

Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING	Monday, April 5, 2021 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Zoom Meeting
ATTENDEES	Gabriella Celeste, Beverly Charles, Dr. David Crampton, Dr. Andrew Garner, Debra Rex, Angela Newman-White, Natasha Davis, Tamara Chapman-Wagner, Verna Darby, Lakiesha Wild, Marilee Santiago, Rebeka Doorman, John Ladd, Jennifer Croessmann
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Available online upon approval County & DCFS websites
RECORDER	Tatiana Johnson

AGENDA ITEMS

	Introduce and Welcome
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting minutes from February 22, 2021 approved

	Action Item
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TownHall Meeting Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 7, 2021 5:00-6:30PM Community input event Expectations of DCFS, community expectations of board Committee needs to vote on Theme, Moderator, and develop a flyer Townhall will be directly after Board meeting (3:30 – 5:00 meeting & 5:00 – 6:30 TownHall) <p>TownHall date and time approved</p>

	Director's Report
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Comment; Last Meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"> DCFS connected a Legal Custodian to resources for counseling, drug addiction services and housing. Case is now closed Ways to streamline resources for community members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 211 (best resource) Neighborhood Collabs Public Comments county website is being updated, may possibly add more links for resources Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries; A Place for Me <ul style="list-style-type: none"> County awarded grant for youth drop in center Safe place for youth when they have nowhere else to go A safe space, a place to have a hot meal and/or shower DCFS Data Comparison 2019/2020

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Face to Face Contacts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Contacts are up 2% from 2019 -Virtual meetings assisted workers while pandemic was happening -No virtual meetings for initial contact on cases b. Staff retention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Turnover dropped 13% from 2019 -Increase new worker classes this year, 8 classes -typically hire about 100 new social workers each year • Child Fatality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Child was not active with DCFS for over two years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - child was placed with the grandparents and case was closed b. Board would like a protocol for receiving updates when a DCFS case comes into the news
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Subcommittee Updates: Prevention, Intervention, Government)

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Next Meeting 5/6/21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning for the TownHall meeting - Draft proposal accepted • Prevention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Next Meeting 5/25/2021 b. Met with Laura Black <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview & Purpose of Board - Discussed contributing factors to child welfare & Alignment with Advisory Board c. Andrew Garner <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Structural Racism: Exposure at that time is critical, brain is still growing 2. Racism Drive: Learn & assimilate children 3. Exposure Racism: Inequalities from racism in childhood • Intervention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Next Meeting 5/25/2021 b. Data Dashboard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Redirection of resources into the community - Review Dashboard four times a year, intervention committee will review data prior to the full board review c. BRIDGES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - David spoke to someone in Columbus on pulling data from BRIDGES program - High amount of discharged from county for unknown reasons, county should have reason why teens are discharged - April 15 meeting with DCFS to explain extracting data out of BRIDGES
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June 7, 2021 3:30 – 5:00 PM
Zoom
Recorder: Adriel Walls