Richland County Youth and Family Council

December 16, 2015

Mental Health and Recovery Board

The following Board members were

**Present:** Hannah Crouch,Joe Devany, Katherine Gerhart, Lisa Hall, Patricia Harrelson, Sharlene Neumann, Dee Pendlebury, Liz Prather, Susan Sheaffer and Joe Trolian.

**Excused:**  Linda T. Keller, Martin Tremmel, Kim Washington and Tim Wert.

**Absent:** Brian Garverick, Kielly Rapp, and Daniel Varn.

**Guests**: V. Dale Au, Terry Carter, Deborah Dubois, Michael Howard, Jodi Hurlow, Adele Lifer, Peggy Sutton, Carmen Torrence, and Kizzy Williams.

Teresa Alt, Executive Director and Debra J. Boyer, Administrative Assistant were also in attendance.

###### Call to Order & Introductions:

Past-President Patricia Harrelson called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. and observed a quorum. Those present introduced themselves.

1. Approval of Minutes November 2015:

Joe Trolian moved and Sharlene Neumann seconded a motion to approve the November 18, 2015 minutes. The motion passed by a voice vote.

###### Treasurer’s Report:

Carmen Torrence reviewed November 2015 finance report.

**Joe Trolian moved and Liz Prather seconded a motion to file for audit the November 2015 monthly Treasurer’s fiscal report as presented. The motion passed by a voice vote.**

###### Finance Committee:

Teresa Alt reviewed the Finance Committee report. The balance available to commit is $336,707.23. The Commissioners approved amended contracts for mentoring as the service being provided continues to receive positive feedback.

1. WIOA Governance:

Sharlene presented information about the changes in the federal Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The new federal rules require a separation between the staff to the Workforce Development Board and staff directly involved in program delivery or OhioMeansJobs operations. Richland County Job and Family Services currently serve as both staff to the Workforce Development Board and service provider of career services and OhioMeansJobs operation. Therefore, the county commissioners and Workforce Development Board must designate a local workforce development board director and/or staff who are not directly involved in program delivery or OhioMeansJobs center operations by March 1, 2016. Sharlene would like the council to consider the Youth and Family Council as staff to the Workforce Development Board. This information and proposal was presented to the Executive Committee of the Workforce Development Board and Council’s Finance Committee last month. Both committees had a very positive response. After some discussion and questions, Joe D. made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to designate the Youth and Family Council staff as staff to the Workforce Development Board. Patty H. seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote. Sharlene explained that the next step is to present the recommendation to the full Workforce Development Board at their next meeting on Tuesday, January 19th for their vote. After their vote, the matter goes to the Commissioners for approval.

6. Help Me Grow:

Dale Au presented an update to Council regarding Help Me Grow, including the number of children being served, number of referrals by month, and child find activities.

###### 7. Newborn Home Visits and Infant Mortality Update:

Peggy Sutton presented Council with an updated Newborn Home Visit Quarterly Report for first quarter 2015.

**8. Healthier Buckeye Council**

Teresa Alt reported that the Richland County Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Richland County Youth and Family Council as the Richland County Healthier Buckeye Council. The most current legislation stated that the county commissioners may adopt a resolution to establish a local healthier buckeye council. There are healthier buckeye council grant funds, which were included in the ODJFS budget; $5 million for SFY 2016 and $6.5 million for SFY 2017. The focus of the grant funds is to address the special challenges of transitional (16-24) age youth.

**9. Transportation Committee:**

The transit board is still considering some of the recommendations from the recent transportation survey. This survey could be instrumental in the application for Healthier Buckeye Council grant funds.

**10. Strong Families Camp Nuhop Project:**

A special respite Camp Nuhop weekend camp, funded with Strong Families grant funds, has been deemed as a success. Typical siblings were also invited to attend the special camp. There were a total of 26 children that attended. Richland County had 17 children attend, Marion County, 8 children, and 1 from Crawford County attended the December 5th and 6th event.

**11. Adjournment:**

Dee Pendlebury moved and Lisa Hall seconded a motion for adjournment. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Past-President Patricia Harrelson adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Debra J. Boyer, Administrative Assistant to the Richland County Youth and Family Council.

Approved by the action of the Council on January 20, 2016 and approval attest by:

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Martin Tremmel, President Teresa Alt, Executive Director