

Family and Children First Council Meeting

February 17, 2021

8:30 a.m – Go to Meeting - Virtual

Members in Attendance

Voting Members: Tina Bradley-Chair, Brent Baer, Kristin Junga, Kristin Nagel, Deanna Stanton, Theresa Towner, Jane Wengel, Dave Wignet

Voting Advocates: Bridget Ansberg, Kathy Mull, Ashley Hart (for Jessica Schmitt), Jennilee Mohler, V Rosser

Non-Voting Advocates: Sandi Carsey, Kyle Clark, Melissa Coe, Michael Fuller, Kelly Hickle-Lenz, Angela Patchen, Danielle Perkins, Maria Ritchey, Judith Steiner, Lisa Taylor

Introductions

Welcome to Judith Steiner (WC Prevention Coalition), Lisa Taylor, and Maria Ritchey (Care Source), Ashley Hart (NAMI).

Review of January 20, 2021 Minutes

Motion to Approve: Kristin Nagel

Second: David Wignet

Abstained: None

Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried

Review of Fiscal Report – *Michael Fuller*

Motion to Approve: Theresa Towner

Second: Deanna Stanton

Abstained: None

Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried

Expenses

County Costs Allocation: \$887.00

Sentinel Tribune – publication of Annual Report: \$75.00

Motion to Approve Payment: Theresa Towner

Second: Deanna Stanton

Abstained: None

Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried

Coordinator Report – *Melissa Coe*

The mission of the Family and Children First Council is to support the youth of Wood County through Service Coordination and Wraparound services:

- The **Service Coordination Team**, comprised of representatives from WCJFS, WCBDD, Juvenile Court, CRC and WCESC, meets monthly on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday to plan and coordinate services for individuals referred to the FCFC (i.e. to arrange funding to install a ramp for an individual's home).
- **Wraparound Services** offer a more extensive planning process (6-18 months), with development of Care Plans to assist the individual and family.
- Welcome letters will be mailed to those referred for services, along with a Family Guide developed by Alexis Maines.

The **Semi-Annual Report** was submitted to the State.

- Funds Requests: Age 10-13 (3); Age 14-18 (1)
- Melissa will prepare a summary of Service Coordination services for the next meeting

Old Business

Service Coordination Mechanism – Melissa Coe reported that the SC Mechanism was approved by the State and will be implemented into plans going forward.

Handle With Care – *Angela Patchen*

- Attended a meeting with the “Train the Trainer” coordinator for the HWC program. Two officers from Wood County were present and are willing take on that role, so hopefully the process for incorporating Handle With Care into our schools can get underway soon.

By Laws – Melissa Coe is still working on updates and will present the document to the team as soon as it is finalized.

New Business

Nothing to Report

Committee Reports

Help Me Grow/Early Childhood Task Force – *Danielle Perkins*

- Will be participating in Project Connect on 4/9/21
- Working on part C Transition to part B Preschool

Ohio Children’s Trust Fund – *Kristen Nagel*

- The Committee last met on 1/27/21 to discuss the 5-year Prevention Plan and to identify Assessment Team roles.
- The Prevention Plan group will meet on 2/22/21 to provide input on that information, which is due back to the Committee by April 1, 2021.
- April is National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month
- Nominations for Everyday Hero were due 2/12/21
- Ohio Children’s Trust Fund virtual kick-off event is 4/1/21 at 10:00 a.m. Details to follow.
- NW Ohio Region may also plan a kick-off event. Currently in discussions.
- Ohio Children’s Trust Fund full committee meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2021.

Early Intervention – *Kristen Nagel*

- 2021 Referrals: January-17; February-seem to be coming more steadily
- Total EI Enrollment is 144: 127 eligible/active plans, with 17 pending referrals

WC Service Coordination Committee – *Melissa Coe*

- Referral Totals: 1 Wraparound; 7 Service Coordination; 2 Pending

Service Coordination Committee – *Melissa Coe*

- Respite activity kits are being assembled for youth involved in Service Coordination
 - Referrals identifying items that would benefit the individual are submitted to Melissa
 - The Cocoon will order requested supplies

Trauma Informed Care – *Kathy Mull*

- Focused on getting the Handle With Care program into Wood County schools

No Wrong Door – *Kathy Mull*

- Virtual Lunch and Learn: Help with Housing event on 2/25/21 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Project Connect – Kathy Mull

- Project Connect drive-through events are scheduled for April 9 and April 16, with pre-registration to begin soon.

Parent Representatives/Agency Sharing

Care Source – Lisa Taylor, Maria Ritchey

- Open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act Marketplace is 2/15/21-3/15/21
- The Foundation grant application process is open. The link will be forwarded to Melissa Coe
- Care Source does offer some transportation assistance for grocery shopping or curbside pick-up

NAMI – Ashley Hart

- The Parent/Caregiver Support Group meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

WC Educational Service Center – Kyle Clark

- Welcomed Judy Steiner to the team, praising her prevention efforts for the youth in Wood County

Great Lakes/Head Start –Theresa Towner

- Classrooms are open with 10 children in each room
- Preparing for their Federal review in March
- Migrant Services Head Start is scheduled to be up and running in April
- A great deal of information regarding services for the community can be found on the website

Adjournment: 9:08 a.m.

Motion to Approve – Kristin Nagel

Second – Kristen Junga

Abstained: None

Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried

Next Meeting Date: March 17, 2021