



MEDINA COUNTY FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MAY 28, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

1.	Allen, Jeffrey	Alternative Paths
2.	Bedel, Julianne.....	Medina District Library
3.	Fiorella-Batke, Marcy	Medina County Early Intervention/YAC
4.	Hazeltine, Jessica	
5.	Kipfstuhl, Michelle	Medina County Catholic Charities
6.	Koran, William	Educational Service Center of Medina County
7.	Kubena-Yatsko, Debbie	Medina Metro Housing
8.	Maleckar, Stacey.....	Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities
9.	Mattey, Christy	Parent Representative
10.	Mattie, Matthew	Medina City Schools
11.	Miller, Tony.....	Medina County Juvenile Court – Co-Chair
12.	Ngozi, Hasani.....	Department of Youth Services
13.	Parzych, Cheryl.....	United Way of Medina County
14.	Regino, Cathleen	Parent Representative
15.	Romain, Melissa.....	Ohio Guidestone
16.	Ruggiero, Erin	OSU Extension Office
17.	Safran, Robert.....	Brunswick City Municipal
18.	Shema, Timoth.....	Domestic Relations Court
19.	Simon, Betsy	Parent Representative/Early Intervention
20.	Tahajod, Sharon.....	Parent Representative
21.	Titterington, Phillip.....	Medina County ADAMH Board
22.	Wasowski, Krista.....	Medina County Health Department
23.	Wurgler, Rhonda	Children’s Center of Medina County - Chair

GUESTS PRESENT

1.	Peacock, Nancy	Free Clinic of Medina County
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STAFF PRESENT

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Tony Miller, Co-Chair.

2. Approve Council minutes from April 23, 2019

Ms. Cheryl Parzych made a motion to approve the minutes; Mr. Phillip Titterington seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Hasani Ngozi abstained.

3. Action Item(s)

a) A motion to approve the contract between the Medina County Commissioners as fiscal agent of Council and the Ohio Department of Disabilities for FY20 Early Intervention Service Coordination was made by Mr. William Koran and seconded by Ms. Debbie Kubena-Yatsko. Ms. Marcy Fiorella-Batke, Ms. Betsy Simon and Ms. Michelle Kipfstuhl abstained. The motion passed.

- b) A motion to approve the Early Intervention Budget for FY20 was made by Mr. Phillip Titterington and seconded by Ms. Jessica Hazeltine. Ms. Marcy Fiorella-Batke, Ms. Betsy Simon and Ms. Michelle Kipfsthuhl abstained. The motion passed.
- c) A motion to approve an agreement between Council and Catholic charities for the Early Intervention Program for FY20 was made by Ms. Sharon Tahajod and seconded by Ms. Debbie Kubena-Yatsko. Ms. Michelle Kipfsthuhl, Ms. Marcy Fiorella-Batke and Ms. Betsy Simon abstained. The motion passed.
- d) A motion to approve an agreement between Council and Medina County Health Department for its Early Intervention Program for FY20 was made by Mr. Phillip Titterington and seconded by Ms. Jessica Hazeltine. Ms. Krista Wasowski, Ms. Michelle Kipfsthuhl, Ms. Marcy-Fiorella Batke, and Ms. Betsy Simon abstained. The motion passed.
- e) A motion to approve an agreement between Council and Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities for its Early Intervention Program for FY20 was made by Mr. William Koran and seconded by Ms. Julianne Bedel; Ms. Christy Matthey Ms. Michelle Kipfsthuhl, Ms. Marcy Fiorella-Batke, Ms. Betsy Simon, and Ms. Stacey Maleckar abstained. The motion passed.
- f) A motion to approve the Shared Plan for SFY 2020-2022 was made by Ms. Marcy Fiorella-Batke and seconded by Ms. Krista Wasowski. The motion passed.
- g) A motion to approve Council contracting with the Health Department for Youth Service Coordination was made by Ms. Debbie Kubena-Yatsko and seconded by Mr. Tony Miller. Ms. Krista Wasowski, and Mr. Jeff Allen abstained. The motion passed.

