



## City of Covington

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### HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES

**March 10, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Haris Ahmad, Saqib Ahmad, Colleen Holmes, Kevin Piersawl, Fran McGregor-Hollums, Aunna Moriarty, and Sue Ray.

#### **CITY STAFF PRESENT**

Victoria Throm, Personnel & Human Services Analyst

#### **SITE VISIT TO PEDIATRIC INTERIM CARE CENTER, KENT.**

Pediatric Interim Care Center is one of the newly funded agencies by the City of Covington for 2011. PICC is a 24-hour facility that employs RN's/LPN's, aides and social workers to care for the infants prenatally exposed to illicit drugs. Volunteers are a big part of the success of this program as they provide hours of volunteer labor such as doing many loads of laundry each day.

Elaine Purchase welcomed the Commission and staff to the Pediatric Interim Care Center (PICC). After presenting some history of the center, Elaine conducted a tour of the new facility built in April 2006. The Commission visited each nursery room; a large conference/media room; emergency studio apartment; laundry room; offices; kitchen facility; and sitting area with fireplace. The capacity of PICC is 20 infants.

The Commission was shown parts of a training film to learn more about what the infants go through in the withdrawal process, the special care they receive, and the effects of specific drugs such as meth to the baby's skin.

After the tour a debriefing was held so the Commissioners could share about the differences between what they expected to see and how impressed they were with the home-like facility and the care of the infants. The tour was an emotional experience for everyone. It also provided a consensus of the value of supporting this organization.

Submitted by:

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Victoria Throm  
Personnel & Human Services Analyst