



MEDINA COUNTY FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL

MINUTES OF August 22, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

1.	Baggs, Mark	Salvation Army, Wadsworth
2.	Cooke, Kristin	Community Action Wayne/Medina
3.	Fifner, Joanna	OSU Extension
4.	Kasten-Krause, Melanie	SHC / The ARC
5.	Kipfstuhl, Michelle	Catholic Charities
6.	Koran, William	Medina County ESC
7.	Kubena-Yatsko, Debbie	Medina Metro Housing
8.	Laffey, Theresa	Medina County District Library
9.	Mattie, Matthew	Medina City Schools
10.	Ngozi, Hasani	Ohio Department of Youth Services
11.	Nowak, Brian	Medina County Drug Abuse Commission
12.	Parzych, Cheryl	United Way of Medina County
13.	Quallich, Kristine	Medina City Schools
14.	Robinson, Karla	Project: LEARN of Medina
15.	Safran, Robert	City of Brunswick
16.	Simon, Betsy	Family Representative
17.	Tahajod, Sharon	Family Representative
18.	Titterington, Phillip	ADAMH Board
19.	Toth, Laura	Office for Older Adults, Chair-Elect
20.	Trew, Mark	Alternative Paths, Chair
21.	Wasowski, Krista	Medina County Health Department
22.	West, Benjamin	Battered Women's Shelter
23.	Wurgler, Rhonda	Children's Center of Medina County

GUESTS PRESENT

1.	Boehm, Rachel	Rape Crisis Center
2.	Cynthia Cornett	PAC
3.	Mucha, Jennifer	OSU Extension – SNAP-Ed
4.	Chambus, Nathan	Battered Women's Shelter

STAFF PRESENT

1.	Barnett, Jane	Council Coordinator
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1. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions – Mark Trew, Chair

Mark Trew called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made.

2. Approval of Council Minutes – June 27, 2017

Debbie Kubena-Yatsko made a motion to approve the minutes from June 27, 2017, Karla Robinson seconded. The motion passed. Mark Baggs, Kristin Cooke, Michelle Kipfstuhl, Melanie Kasten-Krause, and Sharon Tahajod abstained.

3. Action Item(s)

n/a

4. STATE MANDATES

a) Early Intervention

Jane Barnett shared that there has been a transition phase since the service coordinators and nurse moved to MCBDD on July 17. Jane did meet with Dr. Kay and Marcy regarding the program. For the most

part, calls for referrals have stopped; The Cleveland Site Center is now taking calls for Central Coordination.

Krista Wasowski shared her dismay that funding was pulled for Central Coordination since we are still doing the work but not getting paid. Michelle Kipfstuhl shared that we are at the end of August and Medina has received only one referral for Medina County. Summit County had two referrals, and Cuyahoga County received only four. We know that referrals have to be coming in but the system can't be working with those numbers. The question of what is being done at the Site Center would like to be known. Phillip Titterington asked if anyone contacted the state.

Krista Wasowski said that it is in the law that a public portal is available and we can select a site and make comments that Central Coordination is not working. Cheryl Parzych said that feedback is critical, but the system is still new and how we approach the state could make a difference. Mark Trew, as chair, said he would be happy to reach out to make sure voices are heard. With a system being new there are bugs to be expected but we need to be constructive in our criticism.

Michelle Kipfstuhl shared that the Service Coordinators are Catholic Charities employees; she gave the Council an example of six families moving out of Media County who needed to be transferred out of the county and their service was interrupted because Central Coordination doesn't know how to transfer those families. Betsy Simon, a Service Coordinator, said they are not getting referrals. Michelle Kipfstuhl said that when the numbers come out from EI, they will be down and we need to be aware that they will look funky.

b) Youth Service Coordination

Jane Barnett shared that she is starting to take calls and has met with two families at this point. Jane has received guidance from Michelle Kipfstuhl and Mary Lee; she attended her first regional coordinator meeting. Jane will be working with the state regional coordinator this week; she attended Service Coordination Mechanism Webinar that was put on by the state. The State received a grant for "high fidelity" a web-based service coordination online system.

c) Shared Plan

n/a

5. Cross Cutting Topic – Cynthia Cornett from Nami; Ohio's Parent Support Group Presentation

Cynthia shared an overview of the Parent Advocacy Connection which offers parent peer support to parents with children in service coordination in the county. The peer supports can help families organize ideas, prepare for meetings such as IEP's, and approach professionals in an appropriate manner. Requirements to become a Parent Advocate are: Lived experience, 21 years of age, application, background check, and access to a working computer with internet access. The process takes 40 to 60 hours of training in Systems of care including an interview, application, shadowing and peer support. Advocates trainings are offered once a month and include topics in mental health, DD, education, and the juvenile justice system. A parent advocate can receive a \$20 stipend for attending meetings. Contact Cynthia Cornett at 330-432-6066 or Cynthia.pac.nami@gmail.com for more details.

6. LOCAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Administrative

Philip Titterington shared in Tuesday's meeting that we talked about EI and the referrals that we were or were not getting to the service coordinators and the question of how do they get to MCBDD. The next admin meeting, we will be meeting at MCBDD to look at the physical space and be in the environment. We spent a lot of time with the coordinator. There are a lot of fiscal questions that we had to go over to see what is most feasible to Council and for Jane Barnett to get more information and guidance. Jeff Felton was very helpful in providing an office space with no additional costs.

b) Adult Advisory Consortium

Debbie Kubena-Yatsko shared that The Adult Advisory Consortium and ITEAM met in July. The Consortium and I-TEAM are meeting back to back. The Consortium is looking at the big picture and gaps in service meetings are every other month and are back to back. September 11 will be the next meeting.

c) APS I-TEAM

I-TEAM is case management specific and is new. Laura Toth shared that since the meeting is directly after the Adult Advisory Consortium, we are seeing fresh faces at the table and it's a good starting point. We discussed several cases. There was some transition from adult service coordination. Thomson was hired as an advocate for seniors going through financial exploitation. We had people from Brunswick and Medina and legal; the prosecutor brought good information. Passport – services in county were the only ones Laura would have liked to have at the meeting.

d) Bylaws

The Bylaws committee will be meeting in September after the Admin meeting. Trauma Informed Care needs added; we will consider other adjustments. Provide suggestions to Mark Trew or any Admin member. The Bylaws meeting is tentatively scheduled for 10:30 am after the Admin meeting on September 19.

e) Family Advisory

Sharon Tahajod shared that there would be a meeting today after Council. There was no meeting in June or July. A \$25 stipend per meeting is available.

f) Membership

Sharon Tahajod shared that the committee met July 25. We are getting ready for the 2018 election. In September we will have a list of people who wish to receive; 4 people are up for renewal, 7 additional open slots for members, and 4 slots for elected family members. The ballot will be ready for the October Council meeting. At the meeting we brainstormed to where to send the application in the gap areas. If interested get application out to Sharon by September 10. Sept 30 is deadline to return it.

g) Planning

n/a

h) Public Relations

Laura Toth shared that as Central Coordination gets settled we will review how best to publish phone numbers so people are aware and know how to contact Central Coordination; she also shared that the website is working.

i) Youth Advisory Consortium

Rhonda Wurgler shared that they did not meet in July but in August. Mary Lee presented for SHC and it was a great presentation. YAC meets on the first Tuesday of Sept. The next presenter will be Cheryl Ackerman regarding Head Start.

- j) **Trauma Informed Care**
Rhonda Wurgler shared that July 17 Trauma Informed Care welcomed Lisa Taunt's presentation of Trauma Informed Care 101. The next meeting will be September 18 and we will be strategically planning for Trauma Informed Care.

Ohio Children's trust fund.

Catholic Charities was awarded 15K by OCTF to provide Active Parenting groups in Medina County for FY2018. The contract has had some revisions because this is the first time the funds have been awarded on a regional basis. Jackie Robinett, OCTF Northeast Regional Prevention Council Project Director, Stark County Family Council has been in touch with Michelle Kipfstuhl, Catholic Charities regarding the changes that the state requires in the final contract. As soon as the contract is finalized, and signed, Catholic Charities will offer Active Parenting and publicize dates and locations.

7. **Public Comments**

GED Testing Center at The Medina County Library per Theresa Laffey; it's the only center in the county. GED testing is offered on a quarterly basis. GED classes are offered at the Brunswick Library through the Polaris Career Center. Contact Theresa for more details.

Section 8 Waiting List Closing in 30 days or less and Site (capital) needed for Homeless Shelter

Per Debbie Kubena-Yatsko, the wait list for Section 8 is 4 to 5 years. They believe they have secured grant dollars for a homeless shelter. We need space that can accommodate 8 beds (bunk beds okay). State will only cover operation and staffing; the grant does not cover capital. Please let Debbie know of any potential locations. Once we receive grant, pretty secure going forward.

Head Start: Site needed full day Daycare and Daycare spots available

Currently Headstart has two half day programs. Space is needed in order to house a full day daycare. Currently this is an unfunded mandate. Daycare space is still available in the current year. Foster children automatically move to the top of list. Grandparents and children with DD also get priority.

Mom's and Dad Support Group, partnering with Office of Older Adults – This program was stopped because we Headstart did not have the staff. We do have funding for food and contractor. Hopefully this stop is temporary.

Abbreviation List

Sharon Tahajod is working on list. Email Sharon any updates or edits.

8. **Adjournment**

Krista Wasowski made a motion to adjourn. Debbie Kubena-Yatsko seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Jane Barnett