

## **Richland County Youth and Family Council Minutes**

**August 3, 2023**

**1:30pm**

**United Way of Richland County Office**

**3 N. Main St, Suite 303**

### **The Following members were:**

**Present:** Dan Varn, Joe Trolan, Michele Giess, Kevin VanMeter, Elizabeth Warner, Nikki Harless, Lori Bedson, Darrell Banks, Joe Devany

**Absent:** Lisa Benson, Stan Jefferson, Mark Abrams, Kevin Kimmel, Michelle Wood

**Administrative Present:** Michelle Miller: Executive Director, Terri Kiser: Fiscal Director

**Guests:** Jean Taddie, Kaye Clark, Whitney Lindsay, Julie Litt, Anne Vermillion, Richelle Ettel

**Microsoft teams attendees:** Hannah Crouch (member/parent rep), Meghan Wheeler (member/parent rep), Katie Gatten (guest), Sherry Gibson (guest)

### **Call to order**

Joe Devany called the meeting to order at 1:36pm. A quorum was established with at least 6 voting members in attendance.

### **Approval of June 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes**

Joe Trolan moved to approve the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Lori Bedson seconded the motion to approve the June 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting minutes. The motion passed by a voice vote.

### **Approval of July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes**

Kevin VanMeter moved to approve the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Michele Giess seconded the motion to approve the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. The motion passed by a voice vote.

### **Financial report**

Terri Kiser gave a report on financials. Terri is getting the whole year organized to be available to everyone soon. They are still working on making payments/May expenses. Dan Varn made the motion to approve the financial report/update. Darrell Banks seconded the approval of the financial report/update. The motion passed by a voice vote.

## **State budget update**

Michelle Miller went over updates with the state budget. Still waiting on our Richland County allocations. We do know that OCBF funding increased from \$15,750- \$30,750.

## **Proposal Contracts**

Michelle Miller went over the approved proposal contracts. Richland County Public Health: \$79,125 to continue the newborn visiting/cribnettes. Mansfield-Richland Area Educational Foundation: \$19,650.50 for a youth leadership program. CACY: \$11,288 to continue to work with multisystem female youth.

## **EI Updates**

Julie Litt brought up the HMG number. Does this number need disconnected and if not, who is paying for it? The number will be discontinued. There is a direct link to EI from the Richland County Youth and Family Council website. The phone number may need to be posted on social media since the discontinued number has been around for a very long time. Lori made a motion to approve using OFCF funds to pay the 40.74 phone balance until it gets turned off. Joe Trolan seconded the motion. Passed by a voice vote. Michele G abstained from voting.

The council discussed how often EI needs to present to the council. According to state guidance the council is still the umbrella over EI in Richland County. Will discuss at the retreat how EI will be presenting updates going forward. Julie Litt said employees are resigning. They have hired 1 new SC and 1 new EI specialist. They are currently down 4 staff, trying to hire more.

## **Nomination**

A nomination committee was put together by Lori Bedson. The committee will include Lori Bedson, Dan Varn, Kevin VanMeter, Meghan Wheeler and Michelle Miller.

## **Updates:**

Michelle Miller went over the upcoming Retreat information. The retreat will be September 7<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-3:30 at the Bird Sanctuary. Lunch will be provided.

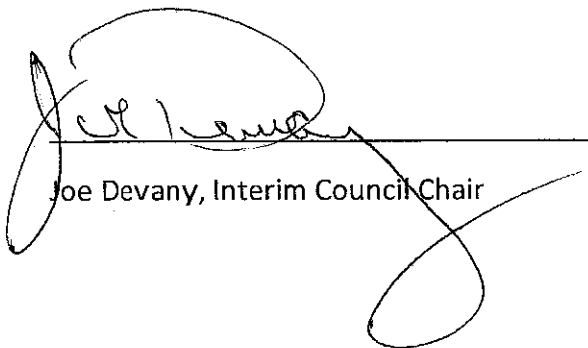
Richland County Youth and Family Council is still looking to hire a service coordinator.

Joe Devany shared weatherization services being offered in Richland County. They need people to fill out applications, share flyer with all agencies to try and find people to help. Warm program/furnace program, inspections.

Michelle Miller shared information on the grant collaboration between Richland County and Huron County. If approved, this grant will be split between Richland County and Huron County. The total max grant amount is \$325,000 per year for 2 years. Michele Giess approved a motion for Huron County to hold Fiscal over the grant if approved. Nikki Harless seconded the motion to approve. Motion approved by a voice vote.

Jean Taddie provided an update on Transit. They are looking to have more flexibility and to extend services into the evening to help more Richland County residents get around during those hours.

Joe Devany made a motion to adjourn. Darrell Banks seconded the motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.



Joe Devany, Interim Council Chair



Michelle Miller, Executive Director