



COUNCIL MINUTES

9.3.2021 | 9:00-10:00 a.m. |

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
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	
Rivera, Lonny	North Point Educational Service Center		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	X	
Snider, Mike	City of Port Clinton, Mayor*		X
Strouse, Shanna	Ottawa County Probate Court	X	
	Ohio Department of Youth Services*		
Non-Voting	Representing	Present	
		YES	NO
Beck, Bobbi	Ottawa County Board of DD, Family Support Specialist		X
Carles, Amy	Ohio's Consumer Counsel	X	
Gottron, Natalie	Ottawa County FCFC WrapAround Coordinator	X	
Hany, Frederick	Ottawa County Juvenile Court Judge	X	
Osborne, Margaret	Ottawa County FCFC Director	X	
Walterbush, Ashley	Family Advocacy Center	X	

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

After confirming the quorum, council chair, Ms. Kowal, officially called the meeting to order.

- Review and approval of the agenda.
- Review and approval of minutes of July 9, 2021, FCFC meeting.

Motion to approve by Ms. Slusser, second by Ms. House. Motion carried.

2. **Administrative Agent Report**

Commissioner Douglas stated that things are going well and fiscally on track for the year.

3. **Initiative Updates**

Family Support Specialist: Ms. Slusser reported for July & August 2021. The report is in your packets.

Early Intervention: Early Intervention is serving 36 families, 33 eligible and 3 in the eligibility determination phase. There were 2 referrals in July & 4 in August. Ms. Slusser shared a story of a child served in early intervention.

Help Me Grow Home Visiting: Ms. Cook shared that Home Visiting statistics. Currently serving 15 families. Planning playgroup for October. Signed contract for 21-22 for Home Visiting services. Looking for home visitor for Ottawa County.

Drug-Free Collaborative:

Overdose Awareness Day: Tuesday, August 31st at 1:00 on Courthouse lawn. Speakers were Sheriff Levorchick, Mircea Handru, the Director of the Sandusky Seneca & Wyandot Mental Health Board (Ottawa will be joining this fall); Tami Matthews, Joyful Connections Director; Trevor Johnson, DART Officer, and Randi Rupersburg, parent and grandmother.

Ottawa County Celebrates Recovery – September. In addition to resources posted through social media, social media selfie's will be shared throughout the month to support those in addiction and recovery.

The next meeting is on October 13th at 9:30 a.m. and "in-person" at the EOC room in the basement of the courthouse.

NWO Children's Trust Fund Prevention Council:

Ms. Strouse reported the NWO Council met July 28 and worked on the strategic plan for 2022-2027 with focus on prevention, capacity, race equity and inclusion, support, visibility and parent leadership in regional councils. The next meeting is scheduled for October 27.

WrapAround:

Ms. Gottron reported she is currently working with 12 families with 2 of those families in the transition phase and 1 referral in August. One family successfully graduated the program in August. Currently have 4 youth in residential with a 5th who will be placed next week. Wraparound meetings with these families take place via zoom. Planning for transition for each youth is part of the process while they are in residential, as this allows time to ensure services the youth needs are in place when they return home.

WrapAround charts are included which show the number of youth served from each school district and the other shows the identified needs for each youth. Mental health remains the number one identified need for each youth.

With Covid cases rising again in the county, families are starting to request virtual meetings again. Meetings will continue in-person for those who request, while still utilizing the necessary precautions of social distancing and masking.

4. Coordinator Report

Communities of Support Grant Award FY2021 & FY22 Grant Application

Council was awarded \$30000 for FY2021 and an additional \$20000 for FY22. This funding is to begin collaborative cross-system work that best meet the needs of children and families, relating around with CARA (Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act) plans of safe care, qualified residential treatment program level of care assessments, and community-based aftercare planning for children discharged from residential treatment settings. The start of this work is delayed as the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services requires that no work begin until after a PO is issued. We received notification of award in June for FY21 and in August for FY22. Many counties have not received their PO's, which is frustrating as this is to allow us to assess our local needs for the priorities, establish best practices and prepare for any necessary budget considerations for implementation and/or sustainability.

