

**Richland County Youth and Family Council**  
**May 18, 2016**  
**Richland County Children Services**

The following Board members were

**Present:** Hannah Crouch, Joe Devany, Lisa Hall, Patricia Harrelson, Linda T. Keller, Sharlene Neumann, Dee Pendlebury, and Liz Prather.

**Excused:** Katherine Gerhart, Susan Sheaffer, Martin Tremmel, Joe Trolian, Kim Washington and Tim Wert.

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

**Guests:** Tracee Anderson, Dale Au, Diane Bemiller, Sherry Branham, Lisa Habermusch, Jared Pollick, Peggy Sutton, Carmen Torrence and Sue Warren.

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

**1. Call to Order & Introductions:**

Past-President Patty Harrelson called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and observed a quorum. Those present introduced themselves.

**2. Approval of Minutes April 20, 2016:**

**Joe Devany moved and Sharlene Neumann seconded a motion to approve the April 20, 2016 minutes. The motion passed by a voice vote.**

**3. Treasurer's Report:**

Carmen Torrence reviewed the April 2016 finance report.

**Linda T. Keller moved and Joe Devany seconded a motion to file for audit the April 2016 monthly Treasurer's fiscal report as presented. The motion passed by a voice vote.**

**4. Finance Committee:**

Teresa Alt reviewed the Finance Committee report. The balance available to commit is \$343,100.95.

Teresa informed those present that two Healthier Buckeye Council grant proposals were hand delivered by 11:30 a.m. on the due date of May 3, 2016. Teresa also announced that the Strong Families, Safe Communities grant year which ends June 30, 2016 has been renewed for SFY17. Teresa reminded everyone that the Council Request for Proposal released on April 8, 2016 is due by noon on Monday, May 23, 2016.

**5. Shared Plan:**

Teresa reviewed highlights from the Early Childhood Coordinating Committee and the Care Management Committee regarding the Shared Plan which is due by July 31, 2016. Mutual comments from each committee highlighted the need to identify outcomes that are easy to measure.

**Highlights from Early Childhood Coordinating Committee**

**Priority:** Early childhood/infants prenatally exposed to drugs/alcohol

**Discussion:**

- There is a gap between birth - year when infants get screened out of Help Me Grow because they do not necessarily show delays because there aren't significant milestones to look for
- BCMH nurses can step in here but only if a doctor says the child is at risk - needs more services (they get eight hours over the course of a year they can work with these families)
- Infants that are breast feeding will not show withdrawal symptoms

**Goal:** Community Education - have a training for pediatricians, Children Services workers, BCMH nurses, Help Me Grow, CHAP, Early Head Starts, and all other service providers about the risk facts, signs and symptoms of prenatal drug and alcohol exposure, what the needs of children born addicted are and appropriate intervention

**Current Community Efforts:** Early Head Start Screenings, Help Me Grow, BCMH nurses - DRCA

**Outcome Measure:** Number of referrals after training to HMG for children with drug/alcohol exposure as a concern. We want to see an increase the number of infants birth - one year old being served instead of being screened out.

## **Highlights from Care Management**

**Priority:** Transitional age youth/young adults – employment/vocational  
Multi-system youth

**Discussion:**

- Transitional age youth are difficult to effectively engage and maintain in services.
- It is a difficult transition developmentally, many of these youth have had traumatic experiences that make the transition more difficult, many of these youth have multiple needs and are involved in multiple systems all of which have their own transition process from youth to adult services.
- When family team or treatment team is developed and there are many agencies involved, leadership of the team is often difficult. Line staff are not sure of their role and the role of other members of the team from different agencies.

**Goal:** Youth and young adults are transitioned successfully into the adult system and are securely attached to the workforce or education/vocational system.

**Current Community Efforts:** WIOA Youth program at Catalyst, TIPS workers, Independent living worker, DD board staff in schools working on transitions

**Outcome Measure:** Increase in employment rate or school/vocational enrollment rate for youth ages 16-24 years old.

**Shared outcomes can be thought of in terms of several types of activities:**

- Expanding an existing service
- Enhancing the operation of the FCFC
- Increasing the efficiency and/or effectiveness of an existing effort (cost savings)
- Collaborating to address something new that has not been identified previously

### **6. Help Me Grow Report:**

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 reported that Central Coordination has processed 527 referrals this past year and the carryover amount is \$7,300.00.

### **7. SFY 17 Nominating Committee:**

Joe Devany has agreed to be Council President for SFY 17, Joe Trolan has been nominated as President-elect for SFY17, and Dee Pendlebury has been nominated as the SFY17 Secretary. Sharlene has agreed to be Treasurer for SFY17.

### **8. 2016 Community Health Assessment:**

Teresa Alt provided an update on the community health assessment process that Richland Public Health must complete. Teresa stated that the surveys should be distributed by late summer.

### **9. Adjournment:**

**Sharlene Neumann moved and Dee Pendlebury seconded a motion adjourn. The motion passed by a voice vote.**

Past President Patty Harrelson 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 June 15, 2016 and approval attest by:

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Martin Tremmel, President

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Teresa Alt, Executive Director