

Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING	Monday, February 2, 2022 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Zoom Meeting
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ATTENDEES	Karen Anderson (DCFS), David Crampton, Gabriella Celeste, Beverly Charles, Jennifer Croessmann (DCFS), Andrew Garner, Angela Newman-White, Debra Rex, Marilee Santiago, Cynthia Weiskittel (DCFS), Lakecia Wild Guest Documenters: JB Bergin, Marian Bryant Public Guests: Denise Eddy
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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 December 13, 2021 Moved to accept – Beverly Charles Second – Andrew Garner Unanimous Vote 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 Fatalities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2 recent child fatalities reported in the media b. The agency is waiting for the coroner’s reports c. There were 164 adoptions last year d. Staff recruitment efforts increased e. March is Social Worker month – There will be an in person/livestream event – Jennifer Croessmann will share the link with the Advisory Board
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Subcommittee Updates: Prevention, Intervention, Government

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intervention – David Crampton <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dashboard presentation – discussion of dashboard elements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. High number of employees leaving especially after 6-12 months and after 2+ years, discussion of exit interviews and the OSU statewide report 2. Neighborhood Collaborative Meetings – Does law enforcement attend? 3. The board would like to see the TDM information by race.
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	<p>4. If information does not change substantially then it does not need to be reported every time.</p> <p>b. The dashboard can be viewed once posted: http://bc.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/Children-Family-Services-Advisory-Board.aspx</p> <p>Move to approve and post dashboard – Debra Rex Seconded - Lakecia Wild</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention Subcommittee – Marilee Santiago <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Child Protection Team – Karen Anderson – no update, will provide at April mtg. b. Call to Action Letter – Sent to David Merriman and other boards. There has been no response to date. c. Placement Crisis Report <p>https://www.pcsao.org/pdf/advocacy/PCSAOPlacementCrisisReportFeb2022.pdf</p> <p>ResearchReportWorkforceFeb2022.pdf (pcsao.org)</p> • Governance Subcommittee – Lakecia Wild <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. No update b. Reappointment time is approaching. Suggestions would be appreciated
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Babies Court Lakecia Wild, Angela Newman-White <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. DCFS role to help provide services to families with substance problems. Question raised – How can the board provide support?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Bill 216 Senate Bill 216 The Ohio Legislature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Discussion – numerous concerns, DCFS provided comment submitted to the state and PCSAO b. Board can submit written testimony

Action Items	
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to Adjourn –Debra Rex, Seconded Andrew Garner

Next Meeting: April 4, 2022, 4:00pm
Location – Zoom
Recorder – Deborah Barber