



MEDINA COUNTY FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL

MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| 1. | Allen, Jeffrey..... | Alternative Paths |
| 2. | Bedel, Julianne..... | Medina District Library |
| 3. | Benza, Amy..... | Cornerstone Psychological |
| 4. | Fiorella-Batke, Marcy..... | Medina County Early Intervention/YAC |
| 5. | Hazeltine, Jessica..... | Recovery Center of Medina County |
| 6. | Kasten-Krause, Melanie..... | SHC/The Arc |
| 7. | Kerr, Kristin..... | Head Start/Community Action |
| 8. | Kipfstuhl, Michelle..... | Medina County Catholic Charities |
| 9. | Koran, William..... | Educational Service Center of Medina County |
| 10. | Kubena-Yatsko, Debbie..... | Medina Metro Housing |
| 11. | Maleckar, Stacey..... | Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities |
| 12. | Miller, Tony..... | Medina County Juvenile Court – Co-Chair |
| 13. | Parzych, Cheryl..... | United Way of Medina County |
| 14. | Romain, Melissa..... | Ohio Guidestone |
| 15. | Simon, Betsy..... | Parent Representative/Early Intervention |
| 16. | Tahajod, Sharon..... | Parent Representative |
| 17. | Titterington, Phillip..... | Medina County ADAMH Board |
| 18. | Wasowski, Krista..... | Medina County Health Department |
| 19. | Wurgler, Rhonda..... | Children’s Center of Medina County - Chair |

GUESTS PRESENT

1. Smith, Amanda..... Rape Crisis Center

STAFF PRESENT

1. Barnett, Jane..... Council Coordinator
2. Miller, Pam..... Medina Diversity Project

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions – Rhonda Wurgler, Council Chair

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Approve Council minutes from February 26, 2019

Ms. Laura Toth made a motion to approve the minutes; Mr. Phillip Titterington seconded. The motion passed. Ms. Cheryl Parzych and Melanie Kasten-Krause abstained.

3. Action Item(s)

N/A

4. STATE MANDATES

a) Early Intervention, Marcy Fiorella-Batke, EI Program Coordinator

Ms. Marcy Fiorella-Batke said the Early Intervention program state allocation has been cut by \$40,000 for the next two years. During the time the state was capturing data to determine future allocations, the reporting of Medina County referrals was delayed by the change from local to the central processing.

Thus, an accurate reflection of referrals was not captured. The state is aware Medina County's numbers are actually higher but there is no guarantee funding will be changed.

Ms. Batke distributed a report showing that 294 children were identified and 185 or 63% were qualified for Early Intervention services in SFY18. Statewide, only 42% of the referrals for Early Intervention screenings qualified for services. Referrals by SFY: SFY16 had 345, SFY17 had 355, SFY18 had 293.

b) Youth Service Coordination, Jane Barnett, Council Coordinator

Eight families were served in March. There were three new referrals and five ongoing cases. In April so far, there have been two new referrals and two new cases. To date, \$16,027 has been used to provide support and services for youth and \$5,853 of those dollars have been used for face to face time with families.

The Administrative fund for FY19 budgeted \$10,000 in revenue that was identified as coming from service coordination. The service coordination piece is actually the face to face time that can be submitted to the state for reimbursement against the FCSS dollar allocation. As of March 31, thirty (30) more face to face hours would be needed to reach that total

c) Shared Plan, Jane Barnett, Council Coordinator,

The annual survey will be sent out this week. This survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete. Survey data will be shared with Council and some data will be shown on the current Shared Plan. Youth Service Coordination data will also be documented in the Plan.

The Planning Committee is currently creating a new Shared Plan. The draft of the Shared Plan will be reviewed at the next Planning meeting scheduled for May 6 and then presented to the Admin committee before going to full Council.

5. Cross Cutting Topic – Pam Miller, The Medina Diversity Project

The Medina Diversity Project is a volunteer based initiative to embrace and promote diversity in Medina County. Ms. Miller shared information about the 20 “90-minute conversations” on race held in the community. These conversation were initiated to help learn how racism affects people and to look for solutions that can make our community more open to diversity and to identify emerging themes. Ms. Miller passed out the “Community Conversations Report from April, 2017 and results of a survey that was taken. The group is currently working to get an LGBTQ nondiscrimination ordinance passed in the City of Medina. For further information go to Info@medinadiversityproject.org.

6. LOCAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Administrative, Phillip Titterington, Chair

May 14, 10 a.m. will be the next Admin meeting at the JFS building. Contracts will be reviewed and the coordinator role and youth service coordination position will be split. ICAT and youth service coordination will be combined in order to best utilize the resources in Medina in order to best serve families.

b) Adult Advisory Consortium, Debbie Kubena-Yatsko Chair

The next Adult Advisory meetings will be May 6 and July 1 at 8:30 a.m. Ms. Kubena-Yatsko distributed a flyer with registration details for an upcoming program on Hoarding Disorder – A Community Response that will be held Friday, May 3.

c) Bylaws, Krista Wasowski, Chair

N/A

d) Family Advisory, Sharon Tahajod, Chair

Potential evening meetings were discussed as a possible way of accommodating the schedules of family representatives. The special needs funds has \$382.35. Requests can be made and are voted on by the

Family Advisory committee. The committee also continues recruiting family representatives to Council.

The next meeting will be held April 23 after full Council.

e) **Membership, Sharon Tahajod, Chair**

Ms. Tahajod announced that both Ms. Karla Robinson and Ms. Kristen Dunleavy resigned from Council due to accepting work outside of the county.

f) **Planning, Rhonda Wurgler, Chair**

Planning is currently working on the Shared Plan. The draft plan will be reviewed at the May 6 meeting. All are welcome!

g) **Public Relations, Debbie Kubena-Yatsko, Chair**

n/a

h) **Youth Advisory Consortium, Marcy Fiorella-Batke, Chair**

Rachael Krauss from the ESC is re-joining the committee as a school representative. Evelyn Kruggel of Help Me Grow Home Visiting, who presented at our February meeting, is also new to the committee. Spencer of Early Head Start was a presenter for the April meeting. June 4 is the next scheduled meeting.

i) **Trauma Informed Care, Rhonda Wurgler and Krista Wasowski Co-Chairs**

May 14, 9 a.m. will be the next meeting for TIC. It will be held at the new home of the Children's Center on Smith Road in order to provide a tour and conduct the meeting in CAC's new conference room. TIC is working on creating videos for family members who have suddenly obtained custody of young children. These videos would provide information to help family members navigate the system with less trauma. The committee is also working with professionals who work in the emergency rooms within Medina County to ensure that necessary referrals are made to advocates who can help guide individuals through the healing process.

7. **Public Comments**

Bridges out of Poverty Training will be held June 7, 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at no cost to participants. The training will be held at the Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital. Email shenderson@cawm.org for details and registration.

8. **Adjournment**

Mr. Tony Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Krista Wasowski seconded the motion at 10:40 a.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Ms. Jane Barnett