***Spencer County***

***Family Resource & Youth Service Centers***

***Advisory Council Minutes for December 10, 2015***

**Members Present:** Nick Weiner, Curtis Franklin, Wesley Smitha, Jeanette Brinley, Jackie Huff, Teresa Buechele, Becky Wilson, Mary Hodge, Susie Sykes, Mollie Tichenor, Jackie DeRudder, Sandy Clevenger, Anita Whelan, Micah Howard, Ashley Phillips, Therron Rogers, Rob Weis, Matt Demoss, Chuck Adams, Heidi Heiss, Chuck Abell, Doug Martin, Lenna Allison, Ruth Moore, Bobbie Jo Matney, Vonda Martin, Eleschia Murphy.

**I. Welcome & Introductions** - The meeting was called to order by Mollie Tichenor

**II. Approval of October minutes** – Jackie Huff made a motion to approve the minutes & Curtis Franklin seconded the motion – all were in favor of approval of minutes

**III. Old Business FRC & YSC**

a. 96 Thanksgiving baskets/and or meals were provided by churches, teams, clubs & groups. Vonda Martin thanked everyone that helped.

b. SCMS Academic Pep Rally 10/30 ; College App Day; YSC RTT funds helped with trips to UK on 11/10, Toyota 11/16 (for students wanting to wait to attend college), UL 11/19 & the ACT Bootcamp 12/5

**IV. New Business: FRC & YSC**

a. CAN received the KY-ASAP Grant and MVP, Parenting101, DARE, HVE, Project Grad & Hilliview’s grants were all totally funded by the grant

b. FRYSC Reg 5 Coordinators meeting was 12/1 in Frankfort re: Strengthening Families

A Video that was shown at their meeting was shown at FRYSC Advisory meeting; (the video covered a child without all of our programs from months old until the age of 5 vs the difference in the life of a child with programs for families of children of the same age, this was a very moving video)

c. FRYSC Reg 5 RAC meets quarterly, and the next one is 12/11 in Nicholasville

d. MPCAA & FRYSC Breakfast with Santa at MPCAA on 12/5 – there were 88 participants that had breakfast with Santa (provided by the Gideons) and did family holiday crafts. Also if they brought a canned good, they received a free picture with Santa.

e. Vonda Martin discussed Free/Reduced lunch numbers – she said the district is current at 44%, Vonda assured everyone that we serve ALL students.

f. Grandparent Raising Grandchildren is held 2 times each month. Eleschia Murphy explained how the group continues to grow. Susie Sykes presented the future plans of the group, which included attending the GAP conference and writing letters to the governor to share what a need that KY has for financial & educational assistance for grandparents and other relatives raising children.

g. Seven Counties School Based Program is still in the planning stages but continues to be a need within the schools.

h. School Food Drives/Toys for Tots – This program helps to serve 150-180 families and each of the schools are doing creative things to encourage students to bring in canned food items or toys for families in need.

i. Toy Sale Sign Up – today is the last day to sign up. Parents signed up will be able to go to Toy Topia and purchase toys for .10 cents on the dollar

j. Christmas Assistance – Becky Wilson said that Chad Goodlett and his church members are greatly appreciated for taking over Christmas Assistance – This helps our program so that we can still serve students during this time of year. Also next Wednesday is a community effort called “Making Spirits Bright” that will be taking 25-30 kids shopping at Walmart then to McDonalds for a meal.

k. FRYSC Continuation Grant – in February the FRYSC will bring the grant to the advisory council for approval and we will need your help to approve the continuation plan.

**V. Family Resource Center: Becky Wilson/Teresa Buechele**

a. Becky Wilson discussed the FRC financial report

b. Born to Learn grant has had 2 meetings 10/29 & 11/19 – Born to Learn has two main partners which are Head Start and Spencer County Preschool. We are also collaborating with Bobby Jo Matney – at the 1st meeting there were only 4 adults and 3 kids in attendance but at the 2nd meeting the numbers increased to 17 adults and 22 children. Teresa Buechele added that this grant is the true definition of strengthening families from birth to 5 years of age. The SCHS consumer science class (Ms. Vance’s class) sent 5 students to help with child care. At the next meeting each child will read with Bobby Jo Matney, and each child will go home with a book.

c. Born Learning Training had an informative training in Lexington that was held on 11/13 – Mr. Abell added the grant is a quality program – what better way to involve people not yet in the school system. Kindergarten Rediness

d. Dedra DeBerry/AHEC did the Scrubby Bear program again, and Wesley Smitha was the bear. He enjoyed helping elementary- aged children and relates to them quite well.

e. Wesley Smitha discussed Family Learning is Powerful (FLIP) night at TES 11/2 – they did crafts and the children received free books – Becky Wilson also added that Carrie from Americorp came to TES to do evaluations on both the Americorp workers. Heidi Heiss added that the next FLIP night will be held 12/15

f. RTI Funds help pay for 19 SCHS students to go to SCES & 6 SCHS students at TES each week to tutor elementary students.

g. Kinderboost/Preschool Pals with Bobby Jo Matney will be 12/11 at the preschool for 3,4 & 5 year olds getting ready for school – this program continues to be a success

**VI. Youth Service Center: Vonda Martin/Missy Davis/Eleschia Murphy**

a. Vonda Martin went over the YSC financial report and added that the FRYSC has a donations account at the Board of Education that we use to help families and that the donations account as well as the RTT funds have been very useful this year and we are truly thankful for those accounts

b. SCMS Leadership Luncheon was held 11/24 – the keynote speaker was Ms. MarthaLayne Collins (who did a wonderful presentation that tied in with our 7 habits) along with many community volunteers. The light house team hosted our volunteers and we are grateful for them as well as our community volunteers and Ms. Collins

c. Clubs, Groups & Programs that were held were: SADD Club, Students for Success, Grizzly Girls, Glow Girls & Grief Relief, Truancy program & Teen Parent Group

**Community Updates**

a. Doug Martin explained that Love My Neightbor is changing locations which will be located next to Taylorsville Community Church. They will have to close Love My Neighbor in order to move to the new locations and plans are to re-open in the spring

b. TAYLRD – this grant is an open drop in center for 16-25 year olds with resources (GED/resumes/therapy/xbox/pool tables/computers and more) They are currently open from 3-6pm but are having some trouble getting food donated for the many teens that show up daily, any contributions would be appreciated.

**NEXT Meeting date is February 11, 2016 at 12:00**