

**GREENE COUNTY FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST
FULL COUNCIL**

**MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

PRESENT:

NAME	ORGANIZATION
RENEE LAMMERS	FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST
MELANIE HART	GC OSU EXTENSION
KATHY GORBY	CORS
KATHLEEN DIEGELMAN	FAMILY SOLUTIONS CENTER
JOHN LaROCK	GC BODD
BETH RUBIN	GC DJFS
ROBYN FOSNAUGH FOR M. BRANUM	GC PUBLIC HEALTH
BILL VOSKUHL	GC JUVENILE COURT
LIBBY POWERS	FCF – FAMILY VISITATION CENTER
DEBBIE MATHESON	FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION CENTER
GRETA MAYER	MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY BOARD
TERRY GRAVES-STRIETER	GC ESC
AMY AMBURN	GC CHILDREN SERVICES
BILL McGLOTHLIN	BEAVERCREEK SCHOOLS
KEN COLLIER	GREENE CATS
TOM OTTO	TCN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
PAM HAMER	GC PUBLIC HEALTH/HELP ME GROW
SUSAN FINSTER	GC COUNCIL ON AGING
MARLENE ELLIOTT	PASS IT ON
CHAD WILDING FOR ZACH UPTON	CITY OF BEAVERCREEK – COUNCIL MEMBER
RACHEL GOFF	FCF - JAMESTOWN FRC
JAY BAUER	INNOVATIVE STUDENT LOAN SOLUTIONS
ANDREW TINKHAM	STATE OF OHIO – CONSUMER’S COUNCIL
WENDY CRIDLEBAUGH	COUNCIL ON RURAL SERVICES
ERIN FAWLEY	OSU EXTENSION - SNAP-ED
ANYA SENETRA	GREENE ESC
KIM CERNEY	GC FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST

Mr. LaRock welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. The meeting opened with introductions.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 2015 MINUTES

Minutes from the November 2015 Full Council Meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Rubin, seconded by Ms. Gorby. The motion passed without exception.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY PROGRAM REPORT (MS. LAMMERS)

Ms. Lammers stated that this report stands as written.

As there were no questions, Mr. LaRock asked for a motion to approve the February Program Report. A motion to approve the report was made by Mr. Voskuhl, seconded by Ms. Elliott. The motion passed without exception.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AUDIT FINANCE COMMITTEE, INCLUDING THE JANUARY – DECEMBER 2015 FISCAL REPORT – MS. MATHESON

It was noted that the Audit Finance group met prior to this meeting. The report shows that FCF is fiscally sound and underspending in many funds.

As there were no questions, Mr. LaRock asked for a motion to approve the January – December 2015 Fiscal Report as presented. A motion to approve the report was made by Ms. Rubin, seconded by Dr. Mayer. The motion passed without exception.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

➤ STEERING COMMITTEE

Mr. LaRock noted that the Steering Committee met in January. Discussion of guidance regarding the Shared Plan took place for SFY 17. Also, the contributions from the system partners to the Family Stability program. The fiscal reports were looked over and the agenda for today's meeting was discussed.

➤ FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MS. LAMMERS)

Ms. Lammers reported that this group is still struggling. There are 3 family members that have been active but they are active at different times. There is a core group of people that are involved with the Parents as Teachers program that has been active at planning their own group activities. Anna Carrera and Ms. Lammers are in discussion to see if some of those people might have a voice on this committee.

➤ AUDIT FINANCE

This information was covered earlier in this meeting.

➤ HMG/E3C UPDATE – MS. GORBY/MS. HAMER/MS. LAMMERS

Ms. Hamer advised that they have come up with a date for the Daddy and Me Carnival of May 6th. Ms. Gorby added that the next meeting for E3C will be April 5th.

Ms. Lammers asked Ms. Hamer to discuss the transition of Early Intervention. Ms. Hamer stated that they have received a memo from ODH and State Department of DD that they will be filing legislation to move the lead agency from ODH to Board of Developmental Disabilities. The transition will take place over the next year. Other than this memo there was no other information given. We are hoping that the RFP which is supposed to be out in February will outline any changes forthcoming.

