

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

May 4, 2020

PRESENT:

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| Jaril Arnold | GC Family & Children First |
| Jennifer Barga | GC Public Health Department |
| Rebecca Cantrell | United Way of Greater Dayton Area |
| Deb Cordell | GC Family & Children First |
| Terry Graves-Strieter | GC Educational Service Center |
| Melissa Howell | GC Public Health Department |
| John LaRock | GC Board of Developmental Disabilities |
| Brent Lewis | GC Family & Children First - Director |
| Debbie Matheson | Family Violence Prevention Center |
| Greta Mayer | GC Mental Health Recovery Board |

Due to COVID-19, the meeting was a virtual meeting held through Zoom. Ms. Matheson called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 2020

Due to COVID-19, the April meeting was cancelled. Minutes for the March 2020 Steering Committee were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. LaRock, seconded by Ms. Howell. The motion passed with corrections to be made.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2020 FISCAL REPORT

Ms. Cordell discussed the March 2020 fiscal report. Family Stability expenses are where they should be. Revenue is higher due to one-time payments.

The expenses for Shared Youth Placements are lower due to the timing of invoices but should be getting back on track. The revenues are much higher partially because of the multi-system youth revenue we are receiving. It is a large sum of money and we have not received the bills for placements yet.

Help Me Grow invoice has been submitted January. We are waiting for invoices from February-April.

For FCSS, we have not received any additional money from them because it is a reimbursement. Ms. Cordell indicated she will be sending a report today in order to receive funds. It is difficult to spend the money with so many summer camps being cancelled due to COVID-19 however, there are other ways we can help our families and spend this grant money.

For Council Admin, expenses are on target. Revenues are a bit low due to the way the revenue cycles run. The Admin Reconciliation for January through March will be presented at the meeting in June.

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

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY PROGRAM REPORTS

Mr. Lewis discussed the program report for March/April. The report was presented verbally because the office was previously closed due to COVID-19. Two youth were removed by their parents from residential prematurely due to COVID-19. Most facilities are only accepting referrals to be placed on a waiting list at this time.

Shannon and Melissa will be utilizing Zoom to run meetings. There are a lot of requests for residential placements but we have community resources to utilize before we get to that point.

Ms. Mayer made a motion to accept the verbal March/April Program report and was seconded by Ms. Howell. The motion passed without exception.

COMMITTEE AND PROGRAM REPORT REVIEW

Collective Impact- Mr. Lewis discussed Zoom meetings have been happening to continue progress and communication with the Healing Communities staff. Research is continuing. Marketing planning is in the works for distribution of Naloxone. The people from Healing Communities continue to say they are impressed with Greene County's participation and collaboration.

E3C/Help Me Grow- Ms. Barga discussed that referrals are low, most likely due to COVID-19. Public Health was recently audited on the timely receipt of services. Once a child qualifies for service, services are to begin within 30 days. They were 100% compliant.

The Family Fun Fest (formerly the Daddy and Me Carnival) scheduled for May 7th has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

OTHER ITEMS AT THE DISCRETION OF CHAIR/DIRECTOR

Mr. Lewis informed that county offices are opening as far as bringing in staff, but the offices are still not open to the public at this time. The offices are not to have more than 50% of their staff working at one time. There are still some staff working from home. Family and Children First will now have staff answering the phones during business hours.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION:

Ms. Howell advised the Health Department is working with the business community in order to get them reopened. Each Tuesday a virtual meeting is held to ensure all social service needs are still being met.

To date, there have been almost 50 positive cases of COVID-19. There have been 4 deaths and 9 hospitalizations. The nursing homes are being closely monitored to ensure there is not an outbreak in one of our nursing homes.

A group is assigned to ensure PPE is provided to the community. Several large shipments of masks and gloves have been received. There is a shortage of gowns throughout the county but there are shipments coming this week.

Ms. Mayer informed that there is an Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services Care Line to manage COVID related stress, suicide, overdose, etc. The number is for anyone to use and is 1-800-720-9616.

An application for grant money for emergency services for COVID and for crisis has been submitted to the state but it has not been awarded at this time. If awarded, the funding will be used to establish a warm line call center for Greene, Clark and Madison counties.

The Domestic Violence Prevention Center has assisted and will continue to assist with the distribution of PPE to care givers in Greene County, particularly those in congregate living and supportive housing situations.

In order to ensure the needs are being met during this time of changing business practices, providers are being asked to complete a brief survey on a regular basis so we can promote that behavioral health care is open for business. We want to know if people are having challenges accessing care. We are troubleshooting those situations to make sure people are getting connected.

Mr. LaRock stated that moving into this virus, there were two main concerns for their 38 congregate setting homes. The first was the individuals with disabilities who may have underlying conditions that make them more vulnerable to the virus and the second was would the providers be able to maintain staff at these homes.

Mr. LaRock informed BODD has a nurse who works closely with the Health Department and she has been ensuring protocols are being followed. PPE are provided; crash kits are in each resident in the event a home has a positive testing situation complete with gowns, masks and plastic shields.

Ms. Cantrell introduced herself as the new Director of United Way. She reported staff would return to the office around June 1st. Ms. Cantrell informed the COVID Relief Fund in the Dayton Foundation is at 1.3 million dollars. Approximately \$600,000 has been distributed. The Foundation meets twice a week. Some of the requests received are for PPE. Other requests are for the basic needs – food, housing and mental health. A Pandemic Relief Fund has been opened for Greene County. United Way has partnered with the Greene County Community Foundation in hopes of bringing relief to the non-profits for the basic needs in Greene County.

Ms. Barga encouraged those who previously did not qualify for WIC or Children with Medical Handicaps programs, that have had changes to their income to apply for assistance.

Ms. Strieter informed staff has been working both remotely and some, in the office, however, teachers and other staff are now rotating times in the building to get classrooms ready and retrieve materials.

The ESC is making sure students who need computer access for tele mental health services or any other services, have that access over the summer. There was a discussion to resolve the issue of children residing in homeless shelters having access to WI-FI in order to complete school assignments on the Chrome Books supplied by school districts.

Ms. Matheson informed of a texting line for domestic violence survivors. The number is (937) 347-5917. The intention is survivors can ask for help without others hearing.

Domestic Violence incidences reported to law enforcement have decreased but those reported have been more serious such as throwing hot water on the victim or threatening to kill the victim while holding a weapon against the victim.


Mr. Lewis reported plans are being made as to when the Visitation Center can resume exchanges and visits. May is supervised visitation month.

The next meeting is 10:00 am, Monday, June 8th and will be a virtual meeting utilizing Zoom.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:


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

Date: 6/8/2020