

The regular meeting of Somerset County's Policy Council was held Monday, January 23 at Hoss's Restaurant.

Members in attendance were Jade Terry, Jennifer Custer, Brooke McKenzie, Heather Pritts, Karen Serball, Susan Phillips, Jessica Culp, Anitta Trimpey, Buffy Schrug, June Stimmel, and Stacy LoGreco. Jim Marker, Sharon Pugh and Linda McDonough also attended.

Lunch was served.

Jessica called the meeting to order at 11:56.

Linda did a mini- training and review on the fiscal report.

Anitta made a motion, seconded by Karen, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**Program Reports:**

Jim Marker introduced himself as the Interim Executive Director of Tableland.

Linda distributed and reviewed the Director's Report.

The statistics on the report are required by the Performance Standards and/or the Head Start Act.

Included in the packets mailed to members were:

- By-law revisions. The revisions were made to include Early Head Start. Stacy made a motion, seconded by Anitta to approve the by-laws. Motion passed unanimously.
- Fall Outcomes and Analysis. Linda explained outcomes are collected and analyzed three times a year to better improve instruction for children.
- Program Information Report (PIR) summaries. These should a comparison in statistics for the pat three years.

The governor announced a 5% cut in HSSAP and PA Pre-K counts funds. Six Head Start classrooms are funded at least in part by this money. Not sure that this will affect them.

Self assessment will begin earlier this year in preparation for the federal review. It was decided PC member will come at 10 AM on February 27 before the Policy Council meeting to review the protocol.

**Fiscal Report**

Karen made a motion, seconded by Anitta, to approve the fiscal report. Motion passed unanimously.

**Center reports:**

Confluence, Kantner 1, Maple Ridge and Meyersdale had center reports.

**Community /Agency Reports:**

Jennifer said two new case workers were hired and everyone is busy at Children and Youth.

Brooke reported an increase in teen age drinking and how parents need to know hosting an underage drinking party is illegal.

Susan reported that the IU is working with Head Start on special needs.

Karen reported she is looking for eligible people to participate in her 9 week nutrition class.

June reported the board is concerned with funding cuts.

New Business:

Linda reported all necessary paperwork for Buffy Schrug 's PSA has been received. Susan made a motion, seconded by Stacy to approve Buffy as a PSA. Motion passed with Buffy abstaining.

The Executive committee will meet @ 10 AM on Tuesday, February 21.

The next Policy Council meeting will be Monday, February 27 @ Hoss's.

Anitta made a motion, seconded by Jennifer to adjourn the meeting.

Jessica adjourned the meeting @ 12:54.

Respectfully submitted,

Jade Terry