

**The March of Dimes
Kentucky Folic Acid Council Meeting
Minutes April 6, 2000
Louisville, Kentucky**

Members present: Katrina Adams, Susie Burckardt, Diane Sprowl, Rita Hayes and Susan Brown.

Members who sent regrets: Sarah Chaffin-family illness, Emma Walters-vacation, Joyce Robl and Linda Lancaster-staff meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Susan Brown. The minutes were approved as written.

- I. Old Business- 1.** Our 2000 Plan is due back to Susan from each of the three Chairs with their committees' deletions and additions by May 1st. Susan will have the combined Plan ready for distribution to the KFAP for their approval at the May 25th meeting. **2.** The Governor's Initiative- Susan Brown brought an April 5th article from the Courier Journal about the Governor signing into law his early childhood development initiative. If the legislative leaders keep their promise to fully fund the program, \$55.7 million from the tobacco settlement with the states will flow into many new and expanded programs for young children.

As copied from the article:

EARLY CHILDHOOD BILL

Here's a look at the early childhood programs contained in House Bill 706. Lawmakers have committed to the total funding of \$55.7 million, but the funding for individual programs could change during budget negotiations.

\$16 million-Statewide expansion of HANDS program

\$10 million- Increase child care subsidies

- \$4 million- Expanded immunizations
- \$3 million-Folic acid campaign**
- \$1.7 million- Newborn hearing screenings
- \$7 million- Cash awards to child care centers based on quality
- \$2.8 million- Scholarships for child care providers
- \$3.9 million- Local early childhood council funding
- \$4 million- Expanded "Healthy Start" program
- \$1.3 million- Administration and various programs
- \$2 million- Programs for pregnant women with substance abuse problems

- II. New Business: 1. MIOP Grants-Planned Conferences**
- In Warren:** April 25, 2000 " Folic Acid-Preventing Neural Tube Defects" There will be a day CEU conference: 8:30-3:00 Central time, and a night CME conference 6:30-9:00 Central time both provided free and with free lunch or dinner. The speakers are: Dr. Steve Davis Chair of the KFAP, Dr. Joe Mulinare from the CDC, Dr. Joseph Hersh from U of L, Denise Maples KFAC member and an adult with spina bifida, Gracia Pruitt KFAC member SAPO member, organizer of the conference and Susan Brown State Folic Acid Coordinator. Registration must be received by April 20, 2000, contact Gracia at 270-746-8552.
- In Pike:** Tentatively scheduled for May 18, 2000. Glenda Hughes is in charge of this conference. Call 606-437-3985 for further details. **2. Advocacy Issues-Public Affairs:** Katrina and Susie were present the night the vote was taken on HB 706. They handed out MOD's "folic acid now" mugs with a card Katrina developed stating on the front " HOW MUCH MONEY DOES IT TAKE TO PREVENT A NEURAL TUBE DEFECT?" Shows a picture of a baby with spina bifida. Turn the card over..."ABOUT 6 CENTS A DAY...(6 real

pennies were glued to every card) ...FOR A WOMAN TO TAKE FOLIC ACID...PLEASE SUPPORT THE "KIDS NOW" PACKAGE. There was also room for names, phone numbers and Email addresses for the MOD's, SBAK and the Folic Acid Coordinator. The timing was wonderful and we appreciate the hard work that paid off so well! A huge thank-you to Katrina and Susie! **3.** New members for the KFAP-we have grown from 19 agencies/organizations to 27 (to 28 by 4-7-00) and to 45 individual members (46).

- III. Partnership Agenda-** the agenda for the May 25th KFAP was planned.
- IV. Next Meeting Date... to be announced**
- V. The meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,
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State Folic Acid Campaign Coordinator