

# Family and Children First Council Meeting

January 20, 2021

8:30 a.m – Go to Meeting - Virtual

## **Members in Attendance**

Voting Members: Tina Bradley-Chair, Brent Baer, Dr. Ted Bowlus, Evie Curtis, Andrea Cutway, Tom Hosler, Kristin Junga Kristin Nagel, Deanna Stanton Theresa Towner, Jane Wengel, Dave Wignet

Voting Advocates: Bridget Ansberg, Deb Butler, Eric Hachtel, Kathy Mull, Ashley Hartman (for Jessica Schmitt), V Rosser

Non-Voting Advocates: Amy Carles, Sandi Carsey, Kyle Clark, Kim Szneta, Melissa Coe, Michael Fuller, Kelly Hickle-Lenz, Kayla Medley, Angela Patchen, Danielle Perkins, Christie Walendzak, Jennilee Mohler

## **Introductions**

Welcome to new members Erin Hachtel (United Way Director) and Kayla Medley (WCESC), as well as Cheryl Nagel (WCBDD) who will be providing Administrative Support.

## **Review of December 16, 2020 Minutes**

Motion to Approve: Theresa Towner

Second: Kristin Nagel

Abstained: None

Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried

## **Review of Fiscal Report**

Motion to Approve: Theresa Towner

Second: Deanna Stanton

Abstained: None

Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried

## **Coordinator Report** – *Melissa Coe*

- Currently gathering information for Semi-Annual Report, which is due on 2/1/21
- Attending Wraparound Facilitator training
  - Alexis Maines, WCBDD Wraparound Service Coordinator, is also trained as a facilitator
- Will be completing Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Assessment training
- The Family & Children First Council tab has been added to the WCBDD website for one-step access to the 2021 meeting schedule, GoToMeeting link, and agendas/minutes.

## **Old Business**

**Nominating Committee** - The nominating committee met to consider candidates for Vice Chair and is recommending Theresa Towner to fill that position.

Motion to Approve Theresa Towner as Vice Chair: Bridget Ansberg

Second: Dave Wignet

Abstained: None

Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried

**Service Coordination Mechanism** - Melissa Coe will be following up on the status of the Service Coordination Mechanism, which was submitted to the State of Ohio for review before implementation.

## **New Business**

**By Laws** – Melissa is in the process of reviewing the by-laws to ensure that the Service Coordination Mechanism and the Executive Board are defined before submitting them for final review by the Council

### **Handle with Care – *Angela Patchen***

Wood County is in the planning stages of joining Ohio's Handle with Care model. This innovative program allows first responders to alert the school if a child has witnessed and/or been involved in a traumatic event that could impact their demeanor in the following days. The Handle with Care notification provides only basic details to school personnel so they can watch for signs of trauma/distress that might otherwise be considered behavioral issues. Ultimately the goal is to ensure the child receives any needed follow-up assistance after a traumatic event.

- Stakeholders include law enforcement, schools, mental health providers, community partners, etc.
- Trauma Informed Care training is provided to first responders and school staff

Once the program is established in the county, it should function with little additional effort. Theresa Towner indicated that she would like to see Head Start included in the notification process. Dave Wigent requested further information on standards for maintaining confidentiality. Angela will update the FCFC when she has more details to share.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Help Me Grow/Early Childhood Task Force – *Kristin Nagel***

- EI received 21 referrals in December 2020, resulting in a total of 126 eligible children for the year, with 16 others pending. The total number of children served is currently 142.
- HMG/EI met all expectations identified in the Fiscal 2019/2020 Performance Report

### **Wood County Service Coordination Committee – *Melissa Coe***

- The committee reviewed 5 youth for service coordination and 1 individual for wraparound services. Four referrals were also received.

### **Trauma Informed Care**

- Involved in discussions of the Handle with Care program.

### **No Wrong Door – *Erin Hachtel***

- United Way is the facilitating agency of the No Wrong Door Program
- Program training combines ½ day of instruction regarding participating agencies, along with ½ day of interactive participation for attendees to experience navigation of services
- A virtual platform is being developed.

## **Parent Representatives/Agency Sharing**

### **Great Lakes**

- Head Start has some openings for pre-school services. Classes are currently being provided in a virtual format, but the agency is expected to have a decision by the end of the week on returning to in-person services
- HEAP and housing programs are still being implemented via phone

### **WC Educational Service Center – *Kyle Clark***

- Kayla Medley has taken on the role of WCESC Community Partner Liaison. As part of her position, she will be reaching out to gather information to identify and create resource lists of school/agency contacts.

**Adjournment:** 9:50 a.m.

Motion to Approve – Deanna Stanton

Second – Brent Baer

Abstained: None

Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried

**Next Meeting Date: February 17, 2021**