

The UDMO Zone 1 and 2 Advisory Boards met Thursday, 4/17/08, 12:30 p.m., at the Spencer Pizza Ranch.

ZONE 2 MEMBERS PRESENT:

Burlin Matthews Clay
Ron Smith Emmet
Wayne West Emmet
Ron Graettinger Palo Alto

ZONE 1 MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kellie Jones Dickinson
Christine Richards Dickinson
Shelly Guthridge Head Start
Jake Moermond O'Brien
Jamie Sage O'Brien
Jane Krogman Osceola

ZONE 2 MEMBERS ABSENT:

Carolann Fullerton Clay
Jack Ryan Clay
Glenn Bohmer Emmet
Val Newhouse Palo Alto
Diane Nelson Palo Alto
Travis Hayenga Head Start

ZONE 1 MEMBERS ABSENT:

Pam Jordan Dickinson
Barb Rohwer O'Brien
Joan Benz Osceola

STAFF PRESENT:

Ron Ludwig, Travis Edwards, Gina Lowman Hall, Julie Kliegl, Marcia Haywood, Cinda Joynt, Jamie Cody

OTHERS:

Cathy Wittrock (Zone 2 PC alternate)

Chairperson Graettinger called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

Additions/Changes to Agenda

Motion: Richards

Second: Moermond

Discussion: No further discussion

Action: Motion carried

Approval of Zone 1 and 2 Minutes and Review of Multi-County Board Minutes

Motion: Smith moved to approve the Zone 1 & 2 minutes.

Second: Matthews

Discussion: No further discussion

Action: Motion carried

Fiscal Report-Travis Edwards

Edwards reviewed the financial report through 3/31/08 and provided additional information regarding programs that are over budget or significantly under budget year to date.

In-Kind – We are working with new program staff to be sure in-kind is accrued and documented properly.

Motion: Moermond moved to approve the fiscal report.

Second: Guthridge

Discussion: No further discussion

Action: Motion carried

HSOG Report – Travis Edwards

Edwards reviewed the Homeless Shelter Operations Grant (HSOG) report included in the board packets. Each county and the FaDSS program receive a portion of the funds to assist clients with utilities and housing. Funds must be expended by June 30th.

FEMA/EFSGP Report – Travis Edwards

We just received official notification of the amounts for FY08. There is a 16% reduction in what we received this year. Amounts for Zones 1 and 2 counties are as follows:

Clay: \$3,475

Dickinson: \$3,118

Emmet: \$2,187

O'Brien: \$2,559

Osceola: \$2,000

Palo Alto: \$2,265

Head Start Report- Connie Siebenbruner, Julie Kliegl, Marcia Haywood

Head Start/Early Head Start Health Component – Kliegl and Haywood described the health component of the Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

Early Head Start (EHS) – Early Head Start is available in Clay County only and is funded for 96 children. 24 are in the toddler room at Jefferson School; 72 are in the home-based program. Some of the 72 home-based participants may be pregnant mothers. Pregnant moms and those with newborns receive monthly visits for four months.

Head Start – The Head Start nurses work with parents to get health assessments. They coordinate screenings (dental, vision, speech, social/emotional) for all students and track immunization records. The nurses provide daily guidance for health issues in the classroom. Nurses also attend problem solvings in the classrooms and follow up with individual health plans (IHPs) for students. An IHP is a comprehensive plan outlining what is expected of the teacher, school system, and others in terms of assisting a child with special health needs.

A Head Start health advisory committee comprised of optometrists, dentists, nurse practitioners, dietitians, staff and parents provides input, program planning, and evaluation for the health component of the Head Start program.

Head Start nurses also provide in-service training for all Head Start staff regarding health concerns in the classroom.

Statewide Voluntary 4-Year-Old Preschool – Siebenbruner has been working with school systems as they apply for 4-year-old preschool funding.

Training – A nature-based science training will be held at Iowa Lakeside Laboratory on Friday, 4/18/08. Activities will also be held at the Lakes Art Center. Positive Behavioral Support training will be held in our region this fall.

FaDSS Report – Jamie Cody

FaDSS Director Nicole Jones included a written update and success story in the packets. FaDSS Specialist Jamie Cody gave a verbal update at the meeting.

Staff will be attending the statewide Prevent Child Abuse conference and an infant adoption training in the near future.

Outreach Updates

Outreach updates were included in the board packets.

Palo Alto/Emmet – Palo Alto County completed 401 LIHEAP applications. 430 LIHEAP applications were completed in Emmet County.

Nine Palo Alto County families and 13 Emmet County families will be participating in the Developmental Assessment Resolution Program (DARP).

Executive Director Report – Ron Ludwig

Ludwig provided an overview of happenings within the agency.

Central Office Building – We are hoping to do minor excavation to determine the stability of the building this spring.

Maternal/Child Health – UDMO's MCH director has resigned but will keep her position as WIC Director. We are advertising to fill the MCH director position.

Name Change – Name change submissions were sent to board and advisory board members previously. If you would like to see them again contact Ron or Gina.

Annual Meeting – The UDMO annual meeting and volunteer recognition ceremony will be held Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at Iowa Lakes Community College in Emmetsburg.

Next Meeting Date: 8/21/08, 12:30 p.m., Spencer Pizza Ranch

Adjournment

Motion: Guthridge moved to adjourn.

Second: Richards

Discussion: No further discussion

Action: Motion carried.

Gina Lowman Hall

Gina Lowman Hall, Recorder