

Richland County Youth and Family Council

Agenda

Thursday, February 10, 2022

1:30 P.M.

Richland County Mental Health Board Conference Room

87 E First Street, Mansfield Ohio

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- 1) Call to order and introductions - N. Harless
- 2) Approval of December 2nd Meeting Minutes - N. Harless
- 3) Treasurer's Report (November and December) - C. Torrence
- 4) Shared Plan Priorities - T. Alt
- 5) Finance Committee - T. Alt
- 6) Operation Capacity Building Funds Application - T. Alt
- 7) Family Centered Services and Support Funds - T. Alt
- 8) Early Intervention Report - J. Litt
- 9) Parent Representatives - T. Alt
- 10) LYFT training - T. Alt
- 11) Adjourn - N. Harless

Upcoming Richland County Youth and Family Council Meetings:

- ❖ Monday, March 7th, 2022, at 10:00
Richland County Youth and Family Council Finance Committee Meeting
Richland County Mental Health Board
- ❖ Thursday, March 3rd, 2022, at 1:30 P.M.
Richland County Youth and Family Council Meeting
Richland County Mental Health Board



Richland County Youth and Family Council
December 2, 2021
Job and Family Services Conference Room

The following Board members were

Present: Elizabeth Warner, Nikki Harless, Joe Trolan, Joe Devany, Sharlene Neumann, Kevin Kimmel, Sarah Humphrey, Dan Varn

Absent: Mark Abrams, Cindy Wroblecki, Tony Vero, Michele Giess, Tiffany Ellenberger

Zoom Attendees: Stan Jefferson, Wendy Thompson, Michelle Wood, Hannah Crouch,

Zoom Attendees - Guests Anne Vermillion, Holly Christie Carmen Torrence, Rebecca Owens, Shauna Shell

Guests: Holly Christie, Julie Litt, Katie Gatten, Lori Ramey

Teresa Alt, Executive Director was also in attendance.

1. Call to Order & Introductions:

President Nikki Harless called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. and began introductions. In person quorum was met.

2. Approval of November 4th, 2021 meeting minutes:

Kevin moved, and Joe T. seconded a motion to approve the November 4th minutes. The motion passed by a voice vote.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Carmen provided the October report. October monthly receipts were \$288,339.05, and expenditures were \$192,653.63 for a cash balance of \$1,620,162.90.

Sarah. made a motion to approve the October report to file for audit as presented. Joe D. seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4. Finance Committee Report

Teresa reported the Finance Committee will meet on Monday December 4th. They will be rating the proposals that are due on Friday.

5. Family Centered Services and Support Funds

Five new referrals were received in November. Two were from Huron County, one from Children Services, and one grandparent. Seven families received family centered services and support funds in the amount of \$7,861.94. Respite, transportation, and social/recreational services were funded.

6. Early Intervention Report

Julie provided the Early Intervention Report. There are 108 unduplicated Early Intervention referrals. There are 116 children enrolled and 25 in referral status. Of the forty children who have exited, the average length of stay was 373 days.

7. Communities of Support Grant/Building Strong MSY Teams

Soul Bird Consulting offers an introductory six-hour session on trauma responsive practices. The training explores the five mindsets that support our collective orientation to those we serve. There are three dates in February that we are considering. The cost will be \$3500. Sixty people can attend. It will most likely be held at Children Services Training Room. This training is another piece of the plan to build strong MSY teams.

8. Shared Plan 2023-2025

The current shared plan addresses infant mortality rate, MSY youth placed out of county, and transportation. As of 2021, each council must address one shared priority of service coordination. Shared outcomes must identify an improved commitment to the service coordination process. This information was provided at a regional FCFC meeting by state staff. At the FCFC mini forum presented by ODJFS staff and OFCFC staff, Ohio Rise was discussed. On one of the PowerPoint slides, it was clearly stated that councils are expected/encouraged to contract with the Care Management entities in your catchment area to provide the care coordination service. The case rate was provided. The applications for the care management entities are due next week. Aetna should announce the decision in January 2022. The case rate sheet was discussed and passed around. The rate that would be potentially available to councils would be about \$750 per month for intensive care coordination and \$300 for moderate care coordination. Catchment area includes Wayne, Ashland, and Holmes county. None of those counties employ service coordination staff. They contract with local providers. There is currently a survey that was released by Colleen Tucker on the capacity of councils. It requires the board chair, FCFC coordinator and administrative agent to complete the survey.

9. Parent Representative

Teresa received Cindy Wroblewski's resignation as a parent representative this week. The Council is looking for one or two parent representatives who would be willing to serve. Please encourage anyone interested to contact Teresa by phone or email.

Adjournment:

Joe T. made a motion to adjourn. Sharlene seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

President Nikki Harless adjourned the meeting.

