

**Richland County Youth and Family Council**  
**October 5, 2016**  
**Richland County Children Services**

The following Board members were

**Present:** Hannah Crouch, Joe Devany, Patricia Harrelson, Sharlene Neumann, Dee Pendlebury, Michele Giess for Liz Prather, Karrie Starr, and Joe Trolian.

**Excused:** Katherine Gerhart, Lisa Hall, Linda T. Keller, Susan Sheaffer, Martin Tremmel and Tim Wert.

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

**Guests:** Cheryl Byrne, Terry Carter, Tamara Drayton, Veronica Groff, Beth Hildreth, Deborah Dubois, and Carmen Torrence.

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

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

President Joe Devany called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and observed a quorum. Those present introduced themselves.

**2. Approval of Minutes September 7, 2016:**

**Sharlene Neumann moved and Joe Trolian seconded a motion to approve the September 6, 2016 minutes. The motion passed by a voice vote.**

**3. Treasurer's Report:**

Carmen Torrence reviewed the August 2016 finance report. Carmen asked for approval to increase the Help Me Grow Central Coordination budget by \$7,382.42. This is the amount of the carry-over from last fiscal year. The new budget amount for Help Me Grow Central Coordination is \$60,605.

**Joe Trolian made a motion to accept the budget revision as presented. Dee Pendlebury seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.**

**Joe Trolian moved and Sharlene Neumann seconded a motion to file for audit the August 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. A respite policy was discussed at the Finance Committee to allow relatives and significant others to receive reimbursement for respite as long as they pass a background check. The request for proposal will not be released at the usual time as Teresa is gathering information about early childhood needs and transitional youth workforce development needs. The balance available to commit is \$465,866.05 for the September report.

**5. Central Ohio Regional Data:**

Teresa reviewed a data sheet received at a recent Ohio Children's Trust Fund meeting. The data table consisted of Community-level factors associated with child abuse/neglect for the 13 central Ohio Counties including Richland. The other counties included are: Crawford, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Knox, Licking, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway, and Union. Teresa noted a particularly troubling item on the table under Domestic Violence. The item reported on the number of victims (per 100,000 people) involved in domestic violence incidents recorded by police. The chart noted Richland County with an unusually high number of 107.2 with the next closest number, of those reporting, of 68.1 for Fayette County. Teresa made calls to the local Domestic Violence Shelter and the Mansfield Police Department to gather information to help explain the extreme difference in numbers among the counties. The Mansfield Police Department noted that they have a special response unit strictly for Domestic Violence reporting, they believe the large number of reports is due to this dedicated reporting.

**6. Help Me Grow Report:**

Teresa Alt presented the September 2016 update to Council regarding Help Me Grow, including the number of children being served, number of referrals by month, and child find activities

**7. Newborn Home Visiting Report:**

Martin Tremmel was to present the Newborn Home Visiting Report; however, he was called away and was unable to return to the Council meeting in time to present the report.

**8. Adjournment:**

President Joe Devany adjourned the meeting at 2:01 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 November 2, 2016 and approval attest by:

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Joseph Devany, President

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Teresa Alt, Executive Director