

Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING	Monday, October 3, 2022 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Zoom Meeting
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ATTENDEES	Gabriella Celeste, Beverly Charles, David Crampton, Jennifer Croessmann (DCFS), Jacqueline Fletcher (DCFS), Andrew Garner, David Gray (DCFS), Angela Newman-White, Debra Rex, Lakecia Wild Guest Speakers – Chip Bonsutto, (Ohio Mentor), James Jones (Ohio Guidestone), Megan Kilpatrick (Ohio Guidestone), Lisa Smith (Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry), Russell White (In Focus Cleveland)
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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
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lakecia Wild opened meeting• Introductions• Meeting minutes from August 1, 2022 Moved to accept – Debra Rex Second – Beverly Charles Unanimous Vote Minutes Approved

	Public Comment
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Comments

	Director's Updates – Jacqueline Fletcher
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pay increase for child protection specialists was approved• Children waiting for placement<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ All placement options are being considered○ The priority is to keep families united and prevent removal if safely possible○ A childcare room tracker app is being developed for use by the agency to pull additional data about the small number of children who we are struggling to find placement for in a

	<p style="text-align: center;">timely manner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency childcare needs – an emergency contract was approved in September with The Centers with a no reject no eject clause. They are in the process of hiring staff
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Subcommittee Updates: Prevention, Intervention, Government

<p>Action Item: Racial Data Report to be presented in December</p> <p>Debra Rex, Andy Garner, David Crampton to reexamine data dashboard</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intervention – David Crampton No update The dashboard can be viewed once posted: http://bc.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/Children-Family-Services-Advisory-Board.aspx Prevention Subcommittee – Marilee Santiago No update Governance Subcommittee – Lakecia Wild <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reappointments – start February 2023 Vice Chair – Angela Newman-White nominated by Debra Rex, Andrew Garner seconded, unanimous vote in favor Secretary – Beverly Charles nominated by Lakecia Wild, Angela Newman-White second, unanimous vote in favor Chair – Lakecia Wild to continue Committee Chairs: Prevention - Marilee Santiago, Intervention – David Crampton, Governance – Lakecia Wild Dates for next year’s meetings to be decided in December
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Guest Speakers

	<p>Providers Main Points of Conversation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed placement concerns from their perspective Why they are unable to accept referrals for some children Milieu environment Current state of foster care and residential treatment <p>Chip Bonsutto – Ohio Mentor Megan Kirkpatrick – Ohio Guidestone Russell White – In Focus Cleveland Lisa Smith – Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion – How to assist DCFS more effectively considering provider presentations Motion to adjourn – Lakecia Wild, Second – Gabriella Celeste Meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm

Next Meeting: December 5, 2022, 3:30pm

Location – Zoom

Recorder – Deborah Barber