Bid - Institute for Human Services was the only one to respond. \$2250 they will provide facilitation and consultation to Ottawa County FCFC regarding the ODJFS Communities of Support Grant – Prong 1. Consent Agenda B asks for approval to accept the bid and begin work once the PO has been received.

In Erie County, the Board of DD a community resource guide and it is produced at a local printer. Any agency who would like to utilize the document simply contacts the printer and pays for their copies. We still have a few remaining United Way resource guides and do direct families to 211, however this is nice to give families. I would like to see a part of Prong 1 of the Community Supports grant to create an Ottawa County Community Resource Guide and implement the same as Erie County, where any council member can order and pay for the printing to provide this resource guide to their clientele.

Multi-System Youth Grant Agreement FY22/23

MSY funds are accessed through the Ohio Department of Medicaid for services to multi-system youth to prevent custody relinquishment or those who are already relinquished. Since the beginning of 2020, we have utilized this funding to place 5 youth in residential placement. Currently we have three youth in residential, with a fourth approved and we are in the process of arranging transportation with the sheriff's office.

Through June 30th, Ottawa accessed \$219,982.92 for three youth. This is saving Ottawa County money avoiding the county having to take custody of these youth.

DODD Early Intervention ARPA Funding & EI Reporting

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 provides states with additional, one-time funding to support their Early Intervention programs. Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities received nearly \$7M in additional ARPA funding and the funds must be spent by June 30, 2023. Ottawa was able to apply for the full amount allocated to our county, \$22147 to strengthen our EI program and improve outcomes for children. The funds will flow through council just as the service coordination funding does. These funds will enhance oversight of local EI systems' implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), support the further application of evidence-based EI practices and promote the use of technology for EI service provision and evaluation. With collaboration with the Board of DD Early Intervention Team funds will be used for evidenced based practices training, Play Project Training, Evaluation Tool Kits, software for digital signatures, and

professional books. We will access this funding over two years. We received notice yesterday that the application for Ottawa was approved. A meeting on the grant will come later this month.

30 Day Notice of Termination of Contract – MHRBEO

We received notice on Monday of the termination of the current contract with the Mental Health & Recovery Board of Erie & Ottawa Counties. We had two contracts for funding, one for wraparound and the other for social worker crisis services.

Strong Families Safe Communities FY22 Grant Award

Each county in the six-county collaborative was awarded \$50000 in grant funds for FY22. These funds support the wraparound program. Due to the pandemic, the middle pot of funds that all counties used for cross county projects was not used in its entirety. A carryover request has been made and if approved each county will receive an additional \$4000.

Buckeye Ranch & Children Christian's Home of Ohio Contracts

Consent Agenda B lists contracts with Buckeye Ranch and Children Christian's Home of Ohio for residential care for youth in wraparound.

New Ohio Family & Children First Council Director

Elisha Cangelosi began the position of Ohio Family & Children First Council Executive Director on August 30. She has more than 23 experience of knowledge and experience at both the state and local levels. Most recently she led OhioRise work at the Ohio Department of Medicaid and her clinical background as a manager and practitioner of children services will be invaluable.

Ohio Rise & FFPSA Update

Ohio Rise OhioRISE and the rest of the Next Generation Managed Care program's original go-live date of January 1, 2022 has now changed to July 1, 2022. The July 2022 Next Generation launch provides the state time to do this right for the people we serve and support and inform our members and providers about the new program. Work on OhioRISE will continue and additional information will be forthcoming on ways to begin building out the capacity needed for OhioRISE services. More information will be forth coming about what this means with RISE and their services, CANS assessors, and FFPSA related services at the next OhioRISE Advisory Council's meeting scheduled for Sept. 14.

With regard to FCFC's partnering to provide the CANS assessments, some counties are creating MOU's with JFS, the Juvenile Court, the MH Board and FCFC to administer the CANS and discharge plans for FFPSA. The MOU in specific will spell out timeframes, the referral process, and anything else that needs to be included.

