

Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING	Tuesday, December 16, 2019 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – LGBTQ Community Center
ATTENDEES	Christopher Cabot, David Crampton, Andrew Garner, Victor Ruiz, Lakecia Wild, Angela Newman-White, Christin Farmer, Gabriella Celeste, Debra Rex Guests: Rebekah Dorman, John Ladd, Leah Love
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	October 2019 Minutes Approved – Cindy Weiskittel will post them for the public to view.
RECORDER	Tatiana Johnson

AGENDA ITEMS

	Introduce and Welcome
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Went around table and everyone introduced themselves at the meeting, as there were guests.
	Action Item: Adopt October Meeting Minutes
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">October minutes were adopted. Ayes have the majority vote
	Public Comment (5 minutes per individual)
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">There were no public comments from anyone at the meeting
	Presentation: Child Protection Teams
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Presented by Rebekah Dorman & John LaddDiscussed preventable death in children under the age of 18.Dr. Friedman (Head of Metro)- concept of childhood

	<p>protection team (CPT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child FATALITY Review Board: in Ohio Revised Code <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In-depth case review on all child deaths - Cross agency collaborations • CPT- sharing info in an organized structured way. Community (hospital, community center). Consist of broader communication. • Child Fatality Review is unable to be used in court of law or public review. • More info needed on barriers for communication between DCFS, Hospitals and Police Departments. • Goal is to see entire picture regarding children and their environment.
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Subcommittee Updates: Prevention, Intervention, Government)

DISCUSSION	<p>Prevention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met via phone Nov 19, 2019 • State Foster Care Public Forum: January 13, 2020, 6-8PM at Ronald McDonald House • Sub-Committee Goal is to keep families out of the system. • Community member's highest needs are SNAP, Medicare • How do we get the community to increase the utilization of Prevention Services? • Natasha Davis is no longer a part of Prevention committee. <p>Intervention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held meeting on Nov 29, 2019 at Shaker Hts. Library • BRIDGES: Program for aged out youth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are challenges in the handoff from Cuyahoga County DCFS to BRIDGES - Deborah Rex is handling tracking - Federal Policy (House Bill 50): Extending custody of children in custody to 21 - Need numbers on how many children have been successfully referred. • CSU offers scholarships specifically for aged out children. Scholarships are not at capacity. <p>Government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member Victor Ruiz sub-committee nomination accepted • Need new method for scheduling subcommittee meetings ex. Every other month on the third Thursday
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Action Item: Managing Presentation Request at Board and Sub-Committee Meetings

DISCUSSION

- Chair Christin Farmer will field request for presentations.
- A form should be created for request
- Time Max should be 15-20 mins with 5 mins for Q&A
- Presentations should be consistent with purpose of the committee

Public Awareness Marketing Strategies

DISCUSSION

- Shifting of public view of DCFS
- Services vs. Policing
- What does this look like?
- Tabled until next meeting

Agency Update: DCFS Administrator

DISCUSSION

- Hope for the Holidays event
- Priorities for 2020
 - Staff Retention
 - went from 17% to 14% turnover rate in last year
 - 6 more hiring classes scheduled for Social Workers in 2020
 - Secondary Trauma support and other morale increasing efforts
 - Case Management
 - Increase support for Aged Out Youth
 - More support for Staff
 - Bridges - Increase collaboration with regional coordinators.
 - Greater support for Kinship Caregivers
 - Kids in Custody around 2900
 - 1000 kinship placements
 - Proposal to offer relatives financial support
 - Increased Father Engagement and Involvement
 - Dads Matter Too Initiative
 - Identify, Engage and Support Father's
 - 8% of Children without identified Father's
 - 40% of Fathers are attending initial TDM's.
 - 60% of fathers brought to the table are participating in case planning
 - Prepare for FFPSA

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	Action Items: Addition of Parent Board Member
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is committee allowed to add additional board member?<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Must check bylaws- Parent with previous history with DCFS. Discuss navigation and challenges.- Council only allows 12 members• Protocol for Board Members to sign up for events.• Governance protocol or process for advocating

Next Meeting:

February 10, 2020
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Location – 5 Pointe Community Center
Recorder - TBD