Richland County Youth and Family Council

January 20, 2016

Mental Health and Recovery Board

The following Board members were

**Present:** Joe Devany, Katherine Gerhart, Lisa Hall, Patricia Harrelson, Linda T. Keller, Dee Pendlebury, Liz Prather, Susan Sheaffer, Martin Tremmel, Joe Trolian, and Tim Wert.

**Excused:**  Hannah Crouch and Sharlene Neumann

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

**Guests**: V. Dale Au, Terry Carter, Lorie Daugherty, Tamera Drayton, Deborah Dubois, Bailey Fullwiler, Michael Howard, Jodi Hurlow, Adele Lifer, Peggy Sutton, Carmen Torrence, and Sue Warren.

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

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

President Martin Tremmel called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. and observed a quorum. Those present introduced themselves.

1. Approval of Minutes December 16, 2015:

Joe Devany moved and Joe Trolian seconded a motion to approve the December 16, 2015 minutes. The motion passed by a voice vote.

###### Treasurer’s Report:

Carmen Torrence reviewed the December 2015 finance report. Carmen also asked for a budget revision and approval to accept an audit proposal from Julian & Grube, Inc.

**Liz Prather moved and Linda T. Keller seconded a motion to file for audit the December 2015 monthly Treasurer’s fiscal report as presented. The motion passed by a voice vote.**

**Joe Trolian moved and Joe Devany seconded a motion to approve a budget revision as presented. Revisions include amended pooled fund contributions, TANF actuals, expenditure actuals, and increase audit amount. The motion passed by a voice vote.**

**Joe Devany moved and Liz Prather seconded a motion to approve an audit proposal from Julian and Grube, Inc. to provide and submit to the auditor’s complete, ready-for-audit cash-basis financial statements and file the financial statement with the Auditor of the State of Ohio on or before February 28, 2016. The motion passed by a voice vote.**

###### Ohio Children’s Trust Fund Update:

Lorie Daugherty reported on the progress of Parent Aide’s programming with funding from the Ohio Children’s Trust Fund. Attendance at the Parent Café Nights is increasing with each session. Through a collective effort, Parent Aide, CACY and UMADAOP will be hosting a series of Parent Cafés at Mansfield UMADAOP in April.

###### Finance Committee:

Teresa Alt reviewed the Finance Committee report. The balance available to commit is $312,659.65 but will increase slightly. A total of $48,500.00, for the first five months of the Strong Families Safe Communities grant has been spent. Spending must be ramped up for the second half of the year. Another special camp, funded through Strong Families, has been planned for Camp Nuhop on February 20 and 21st, 2016 for youth and their typical siblings. The Pooled fund committee adopted new Diversion guidelines that put an income restriction, for request of funding for placements, at under 300% of poverty. This equates, for a family of three to $5,025 per month and for a family of four to $6,063.00 per month. The Richland County Youth and Family Council SFY2015 Annual report, providing basic facts of services provided in SFY2015 was also dispersed to those present.

1. WIOA Governance:

Carmen Torrence reported that the full Workforce Development board met on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 and approved Teresa Alt, the Richland County Youth and Family Director, as staff to the Workforce Development Board. After their vote, the matter goes to the Commissioners for approval.

###### 7. Shared Plan:

Teresa Alt reported that the focus of the Family and Children’s First Councils’ shared plans are to include a common agenda, shared measurements, mutually reinforcing activities, continuous communication and backbone support.

Shared Plans are to be completed and submitted to the Ohio Family and Children First Council by July 31, 2016. Some ideas for the shared priorities are early childhood, to include infant mortality reduction which can be worked on at Early Childhood Coordinating Committee meetings. Another priority considered is high need/multisystem youth, which could be worked on at Care Management/Diversion meetings. Workforce, transportation, and transitional youth were considered as another priority. The Healthier Buckeye Council could be developed to work on these priorities.

**8. Daddy Boot Camp Update:**

Teresa Alt reported that only one Dad attended the January 16, 2016 workshop. The father noted that he had received a flyer at a prenatal appointment. Articles in the local media may not have appeared in time for Dads to learn of, and register for, the event. Flyers have been distributed to area Doctors, Hospitals and other outlets where Dads may see them. The next Daddy Boot Camp is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, 2016.

9. 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. Dale also shared a letter from the Ohio Department of Health and the Department of Developmental Disabilities stating that “in the interest of providing the best services to the citizens of the state of Ohio, ODH and DODD are jointly pursing legislation to change lead agency status from ODH to DODD. Over the next year, the agencies will work to transition the role of lead agency to DODD with as little disruption to the field as possible.” The letter also states that “ODH will continue to operate all grants and other fiscal functions during 2016.”

**10. Adjournment:**

President Martin Tremmel adjourned the meeting at 2:55 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 February 17, 2016 and approval attest by:

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Martin Tremmel, President Teresa Alt, Executive Director