #2:** Adopt the following mission statement.

*Oregon Commission on Children and Families provides progressive public and private leadership that works collaboratively to support and strengthen communities to improve the lives of children, youth and families. We are committed to locally-driven, results-oriented change through:*

- *informed and effective public policy;*
- *passionate voice and strong advocacy on behalf of children, youth and families;*
- *engagement of diverse communities to plan and develop shared action on children's issues and;*
- *wise investment of resources with a preventative focus on healthy families.*

**Rationale:** The workgroup developed the mission statement based on creating language that resonated and energized system stakeholders, portrayed the uniqueness of OCCF, reflected the primary system functions/purpose and could stand the “test of time” in guiding and inspiring for many years while still being relevant for today.

**Recommendation #3:** Adopt the following six guiding principles.

**Inclusive and Culturally Diverse**

We engage all system stakeholders by valuing relationships and honoring the language, customs, life experience and professional knowledge of every sector, culture and social class.

**Excellence and Shared Accountability**

We share responsibility for the stewardship of resources, system performance and best practice efforts.

**Responsive and Innovative**

We promote positive proactive change that is built upon the people and technological strengths, knowledge and assets of our state, communities, families and individuals.

**Prevention and Strength-based**

We believe community preventative efforts are an integral part of services for children and youth at all stages of their life.

**Community Driven**

We acknowledge local community wisdom and ability to determine issues and solutions.

**Integrity, Respect and Passion**

We practice open and inclusive decision-making that respects multiple perspectives and honors the people in our system who are driven by their passionate concern for all children, youth and families.

**Rationale:** The guiding principles were intended to reflect the norms and values that guide OCCF throughout its life in all circumstances, irrespective of change in goals, strategies or leadership. It is the “talk we want to walk”.

After review and a brief discussion, the recommendations are:

1. Look at the vision statement and align it with the mission statement.
2. *All Oregon's children and youth* ....change wording to “All Children in Oregon...”

**OSU FOOTBALL SEASON** – Kathleen and Karen brought up the issue of alcohol use/abuse at football games and would like to brainstorm some ideas to present to the athletic department or OSU faculty prior to the beginning of this year's season. Everyone agrees that tailgating is not going to be eliminated, but could there be some restrictions or monitoring put in place.




JoAnn reported about the Partnership meeting she attended where this discussion is also taking place. Some suggestions were offered: monitor the tailgate sites, lock alcohol in the vehicles when leaving the site, no drinking beyond a certain point, and an educational campaign targeting underage drinkers – have messages run on the reader boards inside and outside the stadium. Maybe OSU could follow the example of other universities. The University of Arizona states their policy and educates people interested in tailgating prior to games. Of interest, permits are required for tailgating, tailgating can only take place in a specifically designated area and there is no hard liquor permitted.

Pat Ketchum, OSU, attends the Partnership meetings and some messages have been developed as a social marketing campaign. This can be discussed further with Positive Youth Development committee and see if they are interested in working with the Partnership in presenting some ideas to OSU.

**YOUTH COMMISSION FUNDED PROJECTS** – JoAnn reported on the Rural Youth Projects that Youth Commission members have approved. The kids are doing a great job going through the funding process with the groups that have applied. So far the following have received funds: Alsea Emergency Preparedness Family Event, Alsea 11<sup>th</sup> grade English class logger calendar project, and the drug free and safe week-end activity for Monroe youth.

**COALITION UPDATE** – Karen reported the coalition reacted to the state commission budget and said their priorities are quite different from the OCCF.

#### **JUNE 12, 2008 CCF MEETING AGENDA ITEMS –**

-  Presentation – Teen Drug Court – Amy Atchinson  
– Jay mentioned that it would be great to have a presentation of the other Teen Court at a future CCF meeting – October meeting was suggested and JoAnn agreed to contact Bob Boss and set it up for October.
-  Corvallis School District Gang Task Force – Julie Catalla replied to JoAnn that someone would be there – Staci suggested we also invite Luis Maciel, BCJD, as he has been participating on the task force.
-  Youth Commission – Jonathan and/or Connor give an overview of the year if they are available.

**OTHER** - There was a suggestion to invite Amanda DeWolfe and the winning band to entertain at the CCF retreat in September.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** none

**ADJOURNED:** 4:15PM

**Next Executive Committee Meeting:**

**August 28, 2008  
3:00pm – 4:30pm  
Upstairs Large Conference Room  
-- CCF Retreat Planning --**