

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

**June 6, 2016**

**PRESENT:**

<b>RENEE LAMMERS</b>	<b>FCF - Director</b>
<b>BRENT LEWIS</b>	<b>FCF - Director</b>
<b>BETH RUBIN</b>	<b>GC DJFS</b>
<b>JOHN LaROCK</b>	<b>GC BODD</b>
<b>BILL VOSKUHL</b>	<b>GC Juvenile Court</b>
<b>DEBBIE MATHESON</b>	<b>FVPC</b>
<b>KATHY GORBY</b>	<b>CORS</b>
<b>MELISSA BRANUM</b>	<b>GC Public Health</b>
<b>TERRY GRAVES-STRIETER</b>	<b>GC ESC</b>
<b>PAM HAMER</b>	<b>GC Public Health - HMG</b>
<b>AMY AMBURN</b>	<b>GCDJFS – Children Services</b>
<b>RACHEL MILLER</b>	<b>CORS</b>
<b>DEB CORDELL</b>	<b>FCF – Fiscal Support Coord.</b>
<b>KIM CERNEY</b>	<b>FCF – Admin. Support</b>

**Mr. LaRock called the Steering Committee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.**

**Mr. LaRock opened the meeting with introductions of those present finishing with the introduction of the new Family & Children First Director, Mr. Brent Lewis.**

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR MAY 2016**

**The May minutes were reviewed. Ms. Lammers noted that the attendance roster required the addition of Greta Mayer as she was in attendance but had to leave early, therefore was not able to sign the attendance sheet. Ms. Cerney will make the correction as noted. A motion to accept the minutes as presented with the correction was made by Ms. Gorby, seconded by Ms. Rubin. The motion carried.**

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE MAY PROGRAM REPORTS**

**Ms. Lammers stated that she felt there were no additions to the report since its production. She did note that Parents as Teachers is in its final stage as the OCTF grant will be closing June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Ms. Rubin inquired about the new Carestar contractor for Help Me Grow. Ms. Lammers replied that this is a private organization that contracts in a number of counties to provide home visiting services. They asked ODH if they could provide services to Greene County as they were already working in Montgomery County and there were some requests for services in Greene. Central Coordination must now offer both GC Public Health and Carestar services in a neutral manner to the family.

Motion to approve the May Program Report as presented was made by Ms. Rubin and seconded by Ms. Branum. The motion passed without exception.

### **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY – APRIL FISCAL REPORTS**

Ms. Lammers advised that the report stands as presented. She added that with the OCTF and FCSS grants we have underspent significantly. She also discussed the FCSS grant spending process to the group.

Motion to approve the January – April Fiscal Report as presented was made by Ms. Matheson and seconded by Mr. Voskuhl. The motion passed without exception.

### **COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE REPORTS**

#### **➤ E3C**

Ms. Gorby reported the turn out for the Daddy and Me Carnival was very good despite the competition from First Friday's. ABC Pediatric Therapy did a lot of extra activities with the children. The next meeting will be July 12<sup>th</sup> and will be appointing new officers.

#### **➤ EmP3**

Ms. Lammers reported that the group continues to meet monthly. In April the Ohio Youth Move Director came and spoke at the meeting. She also offered to do a training here in Greene County. It will be held on June 8 & 9 at the Xenia Community Center. It is for young people ages 15 – 20 who are system involved.

### **HELP ME GROW UPDATE**

Ms. Lammers reported that the contract for deliverables is not out for SFY 17 as yet. Because funding is so tight in the next year we will have to monitor very closely the decisions for Central Coordination. There are many possibilities as to how the program may work in the future.

For Early Intervention SFY 17 the entire amount of the EI contract will go to the Public Health Department due to this grant going to reimbursement only. We will be presenting this to the Commissioners on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**ACCEPT NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIR TERM BEGINNING IN 2017. ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> FCFC MEETING.**

Mr. LaRock's term as Chair will be ending at the end of this year and Ms. Matheson will take over the Chair position. The floor was open for nominations. Ms. Rubin suggested Dr. Mayer. Since she is absent today, Ms. Lammers said she would call her. After much discussion Ms. Strieter was also nominated.

**FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS TRANSITION**

Ms. Lammers updated this group as to the transition. Some historical information was given by Ms. Lammers. The goal of the FRC's is to encourage family self-sufficiency. We decided to pool our data and it was found that about 30% of the families on our rosters have been served for 5 years or more. Clearly we are not achieving the goal of our funding. By moving into Prevention Services it will increase youth asset building and encourage volunteerism. There will be a lot of conversation moving forward with this transition. We have met with community leaders, the local advisory group and the ministers in Jamestown. Rachel will be relocating here in August and will continue to do Kid's Club throughout the school year at the school. The dynamics of the Bellbrook Center are multi-faceted as there is a lot of community support. She and Brandon Huddleson will be meeting with Bellbrook's Local Advisory Group, the local Ministers and community members on Tuesday. Right now the plan is to have both staff members relocated to this building by the end of the federal fiscal year. Ms. Lammers passed around a copy of "Partners in Prevention" detailing the direction of the *Kernels for Life* program. This program will be taken on by the transition staff with Kid's Clubs as well as our Parent Support person implementing it into the Parenting classes.

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

Ms. Lammers reminded everyone of the Vice Chair election at the August meeting. She asked if anyone had an idea for a presenter for that meeting.

The OCBF grant is due to Ohio FCF by 7/31/16. We always ask for an extension since it has to be approved by FCFC before submitting. It will be presented at the August FCFC then be presented to the BOCC the following Thursday.

The Shared Plan which was loosely based on the Community Needs Assessment was coordinated by United Way. Nathan Collier, who is filling in for Meg Gillis will be stepping down and his last day is June 7<sup>th</sup>. The Strategic Plan that follows that needs assessment is not complete. This is what the shared plan is to be based on. We have also requested OFCFC for an extension to complete the SFY 17-19 Shared Plan because of these transitions. It is also due July 31 but we are also requesting an extension to last till the end of this calendar year. Ms. Gorby asked if we need a motion for this extension. Ms. Lammers replied that she would ask Mr. Hibbs when she put in for the request to extend.

Ohio Children's Trust fund county allocation will done as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. We did not apply for the GAP funding that was offered for July 1 to December 31<sup>st</sup> as it was likely we would not get the funding. As it turns out the counties that did apply did not receive any funding. The only known agency that received funding in our area was 4-C for Children in Butler County.

#### **ROUND TABLE**

- Ms. Strieter reported their education on Medicaid and all the changes forthcoming that may impact the school. It is complicated and there have been many meetings and conferences. Also added was they have added some much needed staff.
- Ms. Gorby announced that it is recruiting time and asked those at the table to be sure to refer kids to her programs.
- Ms. Branum announced that they will be having their ground lease signed by the County Commissioners on June 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a ceremonial ground breaking for the new building on August 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:30. Also announced is they are actively pursuing the Access Point grant.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

*Kim Cerney*

Date: *August 1, 2016*

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