Approved by the action of the Council on January 6th, 2022 and approval attest by:

Nikki Harless, President

Teresa Alt, Executive Director

Richland County Youth and Family Council
January 6, 2022
Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Board Conference Room
Zoom

The following Board members were:

Present: Nikki Harless, Joe Trolan

Absent: Elizabeth Warner, Tiffany Ellenberger

Zoom Attendees: Joe Devany, Sharlene Neumann, Kevin Kimmel, Sarah Humphrey, Dan Varn, Mark Abrams, Michele Giess, Stan Jefferson, Wendy Thompson, Michelle Wood, Hannah Crouch

Zoom Attendees - Guests Anne Vermillion, Carmen Torrence, Shauna Shell, Jean Taddie, Peggy Anderson, Monica Durham, Clint Knight, Brian Hunt, Stephen Rizzo, Julie Litt, Katie Gatten, Lori Ramey, Terry Carter

Teresa Alt, Executive Director was also in attendance.

10. Call to Order & Introductions:

President Nikki Harless called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and began introductions. Due to the recent outbreak of COVID cases and the strain on the local healthcare system, all members were encouraged to participate virtually. Therefore, quorum was not met. No official votes or actions was taken.

Richland County Transit Development Plan

Jean Taddie requested to present first as she had another meeting to attend. RCT was awarded a grant to create a transit development plan which is a 10-year vision and action plan for Transit. The plan will likely develop two scenarios, one in which there is flat funding, and another scenario in case additional funds become available. Ohio Department of Transportation is promoting regional efforts and will be looking for a regional component of the plan. Jean went through the survey and asked for feedback from members.

11. Review of December 2nd, 2021 meeting minutes:

12. Treasurer's Report:

Carmen provided the November report. November monthly receipts were \$228,843.52, and expenditures were \$80,677.27 for a cash balance of \$1,768,329.15.

13. Julian and Grube Proposal

Carmen presented a proposal for auditing services from Julian and Grube. They have been doing the Council Audits for years. Carmen is very comfortable working with them and would recommend approving the agreement for three years. Council will not be able to act on it until early February. Carmen will contact them to ask for an extension on the response.

14. Finance Committee Report

Teresa reported the Finance Committee met on Monday December 4th rated proposals. The commissioners approved the following contracts with pooled funds:

Ultra Yoga & Massage – Yoga for Preschool & MSY Youth	\$32,000.00
NECIC– My Brother’s Keeper Youth Mentoring	\$50,000.00
NECIC– Juvenile Court Youth Mentoring	\$50,000.00
Community Action for Capable Youth – Parenting Classes	\$30,000.00
Richland Mental Health & Recovery Board – Furniture	\$10,000.00
YWCA – Mentoring & Coaching Childcare Providers	\$25,000.00
NEON COG – Medicaid Waiver Match	\$19,177.50
Richland County Children Services-Direct Placements	\$100,000.00

Funding Source – Federal TANF Funds

Mary McLeod Bethune Intervention & Enrichment Center – Transportation Youth Employment \$100,000.00

North End Community Improvement Collaborative – Youth Employment \$300,000.00

Funding Source – Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities

Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities – Enhance Local EI System

\$28,285.00

Grand Total

\$744,462.50

15. Family Centered Services and Support Funds

Two new referrals were received in December from Children Services. Six families received family centered services and support funds in the amount of \$4,300 for respite and transportation.

16. Early Intervention Report

Julie provided the Early Intervention Report. There are 129 unduplicated Early Intervention referrals. There are 120 children enrolled and 31 in referral status. Of the forty-four children who have exited, the average length of stay was 370 days.

17. Parent Representative

Teresa received Cindy Wroblewski’s resignation as a parent representative this week. The Council is looking for one or two parent representatives who would be willing to serve. Please encourage anyone interested to contact Teresa by phone or email.

Adjournment:

President Nikki Harless adjourned the meeting.

Nikki Harless, President

Teresa Alt, Executive Director



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Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022



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Updated 2/1/22 Data for SFY 22

Community Collaboration

– Worked with a local church on inclusion of children into their Sunday School program including children in their nursery.

Appointment

- Julie Litt, Director of Education/Therapy Services, was recently selected by DODD to be one of the stakeholders to serve on the Ohio Early Intervention Comprehensive Systems of Personnel Development Stakeholder Workgroup.

“A CSPD (comprehensive systems of personnel development) is a framework to improve the quantity, quality, and effectiveness of the early childhood intervention workforce who provide services and interventions to facilitate the development and learning of infants and young children with disabilities and their families.” - Early Childhood Personnel Center CSPD Frameworks will be addressing the following:

- Recruitment and retention of Early Intervention (EI) providers
 - Pre-service training for those interested in working within Ohio’s Early Intervention system
 - Development and maintenance of Ohio EI Personnel Standards
 - Professional Development/In-service Training for Early Intervention providers
- Support to local EI programs to ensure statewide equitable access to services

The charge of this workgroup will assist with the evaluation of current systems, identify potential areas for improvement, and recommend methods to improve the current systems. The stakeholder workgroup reflects the diversity of children, families, and communities served, as well as the dynamic workforce providing Early Intervention and related supports.