Ms. Lammers added that these changes affect only HMG Early Intervention not HMG Home Visiting or HMG Central Coordination as those programs will remain the same at the Ohio Department of Health.

PRESENTATIONS:

Pax Update – Anya Senetra, Greene County ESC

Ms. Senetra passed out information for everyone. The PAX mission statement is that PAX teaches students self-regulation, self-control, and self-management while collaborating with others for peace, productivity, health & happiness. PAX is not a classroom management program per se or about consequences and control, yet it does make classrooms joyful again for learning. PAX combines the science from PeaceBuilders®, Good Behavior Game and other studies. How does PAX GBG work? PAX nurtures self-regulation in peer-contexts in order to improve attention and reduce impulsivity, thereby wiring the brain during any school activity for long-term gain. PAX is currently in 360 classrooms in 4 counties equaling 8,280 kids. There is currently a crisis within the teaching profession. 50% of teachers drop out of the teaching profession within 3 years. PAX GBG helps decrease negative interactions between teachers and students and helps teachers enjoy their jobs more so they are less likely to leave the profession. Wright State University is currently implementing PAX in their teacher education program.

Additionally, PAX is being implemented in other areas such as where children gather i.e. playgrounds, community centers and parks. As well, it is being used in adult situations such as detention centers and jails.

ISLS loan forgiveness program – Jay Bauer, Innovative Student Loan Solutions

The four year average of debt for both public and private institutions is \$30,000 coming out of school. Total student loans nationally are at 1.3 trillion dollars. The Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF) was passed by Congress in 2007. To be eligible, you must be a full-time employee at a nonprofit organization and have federal loans, including Subsidized & Unsubsidized Stafford loans, Parent PLUS and Graduate PLUS loans. Also, you must stay employed for a 10 year period. There is a simple on-line 5 question survey to see if you qualify for this program. While the process can be self-navigated for free, you can choose to use Innovative Student Loan Solutions there is a fee for their services. <http://GreeneESC.myisls.com>

✚ **Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (Survey) – Dr. Greta Mayer, MHRB**

ROSC is an assessment Survey designed to determine strengths and areas for improvement for our county in five principle areas; Focusing on clients and families, Ensuring timely access to care, Promoting healthy, safe, and drug-free communities, Prioritizing accountable and outcome-driven financing and lastly, Locally managing systems of care. The main goal of ROSC is that mental illness and substance use disorders be viewed as the chronic illnesses they are, and that they can be successfully treated. Dr. Mayer passed around a paper survey for everyone to look over. The survey is available from any computer or smart device at www.mhrb.org or at <http://goo.gl/forms/duaUQxWgwm>. It takes an average of 10 – 20 minutes to complete.

OTHER ITEMS AT THE DISCRETION OF CHAIR/DIRECTOR

Ms. Lammers wanted to remind everyone of the discussion of the Shared Plan that is due July 31st. There was a follow-up meeting with OFCF to begin the process. They are encouraging us to use the FCF Council which we have discussed. Many in the County have been part of the Community Needs Assessment and the plan is to use the data collected from that to develop our Shared Plan which will be the Community Improvement Plan.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✓ **Ms. Fosnaugh made the group aware of some new programs at the Health Department. OSU Extension has written a grant to help mitigate infant mortality. The hope is to bring in up to 10 first time mothers and educate them on how to take care of themselves as well as their new child. She asked the group to recommend any of their clients that may benefit from this class. Another new grant initiative is "Baby and Me, Tobacco Free" whereby if 25 women commit to being tobacco free throughout the term of their pregnancy they will get vouchers for diapers for the first 12 months of the child's life. She noted that it has been difficult to find women who will commit to that process.**
- ✓ **Mr. Otto announced that TCN has hired two new psychiatrists. One youth and one adult. They have also hired an Advanced Practical Nurse. With these new additions they have openings for psychological evaluations. He was confident that those openings would fill up quickly so if there are any referrals please send them soon.**
- ✓ **Ms. Diegelman highlighted the many active groups Family Solutions Center has for youth. Transportation for the programs at FSC as well as TCN is provided through the partnership efforts of Greene CATS.**
- ✓ **Ms. Finster with GCCOA partners with the Area on Aging to bring a workshop called "A Healthy You" to the community. This is a 6 week workshop that helps participants learn strategies to deal with chronic conditions. The next workshop begins on March 14th at the Fairborn Senior Center. There will also be one starting the end of March in Xenia focusing on Type II Diabetes. More information is available on their website GCCOA.org.**

