

Richland County Youth and Family Council Meeting Finance Committee

Date: 1.5.26

Time: 10:00am

Location: Richland County Mental Health Board

The following members were:

Present: Tara Lautzenhiser, Michele Giess, Lori Bedson, Lisa Benson

Absent: Sherry Branham-Fonner

Administrative Staff Present: Michelle Miller, Toby Borders

Guests: Scott Basilone

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Lori Bedson called the meeting to order and began introductions. A quorum was established with four voting members in attendance.

2. Approval of (Date), Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting (10.6.25) was made by Michele and seconded by Tara. Lisa abstained. The motion was approved by voice vote.

3. Budget Financials

Toby stated that December hasn't closed because the auditor is still working on balancing. They did finish paying the Youth summer financial invoices. There were some issues with submitting stuff timely. We did receive remaining funds from RCCS once the contract got signed through the State. SFSC was approved and shared plan came through in October. Payroll was higher and that was because it was a 3-payroll month. The expenses for the conference included the baby shower, etc. The detailed transactions are on there for Oct and November. The administrative support funding will be on the next one. Lisa stated that they haven't signed their agreement yet because of the State but has been approved to go ahead and sign if it isn't something new. A motion to approve the Budget Financial was made by Lisa and seconded by Scott. The motion was approved by voice vote.

- 4. Updates:** Michelle stated that we did get approved for administrative cost that will cover some of the work that JFS does and can also be applied to help with salaries. We have spent about \$6000 with SCFC. Michelle stated that Butler Co does an expo annually and she passed around the pamphlet regarding their program. She wanted to know if the Council would be interested in having something like that in Richland Co. It would be set up kind of like the Baby shower and be a one stop shop. No money from the council will be needed. Organizations can sponsor if they want. If needed, can use some of SFSC grant money. This would be for all youth and families in the county. Tentative date would be March. Michele said that The Ontario Event Center is a good venue along with Mid-Ohio Ed Center. Lori stated to reach out to Randy Hutcheson also. Michele suggested reach out to Troy to see about collaborating with the Step into Spring event that Richland Newhope offers in March.

Michelle has met with local educational and community partners about creating sensory kits to give out. Head Start, Richland New Hope, RCCS, and Mansfield City schools are interested. They will start to go out this week and be available as needed.

Michele asked if we could propose to make a new calendar with meetings occurring quarterly. Lisa asked if this would slow down care management and Michelle doesn't think so because she can approve anything under \$500 without having a meeting. Michelle will create a new calendar to present at the full council meeting. Michelle said that the bylaws and service coordination mechanism will need updated if the

meetings change. Proposing having the meetings quarterly and to occur in Feb, May, Aug, Nov. Will take to full council for discussion.

- 5. SFY2027 RCYFC RFP draft:** Michelle stated that there is new information in there for 2027. We would like to be able to offer respite funding support again, it is a huge need. Not just the respite camps but the one-on-one that has in the past been offered by family preference, but covered by RCYFC funding streams. Not sure if we can contract with NECIC or any other suggestions. They are under new leadership. Michelle will have a conversation with Darrell and see if that would be an option. We can use some grant funding for those respite funding. People have been reaching out sporadically and some from other counties requesting respite.

Michelle inquired about utilizing LYFT recently. Transportation tends to be a huge need. Michele stated that Mom's Buggy Rides do primarily DD services and Richland NewHope uses them. They are a certified Medicaid provider. Lori suggested reaching out to Dial-A-Ride service; contact Jean Taddy.

Talked about gun violence awareness campaign for the next year. At care management, can request parent advocate and education advocates too?

Lori stated that the council should look at how much we are able to pay for some of these proposals. Michelle stated that some can go through FCSS funding or if longer-term than service coordination is the way to go instead. It might depend on the situation. Lori stated that we shouldn't fund more than last year. Michelle stated that we will put it out to the council so that they can be aware, submit proposals. A motion was made to send out proposals, releasing the RFP, and making a recommendation to the Board by Michele and seconded by Lisa. The motion was approved by voice vote. Approved by voice vote.

Michelle created an RFP Deadline Checklist. Toby suggested that maybe put the Letter of Intent on the first page and the due date so that everyone understands.

- 6. Administrative Agent interest SFY2027:** JFS to continue as AA into SFY2027. Will put on agenda for full council discussion/approval at the meeting Thursday.

7. Updates-

Tara: Roseland Family Fest will be this upcoming Saturday from 1100am to 100pm at the Maddox Memorial Church.

Scott: Danielle's House has been certified and trying to hire staff. Coleman is responsible for hiring staffing, and they are still in need of 3rd shift staff. The starting rate is \$15 an hour.

Lisa: Their facility is being renovated; family treatment court is underway and are making accommodations for families later in the evening. Judge is out for knee surgery and will be out 4 to 6 wks. There are 2 clerk openings. Start at \$20 an hour from 8 to 4. Full Time and benefits are included.

Michele: Richland NewHope is putting together cruiser kits for officers and first responders; they have backpacks with sensory items and communication boards. Their mobile unit (accessible personal care trailer) is almost completed for people that need assistance at events.

Lori: They just received the TANF allocation for 2026-27 fiscal year and are not sure how they are going to allocate those funds just yet. Their PRC program grew and the insecurity in how the State will handle the additional costs for SNAP is a worry. They might have to utilize TANF funding differently and using ceiling excesses for admin cost for programming. They are waiting for State guidelines on how to use those for food assistance and what that looks like. Then they will know how much they can offer for the TANF summer programming.

Adjourn- The meeting was adjourned.