

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

MEETING	Monday, April 4, 2022 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Zoom Meeting
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ATTENDEES	Gabriella Celeste, Beverly Charles, David Crampton, 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: Jennifer Johnson Guest Documenters: Marian Bryant, Marvetta Rutherford
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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 February 7, 2022 Moved to accept – Lakecia Wild Second – David Crampton Unanimous Vote Minutes Approved
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Public Comment

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jennifer Johnson – Canopy Child Advocacy, March is Child Abuse Prevention Month Over 400 blue pinwheels have been displayed at Fort Huntington Park to increase awareness of child abuse. April 13th is wear blue day
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Director’s Updates – Cynthia Weiskittel

DISCUSSION	<p>Update: Children in the building – data from the last 14 months was complied. It shows 93% of children are placed within 48 hours of arriving in the building. March 23rd, Bill Mason held a summit with many agencies in the County to discuss children awaiting placement in the Jane Edna Building – 3 topics emerged,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Authority-who has the authority to manage the children Safety – how to keep the children and the staff safe Lack of Placement – struggle of placement discussed, discussion of pros and cons of opening a center for children <p>Next Summit will be April 21st – board would like to attend</p> <p>Discussion of housing for youth in collaboration with CMHA</p> <p>Discussion of peer navigators at A Place for Me</p>
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Action Item – C. Weiskittel – Check to see if board can attend April 21st Summit Meeting with Bill Mason

<p>Action Item – Lakecia Wild and Gabriella Celeste will draft a short letter for the board and send it to D. Merriman, Y. Conwell, M. Madigan, A. Budish, R. Dorman, C. Weiskittel</p>	<p>DCFS was selected to participate in study being done the Harvard Kennedy School of Government Performance Lab of the work done with neighborhood collaboratives regarding prevention</p> <p>CPT – Child Protection Team, Board should address questions to David Merriman directly, the board is concerned about the lack of progress on Child Protection Teams Lakecia Wild, Motion to draft a letter to share concern over lack of progress on Child Protection Teams Gabriella Celeste – 2nd Unanimous Vote</p>
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Subcommittee Updates: Prevention, Intervention, Government

<p>DISCUSSION</p> <p>Action Item – Jennifer Croessmann – Reach out and see if the current board should suggest new board members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intervention – David Crampton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dashboard Update b. The dashboard can be viewed once posted: http://bc.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/Children-Family-Services-Advisory-Board.aspx • Prevention Subcommittee – Marilee Santiago Email leadership regarding Child Protection Team Have not received any response from David Merriman regarding call-to-action letter • Governance Subcommittee – Lakecia Wild Trying to facilitate the transition to next year when many appointments end
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Action Items

<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to Adjourn –Lakecia Wild
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Next Meeting: June 6, 2022, 3:30pm
Location – Zoom
Recorder – Deborah Barber