



Ottawa County Family &
Children First Council

COUNCIL MINUTES

Ottawa County Family & Children First

3.5.2021 | 9:00-10:00 a.m. | Virtual via Zoom

Attendance:

Member	Member Agency	Present	
		Yes	No
Adkins, Pat	Port Clinton City Schools, Superintendent*	X	
Bingham, Jerry	Ottawa County Health Department*	X	
Buehler, Cari	Danbury Local Schools	X	
Chasteen, Mandi	Parent Representative*	X	
Cook, Staci	East Toledo Family Center – HMG Home Visiting*	X	
Cornett, Connie	Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center*		X
Cronin, Brenda	Mental Health & Recovery Board of Erie & Ottawa, Executive Director*	X	
Douglas, Don	Ottawa County Commissioner*	X	
Gilchrist, Carlyne	Parent Representative*		X
Gray-Moore, Janet	Parent Representative*	X	
House, Ruthann	Great Lakes Community Action Partnership*	X	
Kowal, Stephanie	Ottawa County Department of Job & Family Services, Director*	X	
Levorchick, Steve	Ottawa County Sheriff's Office & Association of Police Chiefs*		X
Matthews, Tami	Joyful Connections/ECCC Representative*	X	
Miller, Laura	Fireland's Counseling & Recovery*	X	
Parmigian, Guy	Benton Carroll Salem Schools, Superintendent*		X
Retig, Tim	Woodmore Schools*		X
Schalk, April	United Way in Ottawa County*	X	
Schlagheck, Katie	Ottawa County OSU Extension, Extension Educator*	X	
Singerling, Jessica	United Way in Ottawa County	X	
Slusser, Melinda	Ottawa County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Superintendent*	X	
Smith, Andrea	North Point Educational Service Center, Assistant Superintendent		X
Snider, Mike	City of Port Clinton, Mayor*	X	
Strouse, Shanna	Ottawa County Probate Court	X	
Trachsel, Natalie	Ohio Department of Youth Services*	X	
Non-Voting	Representing	Present	
		YES	NO
Beck, Bobbi	Ottawa County Board of DD, Family Support Specialist	X	
Carles, Amy	Ohio's Consumer Counsel		X
Mohler, Jenni	Parent Advocacy Connection	X	
Osborne, Margaret	Ottawa County FCFC Manager	X	
Rivera, Lonny	North Point Educational Service Center	X	
Peters, Judy	Family Advocacy Center	X	

- 1. Call to Order & Consent Agenda A**
Chair, Ms. Kowal, called the meeting to order.
Those in attendance introduced themselves.

- Review and approval of the agenda.
 - Review and approval of minutes of January 8, 2021 FCFC Meeting.
 - Review and approval of minutes of February 3, 2021 FCFC Meeting.
- Motion to approve by Ms. Slusser, second by Mr. Snider. Motion carried.

2. Administrative Agent Report

Commissioner Douglas updated the group on the state of the county and asked that agencies and personnel give the Health Department credit for the great job they are doing with the pandemic.

3. Initiative Updates

Family Support Specialist: Ms. Beck reported for months of January & February 2021. Report is in your packets.

Early Intervention: Early Intervention is serving 40 families, 34 eligible and 6 in the eligibility determination phase. There were 4 referrals in January & 4 in February. Ms. Slusser shared a positive story of a child served in early intervention.

Help Me Grow Home Visiting: A report of services for families is included in your packet. Twelve families were served in January and eleven in February. Ten-twelve families attend virtual socializations, examples: infant massage, yoga with families. They also have a Ottawa County Facebook page and have a weekly story time via the Facebook page. Capacity has been changed from 12 to 15 families.

Drug Free Collaborative: The collaborative discussed overdose rates and deaths. In 202 we had 40 overdoses with 7 deaths. As of our January meeting we had 2 overdoses with 1 death occurring already this year.

Sheriff's office reported the jail obtained a body scanner to see if inmates are hiding anything. It is described to give pictures in depth – better than a hospital x-ray and they are able to print a picture to send with the inmate to the hospital.

The Start Program – Caseworker Sarah DeBreune will be will be working with clients. They had 2 families graduate those working in the MH field.

OCHD reported they were done with group 1A with vaccines. They have narkan and if you have an old vial you can exchange for new. Trevor with the DART team will use the old ones as trainers.

Deterra Bags - looking to purchase some of these through funding JFS has. They allow you to place unused medicine inside them, fill with water and then you wait 30 seconds, shake the bag and then you can dispose in normal trash and they are eco-friendly.

Drug court graduated 6 in 2020.

Juvenile Court is starting a Juvenile Recovery Court. They are excited to get this moving and help our younger population.

Operation Street Smart - A team from Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking area will come on April 20 from 1-4 at PCHS and 6-9 at OHHS. This is open to anyone who want to learn about drug abuse and current drug trends. Seating is limited at both locations.

