



MEDINA COUNTY FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| 1. | Baggs, Mark | Salvation Army |
| 2. | Bluebond, Jon | Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities |
| 3. | Cooke, Kristine | Headstart/Community Action |
| 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. | Mattie, Matthew | Medina City Schools |
| 9. | Miller, Tony | Juvenile Court |
| 10. | Nowak, Brian | Medina County Drug Abuse Commission |
| 11. | Parzych, Cheryl | United Way of Medina County |
| 12. | Rak, Rebecca | Lodi Family Center |
| 13. | Robinson, Karla | Project: LEARN of Medina/Family Rep |
| 14. | Simon, Betsy | Early Intervention |
| 15. | Tahajod, Sharon | Family Representative |
| 16. | Welch, Heidi | Medina United Methodist Church |
| 17. | Wurgler, Rhonda | Children's Center of Medina County, Chair-Elect |

GUESTS PRESENT

1. Jessica Hazeltine Recovery Center of Medina County

STAFF PRESENT

1. Barnett, Jane Council Coordinator

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

Co-Chair, Rhonda Wurgler called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. **Approval of Council Minutes – February 27, 2018**

Rebecca Rak made a motion to approve the minutes. Melanie Kasten-Krause seconded the motion. Mark Baggs, Kristen Cooke, and Heidi Welch abstained. The motion passed.

3. **Action Item(s)**

- a) A motion was made by Sharon Tahajod to approve the submission of the SFY 2019 Operational Capacity Building Funds (OCBF) application; Rebecca Rak seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- b) A motion was made by Jon Bluebond to approve the Service Coordination Mechanism updates for 2018; William Koran seconded the motion; the motion passed.

4. **STATE MANDATES**

a) **Early Intervention – Jon Bluebond**

Early Intervention caseloads for February were 219 vs. 217 for January

Outreach has begun; have reached out to Physician's offices and will be using social media.

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

- One youth/family currently in service coordination.
- Service Coordination Mechanism update process was reviewed.
- Referrals needed and welcomed.
- Had opportunity to connect with other counties at the Regional FCFC meeting who have successfully worked with FidelityEHR and CANS and look forward to implementing those ideas.

d) **Shared Plan**

No updates

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

No updates

5. **Cross Cutting Topic – Sandy Varndell – 'Out Support'**

'Out Support', is an education and support group for LGBTQ individuals and their families,

Sandy shared examples of residents losing their job and home because of their sexual orientation in Medina County. Sexual orientation is an unprotected class in Ohio and 41% of identified transgender individuals have suicidal thoughts every morning.

Sandy shared resources to help educate the Council including "a "Guide to being a straight Ally".

Other resources to review include the website: <http://ohiobusinesscompetes.org/> Ohio Competes is A non-partisan coalition of businesses committed to achieving nondiscrimination policies at the state level in order to attract the best talent, to increase Business-to-Business & Business-to-Consumer relationships, and to grow Ohio's economy.

For additional information: go to <http://outsupport.org/>

6. **LOCAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Administrative Committee- (Phillip Titterington, Chair)**

Meetings 3rd Tuesday of the Month at the County Administrative Building at 9 a.m.

Rhonda Wurgler shared that we met March 20 and reviewed the updates of the Service Coordination Mechanism that were presented today.

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.

No updates

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

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No updates

- d) **Bylaws (Krista Wasowski, Chair)**
Meetings: scheduled as needed
Rhonda Wurgler shared that Bylaws are currently being updated.
- e) **Family Advisory – (Sharon Tahajod, Chair)**
After Council meetings; will meet next month.
Two request for special needs funds.
- f) **Membership (Sharon Tahajod, Chair)**
Will meet next month to discuss general membership and family representatives.
- g) **Planning – (Laura Toth, Chair)**
n/a
- h) **Public Relations (Debbie Kubena-Yatsko, Chair)**
Karla Robinson shared that public relations was involved with feedback and proofreading the Early Intervention Outreach materials.
- i) **Youth Advisory Consortium (Michelle Kipfstuhl, Chair)**
1st Tuesday of the Month at the Health Department at 9 a.m.
Rebecca Rak presented FACT (Family Assistance Coalition Team) at the last Youth Advisory meeting;
Youth Advisory is waiting for Bylaws for direction.
- j) **Trauma Informed Care, Rhonda Wurgler, Chair)**
3rd Monday of every month at the Health Department at 9 a.m.
211 presented at the last meeting; Melissa McClain from Akron Children’s Hospital will be presenting the April 16 meeting.

7. **Public Comments**

Matthew Mattie shared that he will be taking over for Carol Andregg helping with the “Let’s Make a Difference” Mowing program, a way to help 8th graders in Medina raise funds for the Washington DC Trip. For more details go to www.lmadmedina.org

Medina Library launched the event “One Book, One Community reading program” to encourage reading and conversation about books. United Way of Medina County has purchased copies of “The Seventh Most Important Thing” to be distributed to all sixth-graders in Medina County; A \$10 donation will purchase a book with the donor’s name on a book plate inside the book; books are available at Project Learn book stores.

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. Cheryl Parzych made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Karla Robinson seconded the motion.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Jane Barnett