



MEDINA COUNTY FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| 1. | Benza, Amy | Cornerstone Wellness |
| 2. | Bluebond, Jon | Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities |
| 3. | Felton, Jeffrey | Medina County Job and Family Services |
| 4. | Kasten-Krause, Melanie | SHC / The ARC |
| 5. | Kipfstuhl, Michelle | Catholic Charities |
| 6. | Koran, William | Medina County ESC |
| 7. | Laffey, Theresa | Medina County District Library |
| 8. | Miller, Tony..... | Juvenile Court |
| 9. | Ngozi, Hasani..... | Ohio Department of Youth Services |
| 10. | Parzych, Cheryl..... | United Way of Medina County |
| 11. | Rak, Rebecca..... | Lodi Family Center |
| 12. | Robinson, Karla..... | Project: LEARN of Medina |
| 13. | Shema, Timothy | Domestic Relations Court |
| 14. | Simon, Betsy | Family Representative |
| 15. | Tahajod, Sharon..... | Family Representative |
| 16. | Titterington, Phillip..... | ADAMH Board |
| 17. | Toth, Laura | Office for Older Adults, Chair-Elect |
| 18. | Wasowski, Krista..... | Medina County Health Department |
| 19. | Wurgler, Rhonda | Children's Center of Medina County |

GUESTS PRESENT

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| 1. | Miller, Scott..... | Medina County Commissioner's Office |
| 2. | Cornett, Cynthia | Parent Advocacy Connection |

STAFF PRESENT

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| 1. | Barnett, Jane | Council Coordinator |
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1. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions – Laura Toth

Laura Toth called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Approval of Council Minutes – January 23, 2018

Phillip Titterington made a motion to approve the minutes, Melanie Kasten-Krause seconded the motion. The motion passed. Amy Benza, Rebecca Rak, Jeff Felton abstained.

3. Action Item(s)

- a) A motion was made by Rebecca Rak to approve the return of \$35,295.43 to Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Sharon Tahajod seconded the motion. The motion passed. Jon Bluebond and Betsy Simon abstained.

4. **STATE MANDATES**

a) **Early Intervention – Jon Bluebond**

Outreach funds went to the PR committee for review. Outreach will be used to help build program referrals back up to pre-Central Intake levels. Outreach will include using social media, print, reaching out to physician staff and utilizing partnership of Family First.

Central Intake – State going through RFP process. MCBDD and Catholic Charities will be supporting Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI)

b) **Youth Service Coordination – Jane Barnett**

Semi annual report submitted. Information from Medina reflected two families served. Music therapy and interpretive services were used for period of July through December. Mental Health ranks number one need for youths in Medina and State.

b) **Shared Plan**

No updates

c) **Ohio Children’s Trust Fund (OCTF) Rhonda Wurgler & Jeff Felton Regional reps**

Rhonda and Jeff have asked to be Medina County’s representative

5. **Cross Cutting Topic – Gail Houck – Suicide Prevention Coalition**

Gail Houck gave a PowerPoint presentation on Suicide Prevention Coalition. Their mission includes public awareness, identifying higher risk individuals, eliminating stigma on mental health.

Fundraiser – annual walk with kick off speaker; April 29. Register at www.alternativepaths.org EVENTS

6. **LOCAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Administrative- Phillip Titterington Chair**

3rd Tuesday of every month at the Medina County Administration Building 10 a.m. in the Balcony room Phillip Titterington shared that the admin committee reviewed the action item-- return of funds to MCBDD. This is money that came from MCBDD to help support the Early Intervention program and has accumulated over the years. With the transition of the service coordinators moving from JFS to MCBDD, expenses were deducted that were used for that program

b) **Adult Advisory Consortium (Debbie Kubena-Yatsko, chair)**

Meetings 1st Monday every other month at the Office of Older Adults 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

c) **Adult Service Coordination (Laura Toth) Meetings held immediately after Adult Advisory**

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d) **Bylaws Krista Wasowski chair:**

Will be meeting this week.

e) **Family Advisory – Sharon Tahajod chair:**

Family members are needed

- f) **Membership – Sharon Tahajod chair:**
Will meet in April to discuss November election

- g) **Planning – Mark Trew chair:**
Cross Cutting topics scheduled

- h) **Public Relations – Debbie Kubena-Yatsko chair:**
Laura Toth shared that PR reviewed the Outreach plan from MCBDD
Social media aspect will be reviewed
Family First Logo will be reviewed for updating

- i) **Youth Advisory Consortium- Michelle Kipfstuhl chair:**
Bylaws for YAC needs updated

- j) **Trauma Informed Care, Rhonda Wurgler chair:**
Committee is looking at multi series articles, speakers/trainers, and using Family First Website to house resources

7. **Public Comments**

Phillip Titterington shared Opiate Awareness week identified: April 9-13, working with Health Department; activities Monday at 11:30, Greater than Heroin Activity in Wadsworth; met with Mayor and City Director; Articles to follow in Gazette
Opiate Task Force meeting was moved to April 13

8. **Scott Miller – Medina County Commissioners**

Shared Facts about the sales tax and gave handout. May 8 ballot.

9. **Adjournment**

Krista Wasowski made a motion to adjourn. Rhonda Wurgler seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jane Barnett