

# **Children's Special Health Services Family Advisory Council Meeting**

**Saturday, November 19, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon CST  
Comfort Suites, Meeting Room A, 1929 Gateway Avenue, Bismarck, ND**

## **Welcome/Introductions/Announcements**

Present from the Family Advisory Council: Jennifer Restemayer, Cheryl Klee, Donene Feist, Lori Hanson, Lisa Beckman, and Evelyn Kimpel.

Present from Children's Special Health Services Division: Sue Burns, Devaiah Muccatira, Alicia Phillips, Kim Hruby, Candace Frohlich, and Tammy Gallup-Millner. New staff member Candace Frohlich was warmly welcomed. Alicia Phillips was given a fond farewell because of her upcoming move out-of-state.

Present from Family Health Division: Kerri Benning, and Cheryle Masset.

## **Guest Presentation and Facilitated Discussion**

Sean E. Brotherson, Ph.D., Family Life Specialist from the NDSU Extension Service at North Dakota State University presented and facilitated a discussion on *The Involvement of Fathers and Other Father Figures in MCH/CSHCN Programs*. Handouts included the following:

- Fathers and Children with Special Needs
- Fathers at Home with Special Needs Children
- Fathers and Child Well-Being – Connecting Fathers with the Next Generation
- Mike Smith's Top Ten Ideas for Strengthening Father Involvement in Early Childhood Programs

## **Follow-up from May 2011 Meeting**

The May 2011 meeting minutes and the Recommendation Review Summary were referenced as handouts for the meeting but not reviewed with council members due to time constraints.

## **CSHS Division Updates and Other Housekeeping Items**

Tammy is in process of recruiting a new Family Advisory Council member. No one has been appointed yet to fill the spot vacated by Twyla.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 4, 2012 depending on availability of the Comfort Suites in Bismarck. Information will be forthcoming.

The family participation ranking and CSHS Fall Update were referenced as handouts for the meeting but not reviewed with council members due to time constraints.

## **Reimbursement Forms/Adjournment**

Reimbursement forms were completed and the meeting adjourned.