

Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING	Wednesday, September 4, 2024 (rescheduled from August 7, 2024) 4:00 pm -6:00 pm – Cuyahoga County Administration Building
ATTENDEES	Karin Austin (DCFS), Gabriella Celeste, Beverly Charles, David Crampton, Bianca Crawford, Verna Darby, Jacqueline Fletcher, Andrew Garner, Angela Newman-White, Daniel Smith, Beverly Torres, Lakecia Wild Guests – David Gray, Dawanya Underwood, Kellie Morris (Cleveland Documenters), Regina Samuels (Cleveland Documenters), Jennifer Johnson (Canopy)
MINUTES	Available Online –Deborah Barber will post minutes upon approval
RECORDER	Deborah Barber

AGENDA ITEMS

	Introduce and Welcome
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Angela Newman-White opened meeting• Introductions• Motion to accept meeting minutes from June 5, 2024• David Crampton – 1st• Lakecia Wild – 2nd• Minutes Approved
	Public Comment
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None.
	David Gray, Dawnya Underwood – Giving Child Wellness Campus Update
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is a timeline for the Child Wellness Campus that stretches to December 2025.• The hope is to complete construction next year, including the Welcome Center• They are also working on enhancing staff training.• Two subcommittees are currently working on continuing early intervention
	Director’s Report – Jacqui Fletcher
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shout out to Cleveland Christian Home for efforts regarding the Child

	<p>Wellness Campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The budget for the Child Wellness Campus will be update at the State of the County address on Thursday, Sept. 5 • DCFS has been involved in community forums - there are two more events scheduled in 2024. Handouts are on the table. • There is a Workforce Open House event tonight. There are currently only 12 vacancies.
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Subcommittees	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bianca Crawford and David Smith need to pick a subcommittee to attend. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intervention – David Crampton -Dashboard presented. Angela Newman-White – motion to approve. Beverly Charles – 2nd Dashboard approved for posting. • Governance – Angela Newman-White – Welcome to new members. • Prevention – Gabriella Celeste – Child Protection Team letter was presented. The letter encourages the local healthcare systems to hire a Child Abuse Pediatrician. Andrew Garner– Motion to Approve Gabriella Celeste– 2nd Letter approved for sending. <p>A definition of Prevention was read and put to the group for a vote. David Crampton – Motion to Approve Lakecia Wild – 2nd</p>

Information Sharing/Adjournment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Newman-White – Safe Sleep Campaign was launched to stop sleep related deaths. • Gabriella Celeste – The Ohio Juvenile Justice Working Report was released. • Andrew Garner – HOPE is a program through Tufts University that emphasizes positive experiences. • Adjournment

Next Meeting: October 2, 2024, 4:00pm – 6:00 PM
 Location – County Headquarters, 2079 E 9th St., Room A, Cleveland, OH 44115
 Recorder – Deborah Barber