

## Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

### Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>Wednesday, October 4, 2023</b> 4:00 pm -6:00 pm – In person, 4100 Franklin Blvd.
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Karen Anderson (DCFS), Chris Cabot (DCFS), Jennifer Croessmann (DCFS), Gabriella Celeste, Beverly Charles, David Crampton, Verna Darby, Natasha Sam-Yellowe, Jacqueline Fletcher (DCFS), Andrew Garner, Angela Newman-White, Debra Rex, Lakecia Wild  Guests – Kate Lodge, Zach Mackenzie, Sonya Pryor-Jones
<b>MINUTES</b>	Available Online –Jennifer Croessmann will post minutes upon approval
<b>RECORDER</b>	Deborah Barber

#### AGENDA ITEMS

	<b>Introduce and Welcome</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lakecia Wild opened meeting</li><li>• Introductions</li><li>• Meeting minutes from August 2, 2023</li><li>• Correct Gabriella Celeste and Natasha Sam-Yellowe’s names</li><li>• Moved to accept – Gabriella Celeste</li><li>• Second – Natasha Sam-Yellowe</li><li>• Unanimous Vote</li><li>• Minutes Approved</li></ul>
	<b>Public Comment</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kate Lodge – explained A Place 4 Me which helps to find stable housing for young adults. They hire young people with lived experience.</li></ul>
	<b>Guest — Sonya Pryor-Jones – Cleveland Mayor’s Office</b>
<b>Sonya Pryor Jones –</b> Will follow up with Jacqui Fletcher and Beverly Charles regarding a potential curfew for youth and a gun buy back program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cleveland’s Chief of Youth and Family Success</li><li>• She outlined Mayor Bibb’s strategic vision- including the Southeast Side Plan to combat housing and economic gaps, the Lakefront Development Plan to increase lakefront access, Police reform, Violence prevention, High quality education, Job and business growth, modernizing City Hall, and Youth employment</li><li>• The mayor’s office has a Community Relations Board which are neighborhood liaisons working with community members on violence prevention</li><li>• ARPA dollars are available in partnership with the Cleveland Foundation</li></ul>

### Director's Updates – Jacqueline Fletcher

- DCFS has been conducting community forums, the next forum is October 23 in Parma
- The visor cards have been a success, helping to reduce the number of children brought into care by law enforcement by 50%
- The Hennepin County site visit was successful
- There were four proposals responding to the Child Wellness Campus RFP, the proposals are being reviewed

### Subcommittee Updates: Prevention, Intervention, Government

- **Intervention** – No data dashboard update
- **Prevention Subcommittee** – Next meeting is November 10<sup>th</sup>
- **Governance Subcommittee** – Proposed dates for 2024, there will be a mix of Teams and in person meetings . The board agreed to meet on a Wednesday, likely 4:00 – 6:00 PM every other month. A specific schedule will be developed via email and posted on the websites.

- Motion to adjourn – Lakecia Wild
- Meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm

**Next Meeting:** December 6, 2023, 6:00pm

Location – Teams

Recorder – Deborah Barber