



***Nurse Family Partnership Kalamazoo County***  
Advisory Council  
February 16, 2010  
10:08 AM to 11:45 AM

∞ **Welcome and Introductions** – Rhasheda Shepherd (NFP Representative)

∞ **Funding Update**

- NFP National Service Office is working on a letter and application for a direct appropriation in the FY2010 budget. The appropriation would cover the 4 MI NFP sites.
- NFP supervisors will meet with legislators in their local offices during the month of March. These discussions will educate legislators on the work of NFP. House budget priorities to come out in April, Senate budget priorities expected in May.

∞ **Father and Family Stories**

- Two NFP fathers shared how NFP has helped them become strong parents.
- Father/infant engagement is vital to family development.
- NFP provides inclusive home visitation materials for fathers in each phase of our program; pregnancy, infancy and toddlerhood. Fathers are encouraged to attend and participate in the home visiting experience.

∞ **Advisory Board Sharing**

- Asked for input on community resources for fathers
- Fatherhood program/group at the Boys and Girls Club
- Men on council pointed out that many men are not comfortable in a formal group setting and that fathering support is provided informally during other activities.

∞ **Conclusion & Thank You** – Dolores Rawlings (NFP Home Visitor)

- Michelle Datema to send out advocacy reminders regarding budget efforts. Please call if you have suggestions or questions.
- Thank you for coming!

***Next Meeting: May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010***