

Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING	Wednesday, August 2, 2023 6:00 pm -8:00 pm – Teams Meeting
ATTENDEES	Karen Anderson (DCFS), Gabriella Celeste, Beverly Charles, David Crampton, Jennifer Croessmann (DCFS), Natasha Sam-Yellowe, Jacqueline Fletcher (DCFS), Andrew Garner, Angela Newman-White, Debra Rex, Lakecia Wild Guests – Kaylah Burch (Cleveland Documenters), Robin Martin (FCFC Director), Albina Robinson (Indiana Wesleyan Student), Regina
MINUTES	Available Online –Jennifer Croessmann will post minutes upon approval
RECORDER	Deborah Barber

AGENDA ITEMS

	Introduce and Welcome
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lakecia Wild opened meeting • Introductions • Meeting minutes from July 7, 2023 • Inquiry – Gabriella Celeste, Jen Croessmann to send out calendar of Recruitment Events • Moved to accept – Deb Rex • Second – Andy Garner • Unanimous Vote • Minutes Approved
	Public Comment
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Comments
	Guest – Robin Martin – FCFC Director
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informational explanation of OhioRise and the insurance benefit associated with the program
	Director’s Updates – Jacqueline Fletcher/Karen Anderson
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Caregiver Appreciation Night at Top Golf was very successful. Over 100 folks participated • Family Fun Day at Public Square was held 8/1/23. Over 50 vendors participated • Planning Community Forums in the fall with the neighborhood

	<p>Collaboratives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Protection Teams started July 1st. • Child Wellness Campus RFP was released with a 45 day deadline for proposals • The Problem Solvers Group meets regularly • A Youth Care and Wellness Team has been implemented – it consists of 8 staff that will no longer have a formal caseload but instead will work with the youth in the building • Have implemented the policy of taking children’s possessions when they enter the building • A monetary placement incentive has been offered.
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Subcommittee Updates: Prevention, Intervention, Government

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intervention –David Crampton. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Data Dashboard Review – Jen Croessmann shared her screen with data dashboard. Disproportionality data, half of the children at DCFS are African American but only 30% of the population in Cuyahoga County are, data varies significantly depending on if it is captured for the parents or children and how family identifies. ○ Kids in the building data –barriers to finding placement again discussed as a complex challenge, DCFS is exploring data outside the statewide system to learn more. ○ Staff Vacancies – hiring and retention, new salary has helped ○ Foster Parent Recruitment – more kinship caregivers becoming DCFS-licensed foster parents ○ MOU Data – Cleveland PD still has not signed <p>Lakecia Wild – Motion to accept data dashboard Gabriella Celeste – first Angela Newman-White - second Unanimous Vote Data Dashboard Q2 2023 approved</p> • Prevention Subcommittee – Gabrielle Celeste <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gabriella Celeste announced as the new chair ○ Shared memo regarding Child Wellness Campus ○ Gabriella Celeste – motion to submit memo to David Merriman, Jacqui Fletcher, and other organizations <p>Deb Rex – second Unanimous Vote Advisory Board memo re: Child Wellness Campus approved to finalize and share</p> • Governance Subcommittee – Lakecia Wild <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next meeting will be in person – location TBA ○ New Children’s Cabinet Chief - Sonya Pryor Jones attending ○ Requested ideas for the Town Hall Forum
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adjourn – Lakecia Wild • Second –Gabriella Celeste • Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm
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Next Meeting: October 4, 2023, 4:00 – 6:00pm

Location – TBA

Recorder – Deborah Barber