

Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING	Wednesday, February 1, 2023 6:00 pm -7:30p.m. – Zoom Meeting
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ATTENDEES	Karen Anderson (DCFS), Gabriella Celeste, Beverly Charles, David Crampton, Jennifer Croessmann (DCFS), Verna Darby, Natasha Davis, Jacqueline Fletcher (DCFS), Andrew Garner, Angela Newman-White, Marilee Santiago, Lakecia Wild Guests – Kaitlyn Durbin (Reporter Plain Dealer), Anastazia Vanisko (Cleveland Documenters), Violeta Zimora (National Urban Fellow, Cleveland Foundation), Kristy Mlocki (DCFS)
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MINUTES	Available Online –Jennifer Croessmann will post minutes upon approval
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RECORDER	Deborah Barber
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AGENDA ITEMS

	Introduce and Welcome
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lakecia Wild opened meeting• Introductions• Meeting minutes from December 5, 2022• Gabrielle Celeste – addition to minutes regarding Child Protection Teams• Moved to accept with changes–Lakecia Wild• Second – David Crampton Unanimous Vote Minutes Approved

	Public Comment
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Comments

	Director's Updates – Jacqueline Fletcher
Action Item: Invite a Child Protection Team Member to an Advisory Board Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Status Report – In 2022 there were over 45,000 calls to 696-KIDS, 11,300 referrals, approximately 25% of the calls were screened in, 3,600 placement moves, 200 placement beds were lost in Cuyahoga County, approximately 2,300 children are in care, one third of those are placed with relatives, about 53% of the children are reunified with their parents• The Centers welcomed their first guest Jan.18. It is an 8-bed short term

<p>Invite Robin Martin from Family and Children First Council to next meeting</p> <p>Invite a hospital representative to a meeting</p> <p>Invite the Cuyahoga County Sheriff to a meeting</p> <p>Invite the county executive to a meeting</p>	<p>emergency alternative to having children spend the night in the Jane Edna building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Protection Teams – Staff is being hired • Hiring events have been held and 18 new social workers are starting soon, 14 more are to start next month • There are environmental enhancements coming to the buildings • Wellness is a priority; the staff is utilizing Moore Counseling County’s EAP)
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Subcommittee Updates: Prevention, Intervention, Government

<p>Action Item:</p> <p>Acquire better data regarding why staff is leaving is needed</p> <p>Put note on the dashboard indicating that it will change in the future</p> <p>Jennifer Croessmann will inform board members of The Centers opening ceremony date</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intervention – David Crampton The dashboard can be viewed once posted: http://bc.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/Children-Family-Services-Advisory-Board.aspx Review of the dashboard, it will be streamlined in the future with more data and less narrative David Crampton – Motion to approve the dashboard for posting Second - Lakecia Unanimous vote Dashboard approved The committee will broaden its scope beyond the dashboard David Crampton, Jennifer Croessmann, Natasha Davis, Gabriella Celeste, and Debra Rex will work on the Intervention Committee – meetings are Monday around 12:00 • Prevention Subcommittee – Marilee Santiago Asked Jennifer Croessmann to send a Doodle Poll to set meeting time. • Governance Subcommittee – Lakecia Wild
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adjourn – Lakecia Wild • Second – Gabriella Celeste • Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm

Next Meeting: April 5, 2023, 6:00pm
Location – Teams
Recorder – Deborah Barber