

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

**March 2, 2020**

**PRESENT:**

<b>Jaril Arnold</b>	<b>GC Family &amp; Children First</b>
<b>Deb Cordell</b>	<b>GC Family &amp; Children First</b>
<b>Terry Graves-Strieter</b>	<b>GC Educational Service Center</b>
<b>Pamela Hamer</b>	<b>GC Public Health Department – Help Me Grow</b>
<b>Brittany Hensley</b>	<b>GC Juvenile Court</b>
<b>Melissa Howell</b>	<b>GC Public Health Department</b>
<b>John LaRock</b>	<b>GC Board of Developmental Disabilities</b>
<b>Brent Lewis</b>	<b>GC Family &amp; Children First - Director</b>
<b>Debbie Matheson</b>	<b>Family Violence Prevention Center</b>
<b>Greta Mayer</b>	<b>GC Mental Health Recovery Board</b>
<b>Tom Otto</b>	<b>TCN Behavioral Health Care</b>
<b>Beth Rubin</b>	<b>GC Department of Job &amp; Family Services</b>
<b>Laura Engel for Tracy Sibbing</b>	<b>United Way of Greater Dayton Area</b>
<b>Kyrsten McGuinness</b>	<b>Family Violence Prevention Center</b>

Ms. Matheson called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 2020**

Minutes for the February 2020 Steering Committee were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Howell, seconded by Ms. Rubin. The motion passed with corrections to be made.

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2020 FISCAL REPORT**

Ms. Cordell discussed the January 2020 fiscal report. Family Stability received their annual payment from the Board of Developmental Disabilities and the first six months payments from Juvenile Court so cash flow is good and revenue is high due to these one-time payments. We are still waiting for corrected invoices for Shared Youth Placements.

Help Me Grow has submitted bills to the end of December and these have been paid. Nothing has been submitted since then.

For FCSS, we are really underspending on that grant. There are ideas and things we want to do; some of the money is obligated but it will take some creativity to spend the grant down.

Council dues were distributed in February and \$9,950 of the \$15,220 that was invoiced has been received.

A motion was made to approve the Fiscal Report as presented by Ms. Hensley and seconded by Mr. LaRock. The motion passed without exception.

### **REVIEW/APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY PROGRAM REPORTS**

Mr. Lewis discussed the program report for February. There are 15 families currently receiving service coordination. There is one child in shared youth placement but we are supervising 6 placements. We review a total of 6 children at placement reviews. We currently have one child waiting for placement. One child will be discharged in March.

The new Parent Project classes, along with Loving Solutions and Why Try are scheduled to begin in March and April. Please refer to the flyers that were distributed for more information.

Ms. Mayer made a motion to accept the February Program report and was seconded by Ms. Rubin. The motion passed without exception.

### **COMMITTEE AND PROGRAM REPORT REVIEW**

Collective Impact- Mr. Lewis advised the biggest news to report is more interaction with the Healing Communities Management team – they presented at the February Steering Committee Meeting. Funds will be received in Greene County to be used for evidence-based practices that are supported by the study (i.e. Naloxone, medicated assisted treatment, prescription reduction practices, etc.). There will be no money used for prevention efforts as that has been pulled out of the grant.

The Recovery Work Group met with Healing Communities in order to create a marketing campaign. Due to the large number of attendees, the group did not get through all of the questions to determine priorities of who the group wanted to reach and who should be the primary focus. Therefore, a survey will be sent out. Most likely every member of the Steering Committee will receive a survey. Also, at this meeting, Mr. Lewis was able to reinforce the processes for how things are to be approved.

Mr. Lewis explained the term Medicated Assisted Treatment is now being called Medication for Opioid Use Disorder or MOUD – which may cause confusion.

E3C- Ms. Hamer announced a Family Fun Fest, formerly known as the Daddy and Me Carnival, will be held on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Work continues with the ESC on the mental health consultative piece. A consultation person from the Child Focus Group will be joining our team. Our next meeting is April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

Ms. Cordell announced the final report was received from the audit.

## **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION:**

Ms. Hensley stated the court is still working on the Assessment Center and should be up and running by the middle of March. Magistrate Lewis is working with the Domestic Violence Prevention Shelter on ideas for prevention and programming to replace the Strengthening Families program.

There was discussion on the cuts to the VOCA grant. The grant pays for the CASA Support Coordinator who is responsible for organizing and training all of the CASA volunteers. Mr. Lewis stated the cuts would not be across the board but at this time, there is no information as to how the cuts will be determined.

Ms. Graves-Streiter stated there are three major happenings at the ESC. First, the ECMH or Early Childhood Mental Health. This is more than just mental health, it is family engagement and wrap around. The ESC was granted funds that allow for the hiring of two additional employees who will be part of the team helping Grace throughout Greene County and outside of the county.

The second major happening is Project Life in which ESC is working with the Board of Developmental Disabilities. It is a program for the super seniors – young adults, ages 18 to 22, who are generally in high school for seven to eight years. They will spend half of their day in labs on campus at Wright State, learning life skills and the second half of the day, they will spend with a business partner. Eleven of the twelve openings are filled and they hope to build on that next year.

Lastly, a Total Communications Preschool will be opened next year in Fairborn. This will be for students 3 to 5 years of age who have hearing impairments or major communication deficits. These students will learn sign language and speech, if they are capable.

Ms. Howell discussed the Coronavirus and how to protect ourselves. The health care communities are the highest concern, then the business community. Prevention is necessary in the form of washing hands – which can kill 50 to 80 % of the virus, cough into your elbow, tell sick employees to stay home and be aware of what you are touching. Use Lysol wipes to disinfect items such as your cell phone and door knobs. A mask should be worn by those who are sick to keep from spreading the germs but a mask will not stop a person from getting the virus. The Coronavirus will be hardest on chronically ill children and the elderly.

Ms. Mayer announced the annual allocations for funding were sent out Friday so the partners should look for them.

Ms. Mayer recognized Beth Rubin for receiving the Outstanding Director of the Year Award by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Director's Association and that Melissa Howell was named to Leadership Ohio and has received state recognition for that.

Mr. Otto stated there are changes at TCN. Dr. Flores is the new Chief Medical Officer due to the retirement of another doctor. There are two new employees, an APN Jarabe and Psychiatrist, Dr. Giante who will be doing mostly tele meds.

The next meeting is 9:00 am, Monday, April 6th at Family and Children First.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 A.M.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Approved:**

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**Jaril Arnold, Admin. Support  
Greene County Family & Children First**

**Date:**\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting on April 6, 2020 was cancelled. \*\***