

The first meeting of the 2011-12 Somerset County Head Start Policy Council was held December 5, 2011 at the Georgian Inn in Somerset. Members in attendance were Anitta Trimpey, Jolene Wadding, Jade Terry, Buffy Schrug, Brooke Schilling, June Stimmel, Brooke McKenzie, Amber Deem, Susan Phillips, Karen Serball and Jennifer Custer. Linda McDonough, Sharon Pugh, Jeff Masterson, Bridget Latuch and Alex Bastidas also attended.

June Stimmel volunteered to run the meeting.

Jen Custer made a motion, seconded by Anitta Trimpey to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

Officers were selected:

Policy Council Chair: Jessica Culp

Policy Council Vice Chair: Jade Terry

Secretary: Jolene Wadding

PC Representative to Tableland Board: Jade Terry

Program Reports:

Jeff Masterson, Tableland Executive Director, briefly described Tableland's programs.

Linda McDonough distributed and reviewed the Head Start director's report.

The Education Advisory committee met on November 18 and recommended the Early Head Start Selection Criteria and Rating Scale. Anitta made a motion, seconded by Karen Serball, to approve the EHS Selection Criteria and Rating Scale as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Education Advisory Committee also recommended that Partners for a Healthy Baby be used as the Early Head Start curriculum. Anitta made a motion, seconded by Karen Serball, to approve Partners for a Healthy Baby as the EHS curriculum.

Motion passed unanimously.

Linda reviewed the fiscal report for October.

Anitta made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Custer, to approve the fiscal report.

Motion passed unanimously.

Center Reports:

Confluence and Maple Ridge had center reports.

Community /Agency Reports

Susan Phillips reviewed what IU#08 does with children.

Karen Serball reported that the Penn State Extension Office had a lot of restructuring. She works with low-income families on nutrition.

June said she feels Head Start is a great program.

New Business

Anitta's paperwork for PSA is completed. Susan made a motion, seconded by Jen Custer to approve Anitta Trimpey as a Parent Substitute Aide. With Anitta abstaining, motion passed unanimously.

Linda presented a Policy/Procedure for Alternative Services for Children with Extremely Challenging Behaviors. After some discussion, Anitta made a motion, seconded by Jade to approve the policy and procedure as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Items:

Members volunteered to serve on committees:

Personnel

Jolene Wadding
Amber Deem
Buffy Schrug
Jade Terry

By-Laws

Jennifer Custer
Amber Deem
Jade Terry

Budget and Personnel

Brooke McKenzie
Amber Deem
Jade Terry

Community/Parental Concerns/Complaints

Anitta Trimpey
Amber Deem
Jolene Wadding
Jade Terry

Recruitment/Selection

Jolene Wadding
Amber Deem
Jade Terry

Public Relations

Karen Serball
Amber Deem
Jade Terry

The next Policy Council meeting will be held Monday, January 23 at Hoss's at 11:15.
Anitta Trimpey made a motion, seconded by Jen Custer, to adjourn.
Motion passed unanimously.

June Stimmel adjourned the meeting at 1:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Custer