4. **STATE MANDATES**

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

The volume of youth service referrals has been increasing. Medina County Early Intervention funding for FY20 is being reduced by 12% which is resulting in a reduction in one service coordinator effective July 1, 2019. Regardless of any fluctuations in referrals, the state requires counties meet the 45 day timeline.

b) **Youth Service Coordination, Jane Barnett, Council Coordinator**

In April there were two new referrals and two new open cases, one case was closed, and a total of nine clients were served.

Ms. Barnett said some families with private insurance are reporting that co-pays and deductibles are affecting their decisions regarding children who need mental health services. One family reported paying thousands of dollars out of pocket monthly to pay for mental health services. Callers from families with private insurance are asking for help determining if there are options for assistance.

c) **Shared Plan, Jane Barnett, Council Coordinator,**

Survey computations will be compiled and analyzed by the Planning committee and presented to Admin.

5. **Cross Cutting Topic – Nancy Peacock – Free Clinic of Medina County**

The Free Clinic's mission is to provide free basic medical care to working residents of Medina County who meet income qualifications. To be eligible, applicants must be between the ages of 18 to 64, receive no government medical care or aid, be working and have an income level that is within 250% of the federal poverty level, and live in Medina County. There are two locations, one at Medina Cleveland Clinic and the second in Lodi at the Cleveland Clinic facility. Direct questions to 330-764-9300 or email info@FCOMC.org.

6. **LOCAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) **Administrative, Phillip Titterington, Chair**
Discussion occurred involving action items that were voted on today. Early Intervention funding dropped 12%. The Council Coordinator and Youth Service Coordination roles will be split. The Health Department will be contracted to triage and complete Youth Service Coordination working with Alternative Paths. ICAT will dissolve and the parties who currently represent the system entities will now be used as a think tank to assist with high need youth. The Council Coordinator will be reduced to an estimated 20 hours per week. Ms. Jane Barnett said she will resign her position and will help with the transition until June 30.
- b) **Adult Advisory Consortium, Debbie Kubena-Yatsko Chair**
At the Adult Advisory Consortium meeting on May 6th, 2019, the Hoarding training held May 3rd was discussed. There is interest in forming a workgroup. The presenter from The Benjamin Rose Institute offered to attend the first few meetings. A date is being determined. Also discussed was identifying the next gap in services to be worked on.
- c) **Bylaws, Krista Wasowski, Chair**
N/A
- d) **Family Advisory, Sharon Tahajod, Chair**
The Special Needs fund has a balance of approximately \$300. In June, Sharon will send an email to all Council members with instructions for making special needs fund requests during July, when she will be out of town.
- e) **Membership, Sharon Tahajod, Chair**
If anyone on Council has a suggestion for a new member, the application time is September and the election in November. For the committee, Sharon will send out a copy of the membership committee to make comment or changes in June.
- f) **Planning, Rhonda Wurgler, Chair**
The Shared Plan for FY20-22 was voted on today. The Council Survey results will be reflected in the FY19 Shared Plan once analyzed and results will be shared via email.
- g) **Public Relations, Debbie Kubena-Yatsko, Chair**
N/A
- h) **Youth Advisory Consortium, Marcy Fiorella-Batke, Chair**
June 4 and August 6 are the next scheduled Youth Advisory meeting.
- i) **Trauma Informed Care, Rhonda Wurgler and Krista Wasowski Co-Chairs**
June 17 and July 15 are the next scheduled meeting dates.

7. **Public Comments**

New Council member, OSU Extension Educator Erin Ruggiero, introduced herself. The OSU program offers parenting, financial and nutrition classes.

8. **Adjournment**

Ms. Krista Wasowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Christy Matthey seconded the motion at 10:06 a.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Ms. Jane Barnett