

Kinship Coalition

Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2008

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Kinship Coalition was called to order at 9:30 am on October 7, 2008 in the school for caregivers at The Fairhill Center by Mary McNamara.

Organizations Present:

Beech brook, City of Cleveland Department of Aging, East-end neighborhood home, Bellefaire, Cuyahoga County Department of Senior and Adult Services, and Fairhill Center

A. Agency Updates

1. There will be an educational luncheon hosted by the Grandparent/Kinship Care Program on October 23, 2008 at 11:45 A.M. RSVP by October 20 with Natasha (216-420-6721)
2. Belfair is currently looking for a part time or full time counselor that has experience working with children or older adults. Contact 216-229-2420
3. Fairhill is hosting the first Youth Rally on October 25, 2008 at 10:00AM at Fairhill Center. Contact Susan Murray for more information 216-421-1350 x 113.
4. There are 10 more days left to apply for the wind damage voucher of up to \$1,000. The person applying needs documentation of power outage and the voucher is income based. Contact Mary for further information
5. December 6, 2008 the county is hosting their holiday party from 10 A.M. until 3 P.M. It is by invitation only and cross references will be made with other agencies to ensure that services aren't duplicated.
6. Beech Brook is having a "Permanency Celebration," formerly known as the "Adoption Celebration." It will target families who have adopted or have legal custody. The celebration will also include a resource fair where other agencies are encouraged to share their resources. The event is held on November 15, 2008 from 11 A.M. until 3 P.M. Agencies should call 216-831-2255 to RSVP attendance. Contact Person Joy Lane.
7. The Brookdale Foundation site visits were discussed and Mary is the contact person for agencies who would like to set up an individual site meeting.

C. Agenda for Next Meeting

- Kinship Village and Tour Michael Gathercole, Fairhill Center
- Winterizing – Mary McNamara, City of Cleveland Department of Aging
- Accessing Resources Stacey Rokoff, Fairhill Center
- Discuss the meeting date for January.
- Agency Updates

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 A.M. by Mary McNamara. The next general meeting will be at 9:00 A.M. on November 14, 2008 at The Fairhill Center facilitated by Stacey Rokoff.

Minutes submitted by:

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Approved by:

Stacey Rokoff, MSSA, LSW