Hearing Supports: In January, our early intervention team learned that Marianne Oakman from Akron Children’s hospital has recently taken a new position. Marianne was an activity team member who supported children and their families with hearing impairments for the past five years. She will be missed. The EI service coordinators are working with the families she supported and the team to have a smooth transition and to coordinate appropriate services to meet the needs of the children receiving her services.

Flexibility: The EI team has continued to be flexible in meeting the needs of families. During the past few months, families have canceled appointments due to illnesses. The team has worked to reschedule to ensure that families receive the needed support.

Primary Service Provider Reboot The EI provider team has completed the Ohio Reboot: Realigning with NLEP, Coaching, and Primary Service Provider Approach to Teaming. This included a webinar and a two-hour group review to reflect on our alignment with the evidence-based practices. This ensures our agency continues its professional development to provide high-quality early intervention services.

Transition Compliance:

Richland County will be reviewed in 2022 for transition compliance. Months reviewed will be Oct, Nov, Dec 2021.

Team Development:

Anne Vermillion presented to the EI team and home visitors on 1/13 supports for children/families ages birth to age six. As part of The Whole Child Matters Grant that Catalyst received there are able to offer supports in the home, childcare, and preschool. Anne shared that primarily Mandy Farley supports children 0-3 and works at ACH. Through in-home supports this may be a benefit to many families and to families who still need the support after age three. These supports are direct supports which are different than Laurie Ramey who assists families who are engaged with multiple agencies to navigate systems. The service is free as the supports are funded through the grant.

Family Success Stories

- Nikki Maglott, Early Intervention Specialist (EIS), shared that a family shared their son had a great Christmas and can use some of the new toys he received with head switches. He is heading to Florida in a few weeks to begin surgery and will be there for three months. Nikki Maglott, EIS, and Laura Brackett, Physical Therapist (PT), will be using Zoom to stay connected with his family.
- Laura Brackett, PT, shared that she coordinated with a family to loan a chair for their son. This gave him independence, and he was able to open gifts. She also learned that he was able to sit in his chair on the counter and then participated in cookie baking. His family enjoys taking him to family events with his chair that has given him much independence!
- Amber Merrell, EIS, shared she began services to help a family build language and social relationships with their son. At the same time, he was on a waitlist for Autism testing. He recently had his Autism testing completed, and he does not have Autism. Amber and his family feel that his mom's support consistently built his language and social relationships. It was a positive outcome for intervening

*** Goal for SFY 22 will be outreach to Richland County Childcares and Families supporting children diagnosed with NAS and LEAD.**

- We are currently serving 2 children identified with NAS. No NAS referrals were received in December.
- We are currently working on 3 enrolled children identified with LEAD. Laurie Sable our nutritionist from Holmes County is currently supporting two families. No LEAD referrals were received in December.

EI Services:

Service Coordinator Current Caseloads

Service Coordinator	Enrolled	Referrals
Amy Crager/Newhope	45(-1)	12 (+5)
Brittany Williams/Newhope	43 (-1)	15(+2)
Denise Adkins/NEON COG	30 (+0)	10(+0)
Total	118(-2)	37 (+6)

Average Length of Stay at Exit: Total exited children thru Dec. 31, 2021 is 52 (+8). Their average length of stay was 361 (-9 days).

- Child not in need of service 1 Family no longer interested 2 Loss Contact 1
- Part B eligible 24(+4) Part B not determined 4 Not eligible for PS 4 (+1)
- Transitioned to PS prior to 3 1 (+1) Moved 10 (+1)
- Annual Redetermination not eligible for EI 2(+1)

Referral Comparison

Referral Source Type	SFY20	SFY 21	SFY 22
Child care	2	4	1(+0)
Children’s Protective			
County Board of DD		1	
Family Member			

Early Head Start			1 (+0)
For Profit Community			
Head Start(Ohio Heartland & CDC)		6	2(+1)
Help Me Grow			
Hospital	17	15	16 (+3)
Hospital Child Find	26	22	14 (+3)
Human Services			
Local Health Dept.	8	2	1 (+0)
Local Preschool	1	1	
Mental Health Agency		1	
Nonprofit Community	16	11	6 (+3)
OCCSN	3	4	1 (+0)
Parent	37	51	34(+11)
PCSA (HEA 8021)	48 of which 28 are from RCCS	Richland 68	17 RCCS (+1) 6 other (+0)
Physician	46	73	39 (+1)
Local Program Referral 8045	42	26	22(+8)
Public Health Nurse			
State Dept. of Health –Lead	9	8 (Lead) 3(NAS)	2 (lead) (+0) 1(other/hearing) +(0)
Transfer to Richland	11	2	
WIC	1		1 (+0)
Total Referrals	219 unduplicated	290 unduplicated 315 referrals duplicated	160 (+31) Unduplicated