

Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING	Monday, December 13, 2021 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Zoom Meeting
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ATTENDEES	Chris Cabot (DCFS), Beverly Charles, David Campton, Gabriella Celeste, Jennifer Croessmann (DCFS), Verna Darby, Natasha Davis, Jacqueline Fletcher (DCFS), Andrew Garner, Angela Newman-White, Debra Rex, Marilee Santiago, Cynthia Weiskittel (DCFS), Lakecia Wild Guest Presenters: Mike Kenney, Angela Sausser Guest Documenters: Marc Huff, Brandi S.
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Available online –Jennifer Croessmann will post minutes upon approval
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RECORDER	Deborah Barber
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AGENDA ITEMS

Introduce and Welcome

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting minutes from October 15, 2021 Correction page 2 change Gardner to Garner Motion to approve the minutes made by Lakecia Wild , Gabriella Celeste seconded Minutes Approved
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Public Comment

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public comment
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Director’s Updates – Cynthia Weiskittel

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Protection Teams <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Scoring proposals from the RFP b. CPT start date will move forward soon c. 3 major hospitals are included in the proposals • Vaccine Update <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. About 300 of the approximately 800 children in permanent custody have had at least one vaccine b. Adoptive parents make the decision for children on adoptive placement c. Children 15 and above make their own decision • Hybrid Work Model <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Workers can work from home up to 2 days a week b. Retention should be included on a future agenda • Bridges – Jennifer Croessmann <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. They are continuing to have their monthly Bridges & DCFS
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	<p>meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Communication is now more consistent. c. They can call DCFS to get involved to help with the young adult, so the young person does not have to be discharged. d. They can also call the hotline for further assistance. e. Board would like to know at the next meeting the %/# youth who were connected with Bridges before the DCFS case closed? Jacqueline Fletcher will report out at the next meeting.
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Guest Discussion: Mike Kinney and Angela Sausser, Public Children’s Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO)	
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placement Crisis Discussion • Country <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 11 states are involved in the county administered state supervised national work group b. Group has found counties and states are struggling with youth with high acuity needs (behavioral health, juvenile justice, developmental disabilities, and COVID impacts), workforce crisis, Family First QRTP transition changing the business models for providers • Ohio <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Demand has not increased in Ohio, supply isn’t keeping up, especially for children with behavior, health, or disability needs b. Meeting with Director Damschroder, resulted in survey which has been sent out to the PCSAO Board c. OhioRISE, program for children with significant needs will be launched in July, but will take time to have an impact d. Tiered foster care will be phased in next fall e. Immediate solutions should come from the local level • Opportunities for Consideration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. MSY Funding, paying foster parents the residential rates, buying beds (Cuyahoga is already utilizing these ideas) b. Behavioral Interventionist Model, Intercept Model, OhioRISE, Tiered Foster Care c. Practice Support Task Force, Family Finding (Seek/30 Days) • Questions\Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Behavioral Intervention Model used to prevent removal b. Staff retention a crisis throughout the country. Study from PCSAO to be released in January. Will be available publicly. c. Tiered foster care – traditional foster care, or foster care for children with special needs, hopefully will be in place next year d. Cindy W. – Cuyahoga County per diem rates are lower than other counties which means those children are accepted by higher-paying organizations before Cuyahoga’s children. Different providers charge different rates. The child is placed in the least restrictive environment.

Subcommittee Updates: Prevention, Intervention, Government	
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intervention – David Campton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Focus has been on the dashboard. Next review in Feb 2022, reviewed quarterly b. The committee has been checking into the Bridges program.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance – Gabriella Celeste <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bylaws change – instead of having participation based on a number change it to a percentage of the number of meetings – changed from 3 meetings to 25% of the meetings. Added that all members should participate in at least one subcommittee and participate at least 75% of the time. Members must notify chairperson at least one week in advance of absence. <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Andrew Garner moved to accept; motion seconded by Debra Rex</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Changes to bylaws approved by unanimous vote</p> b. 2022 Board Meeting schedule finalized: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb. 7, 2022 3:30-5:30 April 4, 2022 4:00-6:00 June 6, 2022 3:30-5:30 August 1, 2022 3:30-5:30 October 3, 2022 3:30-5:30 December 5, 2022 3:30-5:30 c. Officers and subcommittee chairs – Marilee Santiago expressed she would consider chairing the prevention committee, David Crampton will still manage intervention sub-committee d. Officer positions are open next year for 2023 e. Debra Rex expressed that she thought she was the secretary. Gabriella Celeste shared that they thought it was David Campton. <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Motion made by Gabriella Celeste to have Debra Rex be the secretary for the 2023 term. Seconded Andrew Garner Vote taken all approved</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Gabriella Celeste made motion to approve annual report, seconded Natasha Davis Vote taken all approved</p> • Prevention Subcommittee – Marilee Santiago <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Child Protection Team – call to action letter, Discussion <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Motion to approve letter to be sent to David Merriman, ADAMHS Board, Family & Children First Council, County Council members – Lakecia Wild, seconded Andrew Garner Vote taken – all approved</p>
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Action Items	
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridges –Report on percentage of children each year that age out of the system that were connected to Bridges before DCFS case closure. • Meeting Dates – Submit meeting dates for the subcommittees to Jennifer Croessmann • Send letter to David Merriman, ADAMHS Board, Family & Ch First Council, Co.Council members

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safe Babies Court Video – save for next meeting• Motion to Adjourn – David Crampton, Seconded Gabriella Celeste
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Next Meeting: February 7, 2022 3:30 – 5:30 PM

Location – Zoom

Recorder – Deborah Barber