FFPSA (Family First Prevention Services Act) Ohio Rise (a specialized managed care program for youth with complex behavioral health and multi-system needs), MSY (children and teenagers with complex developmental and behavioral health needs that cannot be met by a single state or local agency. The primary goal of this funding was to prevent custody relinquishment), Children Services Transformation (which focus is that children deserve safe families and communities that prioritize their best interests and family of origin, that they have access to a standard level of care no matter where they live, and that children should be raised in family-based settings and have a family to call their own before becoming an adult).

The Wraparound component in Ohio Rise is supposed to be a Medicaid billable service. There is some concern over how councils will be able to continue the service when we are not a Medicaid

provider. Aetna relayed that they will have conversation with the Ohio Department of Medicaid on how this can be accomplished.

North Point ESC & School Networking

To promote the services council provides, Ms. Osborne will begin to meet with different school personnel via the Regional Network via North Point Educational Service Center. This includes principals, special education supervisors, social workers and counselors. This will be done with all the four county FCFC Directors to create relationships with these personnel who work with multi-system youth.

Member Contributions

Just a reminder that annual contribution letters were emailed out on August 4. Mandated members are asked to contribute \$2000 and non-mandated members \$1000. This assists us in meeting mandated responsibilities and services to the community and is a crucial piece to our budget and our future endeavors.

Annual OFCFC Coordinators Conference

The annual Ohio Family & Children First Council Coordinator's Conference is October 20 & 21 and will take place virtually again this year. Too many counties are advising to not meet in person due to the uptick in Covid cases.

Consent Agenda B

Financial Reports & Current Invoices and approvals.

5. By-laws Update

In your packet is a copy of our council by-laws with changes in red. The changes reflect adding specific members that joined the council within the past two years, and the addition of mandated council members and the Ottawa County Probate Court Administrator to the Executive Committee. There is the requirement that council members receive the proposed changes within 7 days of our meeting and requiring 50% of voting members present be amended. Please review and comment to Ms. Kowal or Ms. Osborne before the next council meeting. Please note that Ms. Osborne will be confirming your essential attendance so we can approve them.

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

1. July 2021 Financial Report.
2. Belmont Pines Invoices: July \$8568.00
3. BHM CPA Group Inc. Audit Invoice \$3000.00
4. Amazon Invoice for Office Supplies \$228.85; \$641.67; \$951.96; \$348.41
5. Ottawa County Board of DD EI Part C Service Coordination Invoices \$6541.47; \$6017.23; \$6383.26; \$6206.19
6. Enter into contract with Buckeye Ranch for \$408.48/day for residential services.
7. Enter into contract with Children Christian's Home of Ohio for \$252/day for residential services.
8. Enter into contract with the Ottawa County Commissioners for office space at \$261.00/mo. through 2/28/2022.
9. Enter into contract with Institute for Human Services for \$2250.00.
10. Ottawa County Commissioners August & September 2021 Rent \$261.00/month = \$522.00.
11. Riverview Nursing Home Avaya Phone System \$38.00 (August) & \$38.00 (September) = Total: \$76.00.
12. Walmart – wraparound graduation supplies - \$73.13
13. Reimburse Margaret Osborne – wraparound graduation supplies - \$46.64
14. Mileage reimbursement June 30 – July 30, 2021 and ferry reimbursement – Gottron \$138.64.

15. Carlyne Gilchrist Parent Stipend July 9, 2021 Meeting - \$30.00.
16. Mandi Chasteen Parent Stipend July 9, 2021 Meeting - \$30.00.
17. OCDJFS FY2022 Sub grant Agreement – PASSS funding for \$15000.00.
18. Ottawa County Juvenile Court Agreement for DYS grant - \$16,000.00
19. ODJFS Sub grant Agreement for OCBF, FCSS and MSY admin funds for July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.
20. Reimburse Margaret Osborne for Overdose Awareness Day supplies & Facebook promotion \$35.35.
21. Council By-laws as discussed during council meeting.

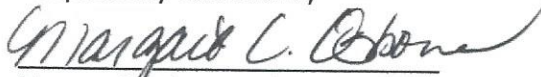
Motion to approve by Mr. Adkins, second by Ms. Miller. Ms. Strouse abstained from #18 and Ms. Kowal abstained from #17. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Member announcements – member organizations shared announcements.

5. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Margaret Osborne, Coordinator

Approved,


Stephanie Kowal, Chair