

**Richland County Youth and Family Council**  
**September 7, 2016**  
**Mental Health and Recovery Board**

The following Board members were

**Present:** Hannah Crouch, Joe Devany, Patricia Harrelson, Dee Pendlebury, Liz Prather, Karrie Starr, Martin Tremmel, Joe Trolian, Daniel Varn and Kim Washington.

**Excused:** Katherine Gerhart, Linda T. Keller, Sharlene Neumann, Susan Sheaffer, and Tim Wert.

**Absent:** Brian Garverick, and Lisa Hall.

**Guests:** Greg Ashbrook II, Dale Au, Terry Carter, Veronica Groff, Beth Hildreth, Nate Holton, 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 1:35 p.m. and observed a quorum. Those present introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes July 20, 2016:**

**Patty Harrelson moved and Joe Trolian seconded a motion to approve the July 20, 2016 minutes. The motion passed by a voice vote.**

**2. Treasurer's Report:**

Carmen Torrence reviewed the July 2016 finance report.

**Joe Trolian moved and Liz Prather seconded a motion to file for audit the July 2016 monthly Treasurer's fiscal report as presented. The motion passed by a voice vote.**

Carmen also mentioned that the 2014 and 2015 Audit were completed and sent by email to Council members. There were no findings or questioned costs. Joe Devany commended Carmen for her excellent work with the fiscal reports.

**3. Finance Committee:**

Teresa Alt reviewed the Finance Committee report. The balance available to commit is \$429,866.05 with the balance available to commit increasing to \$465,866.00 next month thanks to an additional contribution from Job & Family Services. Teresa informed Council of a few changes to the Care Management process. Requests less than \$250.00 will no longer require a meeting to be held with Teresa approving requests of less than \$250.00. Requests of \$250.00-\$999.00 will be approved by the committee via email and any request \$1,000.00 and up will still require a Care Management meeting be held for approval.

**4. Healthier Buckeye:**

Teresa asked Council for approval to schedule an October 5, 2016 Healthier Buckeye Council quarterly meeting, prior to the regularly scheduled Family Council meeting, also on October 5, 2016. As of August 31, 2016, sixty-eight total applications have been received. Eighteen of those sixty-eight will receive training assistance for about \$55,000.00. Four will be receiving transportation services and the Resource Bank has processed twelve applications for assistance. Area 10 Workforce Development Board will be undertaking the process of developing a strategic plan this fall and all are encouraged to participate.

**5. TANF Back to School Program:**

Teresa thanked MidOhio Education Service Center for once again allowing us to use their facility for distribution of book bags and clothing vouchers on August 9, 10, and 11, 2016. Teresa also thanked the Cross Roads volunteers for sorting and stuffing 1,500 book bags, the New Store for their continued support and assistance with this project, the Mansfield Police Department for providing officers during the event, and Job and Family Services for funding for this project and for funding for uniforms for Mansfield Senior and Jr. high students, and to all the JFS employee volunteers for their dedication to the project. One thousand six hundred and ninety-one letters were sent to families on food assistance in May in zip codes relative to Madison, Crestview, Lucas, Shelby, Plymouth, and Clear Fork School Districts. At least 1,300 book bags and clothing vouchers were distributed during the program. \$23,721 was spent on uniforms at Mansfield Senior High for senior and junior high students. 1,128 pairs of pants and 1,260 shirts were purchased. Mrs. Yochheim at Mansfield Senior took the TANF applications to determine eligibility. Clothing vouchers and uniform TANF applications must be completed or redeemed by September 30, 2016.

**6. Help Me Grow Report:**

Dale Au presented the June 2016 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 shared some changes and potential changes to Help Me Grow. DODD is no longer referring to services as Help Me Grow; it is now Early Intervention. Help Me Grow now refers to home visiting only and the Early Track data entry system will be revised to accommodate the changes.

**7. Strong Families, Safe Communities 2016 report:**

Strong Families served 155 children, mostly between the ages of 12-17. Sixty eight percent of the families make less than \$30,000.00 per year, and over 56% are on food assistance and Medicaid. Twelve percent of caregivers are grandparents and 7% are other relatives. The fiscal breakdown is as follows:

Total spent: \$267,880.00 ~ included 6% admin of \$15,336.00

Expenditures include the following, Marion \$31,735.00; Crawford \$13,268.00, CACY mentoring \$36,088.00, NEON COG reimbursement for respite providers, \$28,839.00, and Camp Nuhop \$100,063.00.

**8. Ohio Children's Trust Fund 2016 report:**

Parent Aide served eighteen families through the *1,2,3,4 Parents* program with the goal of increasing knowledge, resiliency, and social/emotional competency. Twenty-eight families received *APN* training with the goal of increasing social emotional support, parenting, and nurturing and attachment. Six very successful *Parent Cafes* served 100 families with the goal of increasing knowledge of concrete supports, knowledge of parenting, and sharing and learning strategies to engage with their children or manage common discipline issues.

**9. Adjournment:**

President Joe Devany adjourned the meeting at 2:45 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 October 5, 2016 and approval attest by:

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Joseph Devany, President

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Teresa Alt, Executive Director