Next meeting is March 10 at 9:30 a.m.

NWO Children's Trust Fund Prevention Council: Ms. Strouse reported the council is looking into the needs assessment and developing the prevention plan. Key takeaways from the January meeting is that Mercy Health St. Vincent's applied to be the coordinating entity for the northwest region.

Discussion on the impact of Covid and programs funded and are committed to staying engaged with communities and have been creative in providing their services. Public Awareness Campaign for the Children's Trust Fund "Keep A Promise", go on Facebook and like and share. Trauma

Informed trainings in the area to childcare providers, etc. Discussed the needs and gaps of the needs assessment and once solidified, they will be transferred to the prevention plan group.

4. Coordinator Report

Mohican Young Star Academy

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost has filed a lawsuit on behalf of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) to remove owners of the Mohican Young Star Academy from operating the facility for improperly restraining youth being treated for mental health issues. The motion comes after a state inspection at the youth residential treatment center in Perrysville found numerous reports of resident abuse and a gross lack of reporting of the use of restraints as required by law. These youth were in need of treatment and compassion but instead were held down and traumatized. Mohican is a residential facility to help treat youth suffering from mental health and/or addiction issues. The department inspected the facility and interviewed several residents who said they were subject to restraint and abuse. Investigations found video surveillance of the incidents in which improper restraint techniques were used, putting the youth at risk. Several victims, all under the age of 18, reported being improperly restrained by staff members which resulted in injuries. Based on those facts, investigators determined that there was present danger to the health and safety of the youth residing at Mohican. AG Yost asked the court to issue an order immediately allowing a different licensed operator to take over management of the facility, so that the residents can be protected without the trauma of a sudden relocation. A petition to the court to appoint Wingspan Care Group as receiver to provide immediate care for the residents and assume supervision and management of the facility, residents and staff according to the standards of quality and care required by the state, and if needed, manage the safe transition of the youth to other facilities to continue their care. OhioMHAS, DYS & JFS state staff are currently onsite at Mohican Young Star Academy and will remain so through the transition to assist residents and their families.

We have 3 youth from Ottawa County located at Mohican, 2 under Family & Children First and 1 under JFS custody. We conveyed the happenings to our parents and expressed to both that the boys were safe and that the state is watching every move at Mohican. We did have one mom who requested her son come home for visitation, however after a care coordination call between the mom and several state and local representatives, Mom is traveling this morning to bring the youth home. Natalie and I are working closely with the mom and are developing a crisis plan for when the youth returns home today.

WrapAround Coordination Introduction & Report

Ms. Osborne introduced newly hired WrapAround Coordinator, Natalie Gottron. Over the last month they we have been working very close in transitioning the current wraparound youth and families from Seneca County FCFC who was assisting us in our transition.

OFCFC Leadership & Operation Changes

OFCFC Director Sarah LaTourette has left our state office and is now with Ohio Children's Alliance. Brie Lusheck, Deputy Director of Children's Initiatives, is our new director. Brie has been a valuable member of the Multi-System Youth State Team, and she has a strong command of the Governor's goals and priorities.

In addition the Ohio Family Children First Council will be transitioning from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to continue to build upon the partnerships and infrastructure of our public assistance and children service systems. This transition will take place over the next few months, ensuring this transition is as seamless as possible for all of you, the community, and our own team members.

MSY Funding –

- 78 counties accessed this funding, with over 13 million dollars authorized and 411 youth funded. Medicaid has funded three youth from Ottawa, and so far has received \$174886.00.
- SFY21 has over 7 million allocated to the state for Multi-System Youth.

Project Echo

Project Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (Project ECHO®) uses telecommunications to connect clinicians' community partners with experts from multiple disciplines. The experts provide partners with the specialized knowledge they need to care for youth and families with complex conditions in their communities. Opportunities for local clinicians and community partners to present complex real-life scenarios to panels of multidisciplinary experts and virtual learning communities. Discussions of the scenarios and written recommendations from the learning community.

Communities of Support Grant

The Communities of Support grant that Ohio Department of Job & Family Services along with coordination from Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services and the Ohio Family & Children First Council which is to assist in continue to support existing and new local community planning and coordinated service delivery efforts. The Grant which was originally due the end of this month has been moved to the end of the year. These funds will give us an opportunity to ensure necessary collaborative cross-system work can best meet the needs of children and families with Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act plans of safe care, qualified residential treatment program level of care assessments and community based after care planning for children discharged from residential treatment settings. We will as a county assess our local needs for the priorities, establish best practices and prepare for any necessary budget considerations for implementation and/or sustainability. This is critical work that needs to happen at a county level which will help us plan and allow the state to determine next steps for policy and practice

Ohio Trauma Certificate

Ohio has created a new online training certificate to assist social service professionals, public assistance professionals and early childhood professionals who work with you. The training will allow one to demonstrate knowledge and skill development in trauma competencies adopted by Family First Leadership Advisory Committee. There is more info in your packet.

