

Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING	Wednesday, October 2, 2024 4:00 pm -6:00 pm – Cuyahoga County Administration Building/Teams
ATTENDEES	Karin Austin (DCFS), Gabriella Celeste, Beverly Charles, David Crampton, Bianca Crawford, Verna Darby, Jacqueline Fletcher (DCFS), Andrew Garner, Angela Newman-White, Debra Rex, Daniel Smith, Karen Stormann (DCFS) Guests – Jennifer Johnson (Canopy), Michael Bokmiller (Canopy), Kaitlin Durbin (Cleveland.Com), Tina Scott (Cleveland Documenters)
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 September 4, 2024• David Crampton – 1st• Beverly Charles – 2nd• Minutes Approved
	Public Comment
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None.

	Jennifer Johnson & Michael Bokmiller – Giving CPT/Canopy Update
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jennifer Johnson gave a PowerPoint presentation detailing the process through which children are served at Canopy.• She indicated there had been 189 referrals and 245 children had been served.• She said many of their referrals come from DCFS.• She reported a pediatrician specializing in child-abuse patients had been hired at University Hospital and should be on staff by January 2025

Director's Report – Jacqui Fletcher	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacqueline Fletcher gave the director's report. • She thanked Jennifer Johnson for Canopy's invaluable work. • She and Karen Stormann gave an update regarding the Child Wellness Campus. • She said the new worker class has 19 new workers. • She highlighted the Community Forums sponsored by DCFS. The next forum is in Euclid October 23.

Subcommittees	
Angela Newman-White will check in with the hospitals to see if there is a response to the letter that was sent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intervention – David Crampton –There is no data dashboard in October. • Governance – Angela Newman-White –They are meeting soon. • Prevention – Gabriella Celeste – There was no response yet to the letter sent to the hospitals.

Information Sharing/Adjournment	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates – The director will speak at the City Club Friday, October 4. Bianca Crawford explained the Motivated an Empower Inc. Respite Initiative
Adjournment	

[Next Meeting:](#) December 4, 2024, 4:00pm – 6:00 PM
 Location – County Headquarters, 2079 E 9th St., Room A, Cleveland, OH 44115
 Recorder – Deborah Barber