- ✓ **Ms. Elliott with Pass It On informed the group that they have been operating as a ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church for 6-1/2 years helping over 1700 families with furniture and household items. The premise being that if you have household items to donate she will act as a liaison for someone who is in need of that item. Currently they are beginning a new program called "Sweet Dreams", purchasing new twin and full size beds. Last year they were able to buy 16 beds and so far this year they have purchased 3 beds. They have an agreement with Fairground Furniture for pricing along with free delivery. They have also been able to supply the client with sheets, pillows and sometimes a handmade quilt or blanket. These items have been provided by local churches and senior centers.**
- ✓ **Mr. Andrew Tinkham from the State of Ohio Consumers' Council represents residential utility consumers. He highlighted that the 2015 State Budget included a provision that the local telephone companies could withdraw service if they felt they were not making money such as in rural areas and they have to provide a 90 day notice. There is a provision for comments regarding this issue through PUCO. He will send an email with the link to FCFC and Ms. Lammers will forward to all Council members. He did encourage the members at the table to give their thoughts and comments as it could impact communities as well as some of their clients. The law does state that there must be an alternative service.**
- ✓ **Ms. Gorby from the Head Start program announced that recruitments are currently taking place. She passed around folders with the 2015 Annual Report as well information on recruitments. She added that the Jamestown center will be changing to a 6 hour whole day program provided approval from the Federal Government. This is a pilot program. They are also streamlining their Home Visiting program.**
- ✓ **Mr. Collier announced that CATS has been in business for 15 years. They have renewed their contract with their transportation provider 1st Transit. They have also purchased some minivans to help cut some costs, provide more efficiency and better serve those with limited mobility. They are currently in service. CATS has received some grant funding to provide services later in the evenings as well as on the weekends. Also, they will be revising their flex routes. They are currently getting feed-back from consumers on the improvements. These will be launched in August.**
- ✓ **Ms. Powers of the Family Visitation Center happily announced that they are recipients of a VOCA grant which will provide safety personnel on site to provide clients with greater security during their visits.**
- ✓ **Ms. Cridlebaugh from CORS added that she has some openings for child care in her program.**
- ✓ **Ms. Fawley of OSU Extension is the Program Coordinator for SNAP-Ed. As the result of a USDA grant for obesity reduction and prevention they are able to educate low income participants about the importance of nutrition. This is a free service to agencies who work with the low income clients. They also have a "Cooking Matters" program that is new. It is a 6 week/2 hour program for adults. One hour is devoted to nutrition the other hour for cooking. They leave with a bag of groceries so they can replicate the recipe they were taught at home. The meal provided during the lesson is for tasting purposes only.**
- ✓ **Dr. Mayer thanked everyone for filling out the survey that was passed around.**

- ✓ **Mr. Voskuhl highlighted the Juvenile Court. Judge Tornichio has asked the Supreme Court to send a team to do an evaluation of his Juvenile Court and make any recommendations. This will be an eight month process. There is a new Court Administrator, Amy Lewis. Also, Sheena Nipper was just announced as the new Chief Probation Officer**

The meeting adjourned @ 10:10 AM

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Kim Cerney

May 2, 2016

**Kim Cerney, Admin Support Tech
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