

Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING	Wednesday, April 5, 2023 6:00 pm -8:00 pm – Zoom Meeting
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ATTENDEES	<p>Karen Stormann (DCFS), Gabriella Celeste, Beverly Charles, David Crampton, Verna Darby, Natasha Davis, Jacqueline Fletcher (DCFS), Andrew Garner, Angela Newman-White, Marilee Santiago, Lakecia Wild</p> <p>Guests – Kaitlyn Durbin (Reporter Plain Dealer), Marian (Cleveland Documenters), Lara Parks (DCFS)</p>
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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 • April is Child Abuse Prevention Month • Congratulations to Jacqui Fletcher on being name Director • Meeting minutes from February 1, 2023 • Moved to accept – Gabrielle Celeste • Second – Beverly Charles • Unanimous Vote • Minutes Approved

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

	Director's Updates – Jacqueline Fletcher
<p>Action Item:</p> <p>Jacqui – Will share update on Child Protection Teams next meeting</p> <p>Advisory Board – Will participate in the Child</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. – 2 events are planned – April 12th is Wear Blue Day, Take a photo and post with #CuyahogaHero, April 26th is the Annual 5K walk from the Jane Edna building to the Headquarters. • Thank you to Lakesha Wild and David Crampton for attending the Social Worker Appreciation Day Awards Ceremony and speaking. • Thank you to the custodial staff member that supplied lunch for the

<p>Abuse Awareness Activities</p>	<p>staff earlier in the week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next staffing class has 32 candidates, trying to recruit new supervisors and managers • Currently 2300 children in care, 6% decrease over April 2022, 90% of the children are in a home setting • Karen Stormann – There are 70 providers, Emergency Placement locations are lacking – T-Suites, Ohio Mentor, Providence House, SAFY • SAFY is family foster homes licensed to deal with challenging children • nationally we are competing with other agencies • We are meeting with providers to see if they can expand capacity, and we are looking for additional options • The leadership team spoke to officials in Indiana to gather information about options they are using • Time is needed to develop additional resources • PRTF (Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities) – None in Ohio presently • Fairhill Partners – situated in Buckeye, partner with East End Neighborhood House
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Subcommittee Updates: Prevention, Intervention, Government

<p>Advisory Board – Prepare topics for May 7th meeting when C. Roynane may attend</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intervention – David Crampton The dashboard will be streamlined in the future with more data and less narrative Shout out to Lara Parks and the PEI department for their work • Prevention Subcommittee – Marilee Santiago Top 4 goals for 2023 Programming for families Health Access for Families Adoption Support • Governance Subcommittee – Lakecia Wild Explore beginning to have more in person meetings again. Perhaps hybrid meetings in the future
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<p>Natasha Davis – Reach out to Ohio Youth Advisory Board to invite them to a meeting David Crampton – Write op-ed regarding the Social Worker Awards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lakecia Wild shared the Ohio Youth Advisory Board Power Point presentation • Discussion of Social Worker Award Winners
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adjourn – David Crampton • Second –Andrew Garner • Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm

Next Meeting: June 7, 2023, 6:00pm
Location – Teams
Recorder – Deborah Barber