



Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee

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Jennifer Padgett & Samara Wolf, Secretaries Lori Huntington, Treasurer

MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 2019

I. Call to Order

Kara Clarke called the meeting to order at **6:30p.m.** A quorum of members was present.

Members Present:

Maha Jaber Crestwood	Clare Brick Dearborn	Iesha Brassell Dearborn Heights #7	Joann Goree Detroit
Sharon Woodson Ecorse	Jennifer Seal Garden City	Heather Stefan Grosse Ile	Kara Clarke Livonia
Michelle DeJesus Melvindale-NAP	Barb Wilson Plymouth/Canton	Linda MacClinton Redford Union	Carol Matthews Riverview
Jacqueline Dalzell Romulus	Michelle Muse-Worth Southgate	April Trunbell Van Buren	Jennifer Padgett Woodhaven/Brownstown
Sarah Groeneveld Achieve Charter	Jim Michalik Canton Charter Acad.	Samara Wolf Quest Charter Acad.	

Members on Phone:

Sandra Williams, Detroit Enterprise Academy
Eilia Syed, Dearborn
Rebecca French, Metro Charter Academy

Members Excused:

Eileen Brandt, Livonia
Theresa Beard, Romulus
Tiffany Edmonds, Ecorse
Philip Czernik, Trenton
Lori Huntington, Westwood

Guests Present:

Christin Roth, Wayne Westland
Angie Guertin, Plymouth-Canton
Glenn Czajka, Trenton
Michael Karpinski, Wyandotte Public Schools
Jen Ritter

RESA Representatives:

Karen Howey Larry Stemple

II. Approval of Agenda

A copy of the meeting agenda was posted to the website, emailed to members in advance and made available at the meeting. A motion was made by Maha Jaber and seconded by Iesha Brassell to accept the agenda. Motion was supported by majority of members present. No objections were made.

III. Approval of Minutes

A copy of the February 14th, 2019 minutes were made available at the meeting. A motion was made by Barb Wilson and seconded by Michelle Muse-Worthy to accept the minutes as noted. Motion supported by majority present.

Joann Goree, spelling correction of her name on page 2. No objections were made.

IV. Presentation:

Presenter: The scheduled speaker, Dewanda Holley was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Iesha Brassell, Medicaid Assistance Employee stepped in to present.

Eligibility

Medicaid coverage is driven by assets and income. Anyone can apply for Medicaid however, the presentation presented highlighted those eligible as well as those that are not eligible.

Application Process

Applicants are required to complete a Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Application for Assistance. Income statements are required as are asset statements; typically, assets need to be less than \$5,000 although deductibles are calculated based on income and size of household. There is no open enrollment period, a person can apply for Medicaid coverage at any time.

Approval Process

Process can take up to of 45 days

Medicare Savings Program

This is a separate savings program that some Medicare Part A recipients are eligible for. This program can assist people with limited income families in covering their Medicare premiums.

Medicaid Coverage

Dental, Mental Health including inpatient psychiatric services, substance abuse programs, medical transportation, personal care services

Healthy Michigan Plan

Provides health care coverage to low-income Michigan residents. This program is strictly income based, assets are NOT considered in eligibility. Modified adjusted level of income has to be at 133% of the federal poverty level.

My Child

Participants must be 19 or under, have no other health insurance, have a social security number, be a US citizen or qualified immigrant. Monthly cost is \$10 per month per child.

Members and guests asked a number of questions and the group shared examples of experiences.

V. Chairperson Report:

Next month there will be an agenda item for conference attendance that will provide members that have recently attended conferences to share. There will be additional discussion under committee reports.

VI. Vice Chairperson Report:

New Members please see Vice Chair for new member packet

VII. Secretary Report:

Please remember to sign in each meeting for RESA mileage reimbursement (for WCPAC Members) and for attendance tracking in minutes. See secretary for business card forms if necessary.

VIII. Treasurer Report:

Account remains the same at \$ 2,751.06

IX. Subcommittee Reports

Nomination & Elections Committee: Clare Brick, committee chairperson, covered each executive board role and that while there can only be one chairperson each other executive committee positions can have up to 2 people serving in that position.

Typically, the executive board meets 1-2 times over the summer to plan for the next year.

Over the next month think about the nominating / self-nominating for the executive board. Our PAC bylaws lay out the election process and the role of each executive board member.

Watch for an email from Clare / Larry, nominations will go directly to Clare Brick and can be submitted up to the start of our next meeting (4/11/19) with a vote, as necessary, at our May 9th meeting.

Special Recognition: Joann Goree, committee chairperson, informed membership that the Special Recognition ceremony will be during the May 15th RESA board meeting likely shortly after the 8:30am start of the meeting.

Absolute deadline for submitting nominations is at April 11th. Nominations should be submitted directly to Larry Stemple. Each district can have up to two nominations except Detroit who can have up to 5 nominations. The WCPAC Executive Board creates and distributes the framed certificates, at the Special Recognition (during Wayne RESA BOE meeting). Look at the plaque outside the auditorium to see past

recognitions. Note: group nominations typically have the group name on the plaque although each person will receive their own framed award.

X. RESA Reports – Larry Stemple and Karen Howey

Karen Howey discussed planning of the expansion of the ASD delivery, with twelve possible Act 18 funded classrooms opening in Wayne RESA districts. At future meetings, Karen will provide district and school locations.

The Governor has proposed an education budget based on the School Fund Research Collaborative (SFRC) but it has yet to go through the house or the senate.

Karen spoke rather extensively on available training for Independence Paraprofessionals.

XI. Member Reports

Iesha Brassell: reported out on a recent meeting she had with a newly elected democratic senator. This legislator did inform Iesha that the current governor plans to invest more money in education and special education.

Joann Goree: had 2 representatives come in from the Wayne Assistive Technology Team to speak on technology

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by **Clare Brick** and seconded by **Heather Stefan** to adjourn the meeting at **8:10 p.m.** Motion passed by majority present. No objections were made.

Next WCPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 11, 2019 at 6:30pm at Wayne RESA in Arthur Boyd's Auditorium.