

## Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

### Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING	<b>Wednesday, April 2, 2025</b> 4:00 pm -6:00 pm – Cuyahoga County Administration Building/Teams
ATTENDEES	Gabriella Celeste, Beverly Charles, David Crampton, Bianca Crawford, Verna Darby, Jacqueline Fletcher (DCFS), Andrew Garner, Angela Newman-White, Daniel Smith, Karen Stormann, Lakecia Wild  Guests – Alicia Moreland (Cleveland Documenters), Kristen Iniguez (pediatrician, child abuse medicine), Sonya Pryor Jones (City of Cleveland)
MINUTES	Available Online –Deborah Barber will post minutes upon approval
RECORDER	Deborah Barber

### AGENDA ITEMS

	<b>Introduce and Welcome</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Angela Newman-White opened meeting</li><li>• Introductions</li><li>• Motion to accept meeting minutes from December 4, 2024</li><li>• Bianca Crawford– 1st</li><li>• Lakecia Wild– 2nd</li><li>• Minutes Approved</li></ul>
	<b>Public Comment</b>
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None.</li></ul>

	<b>Guest Speakers:</b> <b>Dr. Kristen Iniguez</b> <b>Chief Sonya Pryor Jones</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr. Kristen Iniguez</b> – She is a pediatrician with Rainbow Babies specializing in child abuse and neglect. Dr. Iniguez has 19 years of experience with 15 of those specializing in child abuse and neglect cases. She specified that her goals are to unite and boost resources across the county. She is especially keen to work with DCFS, law enforcement and the child protections teams. She is a welcome addition to the county team.</li><li>• <b>Chief Sonya Pryor Jones</b> – She is the Chief for Youth and Family Success for the City of Cleveland. She discussed Mayor Bibb’s Municipal Cabinet for Children and Youth. It is an opportunity to coordinate different programs and activities and set common goals with the</li></ul>

	overall agenda to help young people succeed. One example is the Summer Soundtrack Program the helped to pull together a collaboration of the large institutional partners to make sure that we were all under one moniker promoting and pushing summer experiences for young people across the city.
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### Director's Report – Jacqueline Fletcher

Debbie Barber will forward the Child Abuse Awareness Month press release to the board members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you to those of you that attended the Social Workers Appreciation Ceremony</li> <li>• There will be a press release this week regarding activities for Child Abuse Awareness month</li> <li>• Foster parent recruitment was discussed. There were 76 applicants in 2024 and 40 were licensed. There were 89 in 2023. DCFS has attempted to increase the social media presence around foster parent recruitment. Cuyahoga County is one of the few counties in Ohio that licenses foster homes.</li> </ul>
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### Subcommittees

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Intervention – David Crampton</b> – The Data Dashboard will become a separate subcommittee to the intervention committee. David Crampton will chair the Data Dashboard committee. He will collaborate with the DCFS team. It will be presented every other meeting. A new chair for the Intervention Committee will be discussed at the June meeting.</li> <li>• <b>Governance – Angela Newman-White</b> – Chair appointments are at the end of the year. Andy Garner does not wish to be appointed again to the vice chair position. Volunteers for the position are requested.</li> <li>• <b>Prevention – Gabriella Celeste</b> – Child Protection Teams were discussed.</li> </ul>
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### Information Sharing /Adjournment

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Updates</b> –Angela Newman White – First Year Cleveland Connects is now online</li> <li>• April 17<sup>th</sup> Second Founders Forum designed to bring philanthropy and community organizations together to build relationships</li> <li>• April 9<sup>th</sup> Kessler-Freedheim Lecture at Case Western Reserve University – reservations are required</li> <li>• Bianca Crawford – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Girl's Conference is April 25<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• <b>Adjournment</b></li> </ul>
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[Next Meeting:](#) June 4, 2025, 4:00pm – 6:00 PM

Location – County Headquarters, 2079 E 9<sup>th</sup> St., Room A, Cleveland, OH 44115