



# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

## MINUTES

### Ottawa County Family & Children First Council

4.29.2020 | 8:00-9:00 a.m. | Virtual via Zoom

#### Attendance:

| Member            | Member Agency                                     | Present |    |
|-------------------|---|---------|----|
|                   |   | Yes     | No |
| Adkins, Pat       | Port Clinton City Schools                         | X       |    |
| Cronin, Brenda    | Mental Health & Recovery Board of Erie & Ottawa   | X       |    |
| Douglas, Donald   | Ottawa County Board of Commissioners              | X       |    |
| Gerber, Emily     | Ottawa County Probate Court                       |         | X  |
| Kowal, Stephanie  | Ottawa County Job & Family Services               | X       |    |
| Parmigian, Guy    | Benton Carroll Salem Schools                      |         | X  |
| Slusser, Melinda  | Ottawa County Board of Developmental Disabilities | X       |    |
| Osborne, Margaret | Ottawa County Family & Children First Manager     | X       |    |

**1. Call to Order & Consent Agenda A**

Chair, Ms. Slusser, called the meeting to order.

Review and approval of the agenda.

Motion to approve by Ms. Kowal, second by Ms. Cronin. Motion carried.

**2. WrapAround -**

Ms. Osborne relayed that today's meeting was scheduled to discuss concerns between the Wraparound Coordinator and the CASA program. The Ottawa County Family Advocacy Director, Ms. Connie Cornett, contacted Ms. Osborne via email on 4.20.2020 regarding a CASA Advocate resigning and shared a letter from the advocate. Ms. Cornett asked to discuss the matter and a meeting was scheduled via Zoom on 4.22.2020. The meeting was held and concerns were voiced about the Wraparound Coordinator and her portrayal of the CASA program to others. Ms. Osborne relayed that she understands that CASA is the "Voice of the Child" in court and the importance of that, and that Ms. Cornett voiced the same complaint back in December 2019, and at that time she addressed the concern with Ms. Adams, WrapAround Coordinator. The complaint this time is that the advocate resigned and Ms. Cornett is upset, as she feels the main reason was cited as the complaint of Ms. Adams. Ms. Osborne relayed to Ms. Cornett that the resignation letter also lists other reasons why the advocate chose to resign (work schedule for this year would not allow to take a case for most, grandchildren and a few other minor "issues" with the CASA program or personnel), not just Ms. Adams. Ms. Cornett relayed the main issue was with Ms. Adams. I inquired

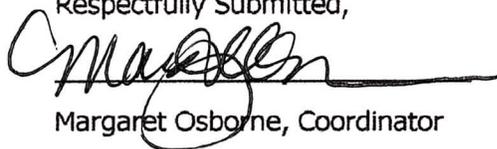
to Ms. Cornett what the resolution she was looking for and how we can move forward? Ms. Cornett suggested that Ms. Adams attend a CASA informative meeting that potential advocates attend to explain what CASA is and what an advocate does. Ms. Osborne agreed to and asked to attend this with Ms. Adams. Ms. Osborne asked Ms. Cornett for the opportunity to meet with current CASA advocates to discuss wraparound, their role on a team and the value it is for families. She also explained that the WrapAround Facilitator always encourage families to have all agencies at the table and as members of their team. It is understood that some families may not want an agency (Children Services, DD, CASA, etc.) on their team, and if that is the case we must abide by their decision. However, when this does happen, facilitators are to encourage the family that by not having an agency at the table could result in an undesirable outcome for them and their child. Ms. Cornett agreed and said she would send me a follow-up email. Ms. Osborne sent an email to Ms. Cornett with the outcome of the meeting, to which Ms. Cornett responded the next day that she decided she would like a sit down meeting with all parties present.

Ms. Osborne is asking council on how they would like to proceed with this. It was recommended by Mr. Adkins that Ms. Cornett, Ms. Adams and Ms. Osborne meet and to have a council member there to mediate the meeting, to which he volunteered to do. Mr. Douglas agreed and also asked to participate. All members present agreed to this decision. Ms. Osborne also relayed that if they would like, she could reach out to WrapAround Ohio Consultant, Mr. Neil Brown, to get his advice on the situation and the committee agreed. Ms. Osborne will relay this information to Ms. Cornett, and send a doodle poll to all participants to schedule the meeting. Ms. Osborne will also communicate this information to Ms. Adams during her weekly one-on-one meeting with her.

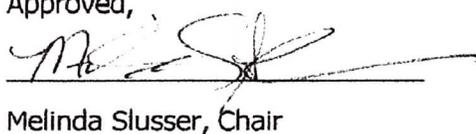
**Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn by Mr. Douglas, second by Mr. Adkins.

**Next meeting** – Friday, May 8, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Margaret Osborne, Coordinator

Approved,

  
Melinda Slusser, Chair