



MEDINA COUNTY FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| 1. | Jon Bluebond | Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities |
| 2. | Felton, Jeffrey | Medina County Job and Family Services |
| 3. | Kasten-Krause, Melanie | SHC / The ARC |
| 4. | Kipfstuhl, Michelle | Catholic Charities |
| 5. | Kubena-Yatsko, Debbie | Medina Metro Housing |
| 6. | Laffey, Theresa | Medina County District Library |
| 7. | Miller, Tony..... | Juvenile Court |
| 8. | Ngozi, Hasani..... | Ohio Department of Youth Services |
| 9. | Nowak, Brian..... | Medina County Drug Abuse Commission |
| 10. | Parzych, Cheryl..... | United Way of Medina County |
| 11. | Rak, Rebecca..... | Lodi Family Center |
| 12. | Robinson, Karla..... | Project: LEARN of Medina |
| 13. | Safran, Robert..... | City of Brunswick |
| 14. | Shema, Timothy | Domestic Relations Court |
| 15. | Simon, Betsy | Family Representative |
| 16. | Tahajod, Sharon..... | Family Representative |
| 17. | Titterington, Phillip..... | ADAMH Board |
| 18. | Toth, Laura | Office for Older Adults, Chair-Elect |
| 19. | Trew, Mark | Alternative Paths, Chair |
| 20. | Wasowski, Krista | Medina County Health Department |
| 21. | Wurgler, Rhonda | Children's Center of Medina County |

GUESTS PRESENT

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| 1. | Stanley Bryson, Kaye..... | Medina County board of Developmental Disabilities |
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STAFF PRESENT

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

Meeting called to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. Approval of Council Minutes

Melanie Kasten-Krause made a motion to approve the minutes for September 26. Phillip Titterington seconded the motion. Abstained by: Jon Bluebond, Jeff Felton, Theresa Laffey, Brian Nowak, Rebecca Rak, and Krista Wasowski

3. Action Item(s)

n/a

4. **STATE MANDATES**

a) **Early Intervention**

Dr. Kaye Stanley Bryson updated Council on Early Intervention.

September status:
22 referrals (lower than usual)
17 exits
11 Initial Evaluations
4 Annual evaluations

The Service Coordinators are working well together and more smoothly, and are able to cover each other's work. Referrals are almost back to where they use to be. However, counties are still held accountable for turnaround time of 45 days from when the initial referral was made. Service Coordinator's no longer have access to Early Track. The process has been very laborious but we are servicing families and making things work.

Michelle Kipfstuhl shared that the Help me Grow Home Visiting program has only received a total of six (6) referrals. The requirements for the program are that the baby must be six months old or younger. By the time the referral gets to Catholic Charities, which has been contracted to service the program, the children could be over that threshold.

EI – outreach MCBDD will be putting together plan with the help of the health department to propose and admin meeting for the purpose to help with referrals.

b) **Youth Service Coordination**

FCSS dollars are anticipated to be sent to the counties in Early November.

Jane Barnett shared that training for Fidelity EHR is schedule to happen in November. Fidelity EHR will allow for information to be stored electronically on the service coordination files. With that feature, "CANS" assessment tool will be available to the county.

Laura Toth asked if we had any new service coordination cases. Jane's response was that we have a couple of families that were previously receiving services but no new cases at this time.

Laura addressed her concern if we were not serving any current cases that potentially service coordination could go away. Jane shared that with the process of updating the service coordination mechanism it is her hope that she will have a better understanding of the process and be better equipped to address cases and reach out to the community.

c) **Shared Plan**

Jane Barnett shared that the OCBF application was approved January 21 (email was shared with Admin committee).

5. **Cross Cutting Topic –**

Rhonda Wurgler, from the Children's Center of Medina County shared updates and progress of the strategic planning meetings and discussions of Trauma Informed Care in the Community.

The question is, how do we get the training out to the community? Do we focus on social service agencies, schools, or private industry? Some schools in Medina County are further ahead than others, and we recognize the limitations.

In Trauma Informed Care training, you look at people's behavior differently from "What's wrong with you?" to "What's Happened to you?" Training is best implemented from the top down of an organization and include line workers such as janitors and customer service. Promoting trauma awareness in the community is the first step and addressing those behaviors with sensitivities is key.

Rhonda shared that Trauma Informed Care is going to be a factor for anyone who gets funding or grants. Debbie Kubena-Yatsko, from Medina Metropolitan Housing shared that Trauma homelessness is coming up at her agency.

Cheryl Parzych, United Way wanted to know if there was a vision beyond training? What is the oversight and practice? Rhonda shared that the first step is awareness. Rhonda shared that each field looks differently. Krista Wasowski and Rhonda said that state agencies were discussing this before. We don't want to over burden agencies so the first step is awareness. Rhonda wanted to know who is providing TIC in the mental health world?

Phillip Titterington shared that the campaign for Trauma Informed Care would be a good time for Council members to get involved. Come to the meetings, send written responses, or call. Any input is welcome. Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month at Community Action (while the Health Department is remodeling).

6. **LOCAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Administrative**

Phillip Titterington shared the Admin meeting was held prior to today's Council meeting and that we addressed transitional items from the close out of the HMG office that Jane Barnett has been working with on the backend.

b) **Adult Advisory Consortium**

Meetings are held the 1st Monday every other month at the Office of Older Adults.

d) **Bylaws**

n/a

e) **Family Advisory**

Carol Andregg is retiring in December. At the November meeting, we will be asking for donations for the special fund.

f) **Membership**

- Sharon Tahajod welcomed Jon Bluebond from MCBDD.
- The updated Vocabulary list will be available after November meeting. Please send any updates to Sharon Tahajod.
- Ballots will be emailed next week (one new applicant and four renewals).
- Please complete your ballot before the meeting. Put your name on the envelope Only

g) **Planning**

n/a

h) **Public Relations**

n/a

i) **Youth Advisory Consortium**

- A chair needed to replace Rhonda Wurgler.
- Marcy Fiorella Batkey, Program Manager, for the Early Intervention program will be presenting at the next meeting November 7 at 9 a.m. at Community Action.

j) **Trauma Informed Care**

See cross cutting topic above

7. **Public Comments**

Thank you to Theresa Laffey at the Medina District Library for hosting the Admin and Council meeting.

8. **Adjournment**

Rhonda Wurgler made a motion to adjourn. Tony Miller seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jane Barnett