

**FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL  
STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**January 4, 2016**

**PRESENT:**

<b>RENEE LAMMERS</b>	<b>FCF - Director</b>
<b>BETH RUBIN</b>	<b>GC DJFS</b>
<b>JOHN LaROCK</b>	<b>GC BODD</b>
<b>GRETA MAYER</b>	<b>MHRB</b>
<b>BILL VOSKUHL</b>	<b>GC Juvenile Court</b>
<b>KATHY GORBY</b>	<b>CORS</b>
<b>TERRY GRAVES-STRIETER</b>	<b>GREENE ESC - Superintendent</b>
<b>DEBORAH MATHESON</b>	<b>Family Violence Prevention Ctr.</b>
<b>ROBYN FOSNAUGH FOR MELISSA BRANUM</b>	<b>GC Public Health</b>
<b>KIM CERNEY</b>	<b>FCF – Admin Support</b>

**Mr. LaRock called the Steering Committee meeting to order at 9:00 AM. He also welcomed Dr. Greta Mayer to her new position in this group.**

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2015**

**The minutes from the December 2015 meeting were reviewed.**

**A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Ms. Gorby, seconded by Ms. Rubin and passed without exception.**

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM REPORT**

**Ms. Lammers highlighted the Jamestown and Bellbrook Family Resource Centers portion of the report noting that they were extremely busy with their holiday programs. She also made the group aware of Carolyn Destefani beginning her newly elected position of Sugarcreek Township Trustee. Ms. Destefani is the staff person at the Bellbrook FRC. This is a non-partisan position, however we will be monitoring carefully as there could be some conflicts of interest. We have always worked very closely with Sugarcreek Township and we don't wish to have any misunderstandings. Ms. Fosnaugh inquired if Ms. Destefani had spoken to the County's attorney and Ms. Lammers replied that she had. Ms. Lammers also stated that she had spoken with the County Administrator and Personnel.**

**Ms. Lammers also highlighted Shared Youth Placement stating the 15 children listed as in placement is incorrect. There are actually 3 children in Shared Youth Placement. The 15 represents children that are being reviewed by the team. She will speak with Ms. Baughn to get this corrected for future reports.**

**Also highlighted is Parents as Teachers. Ms. Lammers will be meeting with the Commissioners in Work Session to discuss the OCTF Regional Board appointments. Proposed members would be Amy Amburn from Children Services and Ms. Lammers. These names were the recommendations from last month's Steering Committee.**

**A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Ms. Rubin, seconded by Ms. Matheson and passed without exception.**

### **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY – NOVEMBER FISCAL REPORT**

**These reports were distributed to the members at the beginning of this meeting. Ms. Lammers began by advising the group that due to her vacation leave last week she has not had the opportunity to look over these reports with any clarity. The Narrative document is satisfactory however the Fiscal Report has been marked as "Draft". She is requesting that the vote on this report be postponed until next month for approval.**

**In addition to the narrative document she did add a few details as follows:**

- HMG invoices were presented to the Commissioners and will be paid in calendar year 2015 so that we can put them on our quarterly report January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to receive our reimbursement in a timely manner.**
- The FRC's have done a great job this year in receiving donations. In particular the Jamestown FRC. Our new staff person Rachel Goff has done a fabulous job at rekindling the relationships with some of the entities in town and it seems to show in the increase in donations.**
- There is still a lot of speculation circulating regarding the future of funding for Centralized Coordination. Fortunately, our staff people are aware of the circumstances and are accepting it for what it is.**
- In going over FCSS billing for December we found that we had overbilled in error. They were contacted immediately and the process of repayment has begun. It is possible that since we don't bill every month that the repayment will not be as great as the December billing error.**

**Mr. LaRock advised that the official approval of this report be postponed until the February 1<sup>st</sup> Steering Committee Meeting.**

## **SFY 17 SHARED PLAN GUIDANCE**

An electronic copy of this should have been received by everyone in this group. This plan included SFY 2011 – 2015. A new one is due by July 31<sup>st</sup> of 2016 and will cover up through 2019. This is based on collective impact. Instead of having shared strategies like we did in the last one it will look at what is already being done. Ms. Lammers informed the group that she will be taking over the Community Needs Assessment for Meg Gillis from United Way during her injury leave of absence. This is a very large document and she is looking at using it in conjunction with the Shared Plan as they both share the same data evidence. It needs to be approved by the UW group handling the project.

