

Family and Children First Council Meeting

February 15, 2023

8:30 a.m. — JFS Conference Room.

Members in Attendance

Voting Members: Jane Wengel, Lisa Borsos, Aimee Coe, Ben Robison, Brent Baer, Dave Wigent, Martha Woelke, Theresa Towner, Kristin Nagel, Melanie Vandyne

Voting Advocates: Deb Butler, Erin Hachtel, Kathy Mull, Courtney Rice, Jasmine Torbet

Non-Voting Advocates: Melissa Coe, Angie Patchen, Kyle Clark, Kelly Hickle-Lentz, Sandi Carsey, Amy Brinkman, Danielle Perkins, Debra Ondrus, Brianne Schooley, Shanna Gerken,

Guests: Avery “Jay” Miller, Jennifer Engelmann, Alexis Bridges

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

January 18, 2023

Motion to Approve: Theresa Towner

Second: Ben Robison

Abstained: None

Vote: All Ayes — Motion Carried

Review of Fiscal Reports — *Kelly Hickle-Lentz*

Total remaining funds in the general ledger: \$241,357.60

For additional information, about specific funds, please refer to the fiscal report.

Motion to Approve: Ben Robison

Second: Martha Woelke

Abstained: None

Vote: All Ayes — Motion Carried

Coordinator Report — *Melissa Coe*

- Melissa reported there are currently 21 service coordination cases and 2 wraparound cases.
- Currently have 5 kids pending for SC
- Will be sending out letters for donations in March.
- Plan to reach out to schools and other FCFC's

- Recommended Melissa get in touch with Mark North and attend his monthly meeting.
- Elisha Cangelosi, Executive Director for Ohio Family and Children First will be attending our meeting in May.
- FCFC Coordinator has been working with schools in helping kids involved attend school, and avoid truancy, which has been successful.
- A student Melissa had been working with was named student of the month.

Old Business

Family Fun Night

Spring Fling Family Fair - April 19, 5:00p-7:30p

- Goal to provide fun activities for families to do together and also to introduce them to available resources in the community.
- Working with First United Methodist Church for event to be held there
- FUMC will help to disperse information to public
- Committee met and sent out letters to vendors to participate have already received some letters back
- Working on finalizing the flyer
- Committee asking for approval to utilize local funds for prizes \$800.00, not to exceed \$1,000.00

Motion to Approve: Theresa Towner

Second: Brent Baer

Abstained: None

Vote: All Ayes — Motion Carried

Ohio Rise

- No updates at this time
- **Housing**
- No updates at this time, the coalition continues to meet

New Business

Committees

- Looking over the list of committees that provide reports to FCFC.
- Would like to make sure they are relevant committees or if there's any that aren't listed.
- If committee is meeting and has agendas & minutes, they are eligible.
- Will be looking through bylaws to see which committees are named.

- Will be checking on whether group is a committee listed under FCFC as a subcommittee or a group that meets and gives updates at meeting.
- Melissa will store all minutes for meetings, (ex: Early Childhood meetings).
- Committee for the Family Fair will now be listed under Committees under reports.
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Overview of Agency:

- **Wood Co workforce retention initiative** – Jay Miller (Wood County)
 - Started on October 3, 2022
 - Provide retention services to public and private businesses
 - Bring a social work approach to support people who are struggling
- **The Ability Center** - Jennifer Engelmann (Sylvania)
 - Presented video about the Ability Center
 - Youth & Leadership forum this summer
- **Belmont Pines** - Alexis Bridges (Youngstown, OH)
 - Behavioral hospital for children and adolescents
 - Offer acute & residential programs
 - Offer virtual therapy
 - Don't provide transportation
 - Accept all insurances

Committee Reports

Early Childhood Task Force – *Danielle Perkins*

- Held meeting earlier this week
- Community Baby Shower held developmental screenings and had a baby shower for expectant mothers, 7 expectant mothers came and the taskforce received 8 home visit referrals
- Next Meeting will be on March 18 at 10 a.m. on Zoom
- WCBDD Celebrity Basketball Tournament is March 8, 5:30 p.m. at the BG Community Center Admission is a canned food item

Help Me Grow – *Kristin Nagel*

- Had 36 referrals in January
- Have received 22 referrals in February
- 226 total, 188 are eligible and receiving services, 38 others pending.
- 2 referrals were received from Community Baby Shower

Ohio Children's Trust Fund – *Sandi Carsey*

- January meeting was rescheduled due to weather, will meet tomorrow.

Trauma Informed Care “#KindnessCounts” – *Angie Patchen*

- Working to get up and running again.

No Wrong Door – *Erin Hatchel*

- Webinar is scheduled for Feb 28th
- Will be discussing local food resources and will provide more details about upcoming changes to SNAP benefits.

Parent Representatives

- One parent asked how to transition teenagers and what that looks like
 - Parent is already involved with OOD
 - Children's Resource Center has resources available.
 - Parent expressed interest in Juvenile Court system listing where those needing to serve community service hours can look.
 - Parents may not know where to look.
 - Does resource already exist for this?
 - United Way maintains a list when people reach out and will find ways to make it more publicly available.
- One parent reported their experience with the Ability Center was wonderful in the past.

NAMI

- Peer-to-Peer starting up in March
- Hosting a Mental Health Resource Fair

City Council

- City council approved grants for non-profits who are BG residents - reach out to Martha Woelke for more information.

WCBDD

- March is Disability Awareness month.
- Wood Co. District Public Library hosting author Amy Webb, parent of a child with disability on Friday March 10 from 4:30-6p

WCESC

- Hosting autism support group
- Working with schools

Harbor Behavioral Health

- Using The Seven Challenges program for comprehensive counseling with youth struggling with substance use.

The Cocoon

- Offering an Economic Empowerment Group, participants don't have to be involved in services
- 6-week group, helps survivors reach financial stability
- H.B.288 folded in and includes Erin's law – schools will provide developmentally appropriate student instruction in child sex abuse and sexual violence prevention in Ohio.
- Will be bringing in Erin Merryn, who is person behind the law.
- Suicide prevention coalition

Adjournment: 9:42 a.m.

Next Meeting Date:
March 15, 2023