

# Gallia County Family & Children First Council

## Executive Committee Meeting

August 11, 2009

### Members Present

Ron Adkins  
Lily Blevins  
Rosalie Durbin  
Dana Glassburn  
Denise Shockley  
Kimberly Thomas

### Staff Present

Cara Luce, Intersystem Coordinator

The Executive Committee met with Denise Shockley/Gallia-Vinton ESC to discuss the Help Me Grow budget. Ron Adkins asked for clarification of who the staff people are under the salaries on page 3. Dr. Shockley stated that Cara Luce is the FCFC Coordinator, Vickie Mulholland is the Project Director, Valerie Jarrell is the third listed Service Coordinator, Deborah Davidson is the fourth listed Service Coordinator, and Allison Hively is Family Support. Mr. Adkins asked if these are all employees that were laid off and called back. Mr. Adkins also asked for clarification on Shelly Ranegar's status. Dr. Shockley reported that all employees had worked through the end of a one-year limited contract and it was not renewed. Mr. Adkins questioned if all employees were terminated on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Shockley stated that some were called back to work based on the amount of money in the organization. She also stated that they have 45% less the funds than they had before. Mr. Adkins again asked for rational for not calling Shelly Ranegar back to work. Dr. Shockley said that at the end of June all employees ended a one-year time limited contract. They appropriately notified people by the April 31<sup>st</sup> deadline and based upon a 45 percent decrease in funds they called back staff that most appropriately fit their positions. Dr. Shockley stated that she would like to see everyone have employment and she has done some talking behind the scenes to try to help Ms. Ranegar find something else. Mr. Adkins clarified that the total program budget for services under contract is \$173,050.00 for Help Me Grow.

**MOTION G10:100** Ron Adkins made a motion to approve the FY 2010 Help Me Grow contract to the Gallia-Vinton ESC as presented. Dana Glassburn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Cara Luce stated with the new guideline they are following to enroll a family, they have to be 200 percent of the poverty level instead of 150 percent. She hasn't gotten anything from the Ohio Department of Health saying how to verify 200 percent. Ms. Luce said that nowhere is it stated that they have to have documentation. In the past, they used the PRC form and that has been it. But, there are no guidelines for the 200 percent and Vickie Mulholland is not comfortable doing this without the proper information. Mr. Adkins questioned for those that have a medical card whether the guideline is 150 or 200.

Dana Glassburn said that certain ones are 100 percent, but most are 150 percent, and there are some 200 percent. Mr. Glassburn felt it wouldn't be a good guideline to follow. Mr. Adkins asked that if a copy of the medical card was required to be eligible; wouldn't they fall within 200 percent? Mr. Glassburn agreed they would be less than 200 percent. Mr. Adkins stated that if there would be someone that wouldn't have a medical card that meets that, then it would have to be done case by case. Mr. Glassburn said that would only work until September because they are going up to 300 percent because they are expanding the program for certain categories. Dr. Shockley asked if there is a chart of what is in that percentage. Mr. Glassburn said that there is a chart that came with the TANF program and they could show what the state uses for it. Ms. Luce suggested HMG go by that chart because they have the 150 percent guidelines but not a chart on the 200 percent guidelines. Mr. Glassburn asked if the program should go by prior requirements or new requirements. Ms. Luce informed him that ODH has given nothing. Mr. Adkins inquired what would prohibit verification of possession of a medical card, which would make them 200 or lower, and if they don't have a medical card then have them certify their income and compare it to the 200 percent poverty scale? Mr. Glassburn said following the Free and Reduced Lunch Application might be a better option. Dr. Shockley said that form is set up on 150 percent. Mr. Glassburn agreed but he said this way it is set up as a self-declaration because by signing it certifies that this is their income. Mr. Glassburn informed the Committee about a form that they used for the OSU Extension Office for the PRC program for kids to go to 4-H camp. He said they fill it out and sign off on it and this could be placed within the file. It was decided that this would be the format that HMG would use. Dr. Shockley said they would begin on the revision and would call it the HMG Income Self Declaration Form.

The meeting adjourned.