## **SYSTEM CONTRIBUTIONS TO FAMILY STABILITY FOR CY 2016**

It is time again to send out invoices for the Family Stability Program. Melissa Baughn heads this program. Amy Wissman is a part time position being funded by the ENGAGE Grant which ends at the end of this SFY. We did get an increase in our contract last year from DJFS to help us expand capacity in the program and has been written into the contract for the coming year. MHRB, DJFS, BODD and Juvenile Court have been for some time the funding source for this program. It is based on the number of kids in placement and who is involved in those placements. We have so few kids that are "shared funded", most kids are single system funded primarily by Children Services and Family Stability continues to review them. Children Services and MHRB continue to pay the lion share. We have not come up with any other equitable way of funding the program. Even though there are four systems of funding, it is not equitable to divide it four ways. The inclination is that each system's budget has been built around past funding there is no need for any changes at this time. However, if someone in this group has an alternative suggestion we are certainly open.

## **AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY FCFC**

- **MHRB AND "RECOVERY ORIENTED SYSTEMS OF CARE" – ROSELIN RUNNELS**

A Full Council meeting is coming up February 1<sup>st</sup> which is the first Monday. Ms. Lammers announced a presentation by Roselin Runnels from MHRB on Recovery Oriented Systems of Care. Ms. Mayer interjected that this will not be a presentation except for a little introduction. Because of the large cross section of people at Full Council it will be more of a survey to get a baseline of what everyone's understanding of this Recovery Oriented System of Care is. She said that even the "don't knows" will be good information to them. She also said that Tammy Collins would be the presenter at the meeting.

**Ms. Lammers solicited the group to give suggestions for presentations at the next Full Council meeting.**

#### **OTHER ITEMS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR/DIRECTOR**

**Ms. Lammers began by bringing up the Plans and Priorities for 2016. She would like to bring a speaker from Sandy Hook Promise in to the May Full Council meeting to update us on their initiatives. They have two new initiatives, one is "Say Something – Recognizing the signs and signals of potential threats". The other, which is kid oriented is "No One Eats Alone". Her hope is that with the diversity of the group it would encourage them to become more involved in some of these programs.**

**Ms. Lammers also noted that she would like the FCF Council and Family and Children First Department to be more focused on prevention activities. She has spoken to Dr. Mayer about becoming a Primary Prevention Agency. We have been stymied in doing more with this as part of their standard is to have a facility that is ADA compliant or be working on a plan to become ADA accessible and none of our buildings comply.**

**Ms. Fosnaugh asked what kinds of things would be done for Primary Prevention if we were ADA compliant. Ms. Lammers replied that she would like to look at expanding Community PAX. The Safe Schools Healthy Students grant has done a great job at expanding PAX in the schools and there are a lot of things that can be done in the community settings and even at home. She said she would really like Family & Children First to be a leader and instrumental in that expansion. Conversation ensued on this topic. Ms. Strieter asked if her PAX people could do a presentation at one of the meetings. Ms. Lammers stated that it would be a good idea as it hasn't been done in several years. Perhaps there would be time at the February meeting.**

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- **Ms. Gorby reminded everyone that E3C is tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. on Valley Street. Also, they will be postponing their recruitment until February or March.**
- **Ms. Strieter highlighted the fact that there is a major deficit of School Psychologists and Occupational Therapists in the State of Ohio. She encouraged those in the group that if they know of a young person looking for a career choice to encourage those arenas.**
- **Ms. Lammers added that we found out last week that the VOCA grant had been approved for the Visitation Center. This will provide for a current part-time person to go to full-time status as well as provide for contracts with law enforcement officers to be safety personnel.**
- **Ms. Strieter informed the group about the ISLS agency that will work with any public employee that has a higher education loan to see if part or all of that loan can be forgiven. They do the consult for free and help you do all the paperwork properly. There is a small fee if part or all of the loan is forgiven. She will be forwarding more information as she gets it. Ms. Lammers inquired if this was only for educational loans or if it encompassed any type of loan. Ms. Strieter was not sure. Ms. Rubin added that she believed it was solely for educational loans.**

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Approved:**

***Kim Cerney***  
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**Date: *February 1, 2016***  
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