



MEDINA COUNTY FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| 1. | Baggs, Mark | Salvation Army |
| 2. | Benza, Amy | Cornerstone Wellness |
| 3. | Bluebond, Jon | Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities |
| 4. | Kasten-Krause, Melanie | SHC / The ARC |
| 5. | Kipfstuhl, Michelle | Catholic Charities |
| 6. | Kubena-Yatsko, Debbie | Medina Metro Housing |
| 7. | Mattie, Matthew | Medina City Schools |
| 8. | Miller, Tony | Juvenile Court |
| 9. | Parzych, Cheryl | United Way of Medina County |
| 10. | Quallich, Kristine | Medina City Schools |
| 11. | Robinson, Karla | Project: LEARN of Medina |
| 12. | Shema, Timothy | Domestic Relations Court |
| 13. | Simon, Betsy | Family Representative |
| 14. | Tahajod, Sharon | Family Representative |
| 15. | Toth, Laura | Office for Older Adults, Chair-Elect |
| 16. | Wasowski, Krista | Medina County Health Department |
| 17. | Wurgler, Rhonda | Children's Center of Medina County |

GUESTS PRESENT

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| 1. | Croftcheck, Kim | Community Action Wayne/Medina County |
| 2. | Dunleavy, Kristen | Rape Crisis Center |
| 3. | Hazeltine, Jess | Recovery Center of Medina County |
| 4. | Regino, Cathleen | Parent |
| 5. | Stacho, Amy | Prosecutor's Office |

STAFF PRESENT

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

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. Approval of Council Minutes – August 28, 2018

Ms. Melanie Kasten-Krause made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jon Bluebond and it passed unanimously with no objections or abstentions.

3. Action Item(s)

None

4. STATE MANDATES

a) Early Intervention

Mr. Bluebond reviewed the updated Early Intervention report which allows for a month to month comparison. Mr. Bluebond shared that Central Intake is going well. Ms. Kipfstuhl, and Ms. Wasowski, both EI vendors commented on the increased collaboration since the Medina County Board of Developmental Disability became the new home to the Early Intervention program. Both shared that the move has allowed for better communication and efficiency.

b) **Youth Service Coordination**

Ms. Barnett shared information presented in the Service Coordination report for August. Included in this report were agency programs to which families were referred. Ms. Barnett said that the state has not sent out any monies for FY19 as of yet. The amount allocated to Medina County is \$32,807. So far this year, Medina has spent \$8,513.68 toward that figure which includes expenses for camps (respite), transportation, structured activities, and service coordination. Vendors are on hold for payment until that money is received. Once we receive those monies and payments are made, then they will be reflected on the financials.

c) **Shared Plan**

Ms. Toth shared that the planning Committee met this morning and discussed the need for identifying more meaningful data for Medina County to report. The planning committee is recommending that an ad hoc committee be put together for this purpose.

5. **Cross Cutting Topic –**

Ms. Amy Stacho, Elder Victim Assistance Advocate from the Medina County Prosecutor's office under the direction of Mr. S. Forest Thompson, shared her experience as an Elder Abuse Advocate. Her department is seeing more financial exploitation than abuse. Ms. Stacho has seen people who were designated as Power of Attorney (POA) abusing their privilege and using the money for themselves instead of for the purpose this legal authority was intended. Ms. Stacho shared that she works with Adult Protective Services (APS). Medina County has only one and a half APS workers for the entire county.

6. **LOCAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Administrative**

Ms. Laura Toth shared that Admin committee met September 18. At that meeting the updated Early Intervention report was reviewed. There was a discussion around the need to re-evaluate service coordination in order to best define appropriate cases, the approval process, and to better define service coordination and ICAT.

b) **Adult Advisory Consortium**

Ms. Debbie Kubena-Yatsko shared that the committee met this month and that transportation is changing at the VA office. Medina is working on putting together a training on hoarding. The next meeting will be November 5, 2018.

c) **Adult Service Coordination**

Ms. Laura Toth shared that the ITEAM is a platform for cases to be discussed and possible new solutions for older adults. Five or six cases are typically discussed during this meeting. The meetings follow the Adult Advisory Consortium.

d) **Bylaws**

Ms. Krista Wasowski handed out the summary of the proposed changes to the bylaws. She shared that the bylaws will be sent out electronically to the Council members for review later today. The prosecutor's office has already reviewed the proposed changes. Any additional change requests need to be brought to Council's attention prior to the next meeting since we will be voting on bylaws at the October Council meeting.

- e) **Family Advisory**
Ms. Tahajod shared that a meeting will be held directly after today's Council meeting. The discussion will cover using Living Well Medina County's (LWMC) new website as a tool to engage parent representatives and capture their insight.

- f) **Membership**
Ms. Sharon Tahajod shared that the deadline for new membership is October 3. An application is on the familyfirstmedina.org website.

- g) **Planning**
Ms. Toth shared that the Planning committee reviewed Council Goals for calendar year Y2019 and bylaw changes. Shared Plan updates were discussed and the recommendation was to identify an ad hoc committee for this project. The 2019 Council calendar and Council meeting locations were discussed. The next planning meeting will be October 23, 8 a.m. before the Council meeting in the Health Commissioner's conference room.

- h) **Public Relations**
No updates

- i) **Youth Advisory Consortium**
Ms. Michelle Kipfstuhl shared that the minutes included in the packet for Youth Advisory should state August 7. Ms. Lisa Strebler presented the Youth Fatality Review. The next meeting will be October 2.

- j) **Trauma Informed Care**
Ms. Wasowski shared that the committee will continue to work on the website. The committee will also plan for outreach speakers on toxic stress.

7. **Public Comments**

Ms. Barnett thanked Ms. Wasowski for her work on the Bylaw changes and thanked Ms. Toth for listening to her ideas and for her direction in moving Council forward.

Ms. Wurgler passed out a flyer from the Northeast Ohio Regional Prevention Council. The flyer provides contact information for caregivers and parents of children who may need resources for keeping children healthy, safe, and to help them identify supports and strategies when under stress.

Ms. Wasowski shared that a blood drive will take place at the Medina County Health Department Wednesday, October 10.

Ms. Debbie Kubena-Yatsko shared that Leadership Medina will be assisting with the Point in time Count which is held the 4th Tuesday in January every year. Leadership Medina County will be volunteering the night of the count. Please inform Ms. Kubena-Yatsko if you are aware of any events happening that week and/or if you know of any homeless individuals. Ms. Kubena-Yatso will then send volunteers to those areas.

8. **Adjournment**

Ms. Rhonda Wurgler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Krista Wasowski and it passed unanimously with no objections or abstentions.

Meeting minutes submitted by:
Jane Barnett