Eighth Annual Trauma Informed Care Virtual Summit is May 18 & 19.

This year's summit will focus on Trauma informed care inside a pandemic. More info in your packet.

Ottawa County Fun Fair

Due to the pandemic we will not have a fun fair again this year. We will cross our fingers that we can plan a successful come back next spring.

Council Procedures & Committee's

With being full time now I will be working to create council procedures on how our initiatives work. We will be revitalizing the committees formed a few years ago with the hope to have council members be a more hands on approach to our work.

Council meeting calendar is in your packet. I have placed the FY22 meetings and the remaining calendar year meetings on the list.

5. FY2022 Election of Officers

Ms. Kowal asked for any interest in Chair and Vice Chair positions. Ms. Kowal acknowledged that she would stay in the position of chair if no other member was interested, and Mr. Adkins (Vice Chair) agreed as well. No nominations made.

6. Consent Agenda B recommends the council to approve Financial Reports, Current Invoices and recommendations –

1. January 2021 Financial Report.
2. February 2021 Financial Report.
3. Seneca County FCFC January Wrap Around Services Invoice \$2031.25.
4. Mohican Young Star Academy January Invoices: \$8556.00, \$8463.00.
5. Amazon Invoice for Office Supplies \$770.85, \$30.93 & 89.13.
6. Ohio Family & Children First Council Association Dues CY21 \$85.00.
7. Ottawa County Commissioners March 2021 Rent \$261.00.
8. Riverview Nursing Home Avaya Phone System \$28.00 (February) & \$38.00 (March).
9. Riverview Nursing Home Virtru Email Encryption Service (Feb-Dec 2021) \$64.80.
10. Trauma Informed Care Summit Registration Fee \$78.00.
11. Recommendation & approval of FY2021 FCFC Meeting Calendar.
12. Recommendation & approval of FY2021 FCFC Election of Officers.

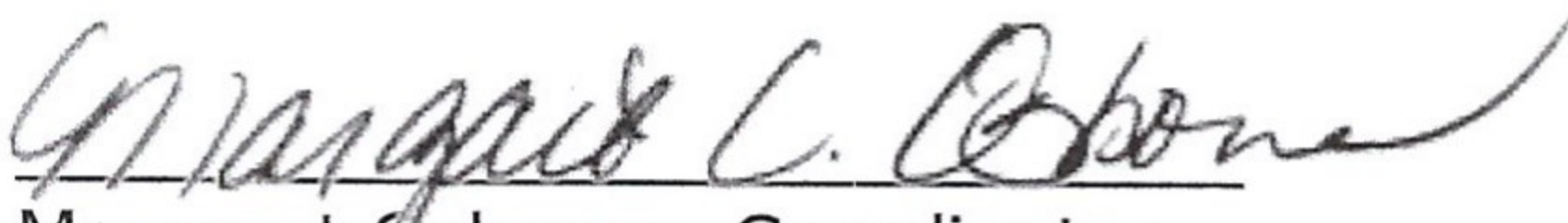
Motion to approve by Ms. Strouse, second by Ms. House. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Member announcements – member organizations shared announcements.

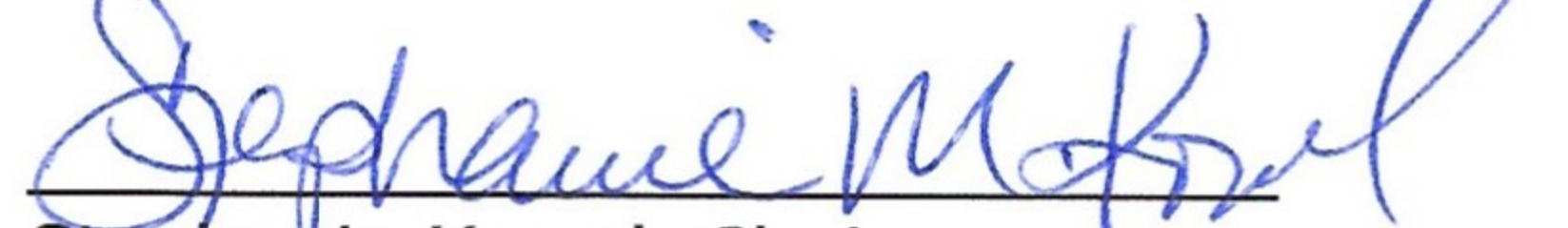
5. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn.

Next meeting scheduled for May 14, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Margaret Osborne, Coordinator

Approved,


Stephanie Kowal, Chair