

Richland County Youth and Family Council Meeting
August 6, 2026
1:30 p.m.
Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board

The following members were:

Present: Tara Lautzenhiser, Lori Bedson, Kevin Kimmel, Joe Devaney, Lisa Benson, Kevin VanMeter, Dan Varn, Carey Vogt,

Absent: Stevanie Brown, Eric Turlo, Tiffany Ellenberger, Stan Jefferson, Julie Chaya, Mike Woogerd,

Administrative Staff Present: vacant

Guests: Jean Taddie, Molly Hemker Aubrie Hall, Latosha brown, Kaye Clark, Terry Carter Joni Reynolds, Anne Vermillon

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Carey called the meeting to order and began introductions. A quorum was established.

Approval of (Date), Meeting Minutes (7.16.26)

Mike Woogerd wanted a correction from the last minutes to remove Jody Perry as absent as he was here and represented the municipal component for the meeting. A motion was made with the corrections by Kevin Kimmel and seconded by Joe. Lisa Benson and Carey Vogt abstained as they were not present at the July 17, 2026 Council meeting. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Financials

Lori stated that the first page is an itemized list and noted that under the admin expenses the charge for \$645 was for the directors posting. There is clean up for invoices and will send out reminders if needed. The 3rd quarter income for SFSC grant was received. The next page is the categories on where they are hitting on the budgets. It lists the June expenditures; executive director position, finalized SFSC clothing and vouchers, everything else was normal cost. In July, there will be more expenditure as more contracts come through and are not reflected in the June expenses. The other side is the budget identified under the categories and receipts at the top. A motion to approve the financials was made by Joe and seconded by Kevin V. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Director's Report

El: No report.

Ohio Rise: Kaye stated that currently, Ohio Rise serves a little over 500 members and they grew by 107 new members. They have 49 care coordinators bringing staff to a total of 62 at the Trimble road office. They have begun new collaborations with school districts and getting set up for vendors for pay to play.

Prenatal 5 Committee Report: No report.

- 2. Announcement-Executive Director:** Lori stated that the position for executive director was filled by Greg Kahl and he will be starting on August 17th. She stated that she had to fill out a survey for the State to finalize the fiscal year verifying the mandated/required partners of the council and also report on who of those attended meetings at least 75% of the time. This will be required in the future and we as a council need to start paying attention to attendance. Received info from DCY which now has authority over YFCs.

There is a kids summit on Sept. 2nd and they are offering a \$10,000 incentive for councils that send a team. There is a list of who is essential. Lori will send an email to confirm who can attend and will also talk to Greg about it.

3. New Officers-Nominations Lori will send out an email asking for nominations by the required members.

4. Community Partner Updates/Announcements:

Dan-United Way is moving out of building, we are close to securing a new home.

Anne- the ECMH is continuing and you can refer to Catalyst. The hope line is no longer but you can reach out to Anne or Catalyst if needed.

Joni-They have started their virtual iop for adults and now doing it for teens; can do groups at Windsor Laurelwood too; can be supplemental; handed out a flyer.

Aubrie-we are partnering with Mansfield Play House and Dear Evan Hanson who has a friend that died by suicide and how he overcomes the tragedy ; the opening day is a candle-light vigil and resource fair on Sept. 11th.; can create a memory jar ; as soon as they have an updated flier Aubrie will get it out to everyone.

Gearing up for high school and Ending the Silence program and hoping to reach more; talks about mental health, suicide prevention and would like to partner more with other agencies. NAMI on campus with campus care navigation for 26 and under; someone on campus to help navigate the campus (housing, etc.)

Jean-gave a flyer for bike to work grant; help folks to get to a route for the bus; have 3 more bikes to go and accepting applications

Kevin Kimmel- We hosted our administrative conference; had guest speaker Damon West (coffee bean guy). He has an interesting story and how he rebuilt his life; his mission is servant leadership; he visited students at Foundations for Living , Abraxas, and Juvenile center; great turnout!

Joe- Starting Head Start again in 10 days ;full enrollment; early head start started in early July

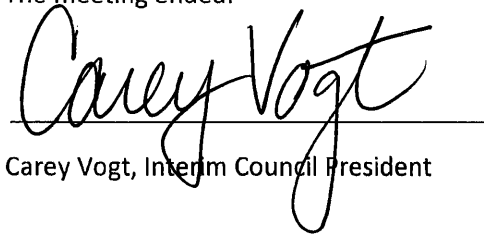
Tara- thanks to everyone who came to our family summer dayz event

Carey- we will be at the Richland County fair and have a booth; sept. is recovery month and will have a calendar with events coming out; including NAMI's event; catalyst is having an event on Sept. 10th at New Beginnings campus from 300 to 630pm; the first event will occur on Aug 31st for overdose awareness day event and start at 600pm at Lexington (candlelight vigil) has been successful over the last couple of years.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan and Lisa seconded.

Adjourn

The meeting ended.


Carey Vogt, Interim Council President


Position Vacant, Executive Director
RCJFS Administrative Agency