

# Richland County Youth and Family Council

## Agenda

Thursday, February 4, 2021

1:30 P.M.

Zoom Meeting

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- 1) Call to order and introductions - J. Trolian  
Welcome Darvell Smith, AU Student
- 2) Approval of December 3rd meeting minutes - J. Trolian
- 3) Treasurer's Report - C. Torrence
- 4) Finance Committee Report - T. Alt
- 5) Early Intervention Report - J. Litt
- 6) Communities of Support Grant - T. Alt
- 7) Operational Capacity Building Funds - T. Alt
- 8) Adjourn - J. Trolian

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### Upcoming Richland County Youth and Family Council Meetings:

- ❖ Monday, March 1, 2021 at 11:00 A.M.  
Richland County Youth and Family Council Finance Committee Meeting  
Job and Family Services/Zoom
- ❖ Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 1:30 P.M.  
Richland County Youth and Family Council Meeting



**Richland County Youth and Family Council**  
**February 4, 2021**  
**Zoom Meeting**

The following Board members were

**Present:** Joe Trolian, Sharlene Neumann, Dan Varn, Joe Devany, Hannah Crouch, Mike Gardner, Stan Jefferson, Cindy Wroblewski, Elizabeth Warner, Tony Vero, Michele Giess, Nikki Harless, Kim Washington, Sarah Humphrey

**Absent:** Mark Abrams, Tiffany Ellenberger, Kevin Kimmel

**Guests:** Anne Vermillion, Lori Ramey, Julie Litt, Brian Hunt, Carmen Torrence, Katie Gatten, Peggy Anderson, Holly Christie, Shauna Shell, Allie Watson, Stephen Rizzo, Ike Hickman, Siera Marth

Teresa Alt, Executive Director and Darvell Smith, Student from Ashland University, was also in attendance.

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

President Joe Trolian called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Joe welcomed Darvell Smith to his first Council meeting. Darvell is a social work student from Ashland University. He will be doing his field placement with the Council until mid-April.

**2. Approval of December 3rd, 2020 meeting minutes:**

**Joe Devaney moved, and Michele seconded a motion to approve the December 3rd minutes. The motion passed by a voice vote.**

**3. Treasurer's Report:**

Carmen provided the December report. December monthly receipts were \$178,068.77, and expenditures were \$168,769.61 for a cash balance of \$1,973,989.17.

**Mike 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 Alt reported that the spending on local contracts is lower this year due to the pandemic. Therefore, many of the contracts were extended another six or twelve months with no additional funds. The new contracts are for the learnings pods. Currently, the providers are meeting as a group every two weeks with the Council and the Mansfield City Schools to discuss best practices and address any barriers. The current barrier is the lack of enrollment. Initially, the only agency that could refer was Juvenile Court. Referrals will now be accepted from the school, parents, agencies. Flyers will be going out soon to promote the pods to families.

Allie has resigned effective 2/19/21 as she wants to move to Columbus. The position has been posted on Indeed and interviews will begin as soon as applicants are identified. Please share the job posting with anyone who is qualified and interested.

## 5. Early Intervention Report

Julie provided the Early Intervention Report. There are 83 children enrolled and 40 referrals pending. Referrals from Children Services have increased. Some families appreciate the virtual visits and others prefer in person visits.

## 6. Communities of Support Grant

Richland County submitted the application on 12/23/20 via drop box as instructed. However, due to the holiday it was not picked up and was lost after five days. The application was submitted again last week. The request was for \$10,000 and \$40,000.

## 7. Operational Capacity Building Funds

Teresa provided an overview of the Operational Capacity Building Funds application. Attendance for the mandated members was discussed. There were ten meetings in 2020. Joe T. and Sharlene attended every meeting. Overall, attendance was very good given the nature of the year. Zoom meetings can be more convenient at times. There were only a few organizations that did not meet the attendance standard. It is important to note that although the Mansfield City Schools did not meet the attendance requirement as defined by the Ohio Revised Code, they do have multiple staff members who attend different committees on a regular basis and provide valuable information and support. The City of Mansfield has not attended in the past year. There was discussion of strategies to engage the City of Mansfield.

**Sharlene made a motion to approve the Operational Capacity Building Funds, and Dan seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.**

Joe T. provided Sarah with the Ohio Association County Behavioral Health Association Community Partner Award for her dedicated service to the community during this difficult year.

Michele shared that March is Developmental Disability Awareness Month and the Board would like to provide a book about inclusion to all first graders in Richland County.

## Adjournment:

**Joe D. made a motion to adjourn. Michele seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.**

President Joe Trolan adjourned the meeting.

Approved by the action of the Council on March 4th, 2021 and approval attest by:

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Joseph Trolan, President

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Teresa Alt, Executive Director



Helping children and families wherever they choose

to live, play, and spend their day.

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2021

Updated 2/3/21

Updates for January 2021

**Success Story**

- Glasses are so important even to our littlest children. Recently, Lynn Wilson OTR/L supported a family who had recently purchased a pair of glasses but they were too BIG and unfortunately the vendor would not assist the family in obtaining a pair. The family worked to save and with a little support from FSS the little guy now has a pair of glasses that fit!

**Pandemic Fun- submitted by Nicole Maglott, EIS**

What do you do when you have 3 little ones at home during a pandemic, you make your own fun in the comfort and safety of your own home! I have been working with this family for about 2 years. Mom is always looking for fun and creative ways to help her children grow and learn.

We talk about different activities to help promote language and hands-on fun mom can set up in the house or out in the yard. At a visit a couple months ago mom shared with me how she joined a group online that uses themes each week and gives even more ideas for creative play, art, and other fun they could create at home for little cost. We talk about how we can incorporate the child's language goals into her activities and then she puts them in to play.

One of her most recent activities was a scavenger hunt-toddler style-putting up pictures throughout the house and having the children search based on the pictures they found. The children then had to tell mom what they were looking for and where they thought they should go next. Mom shared that it was a great success and she plans to use it again with another weekly theme in the future.

**Community Collaboration**

Help Me Grow Home Visitors are now joining 1 x per month the EI Team Meeting to enhance collaboration and gain supports from the full team.

**Outreach**

- Goal for SFY 21 will be outreach to Richland County Childcares
  - 18 Community Childcare providers, and our HMG home visitors received EI welcome packets to share with families at the point of a referral due to a concern with development. Packets included; tip sheets, a book, Imagination Library "How to" guide and the EI brochure.

**EI Services:**

- Total Number of children enrolled in early intervention July 1, 2020 thru January 31, 2021 is 134.

**Service Coordinator Current Caseloads**

Service Coordinator	Enrolled	Referrals
Amy Crager/Newhope	32 (+5)	12(-7)
Amy Willis/Newhope	22 (0)	13(+2)
Denise Adkins/NEON COG	29 (-2)	15 (+12)

<b>On Medical Leave Julie is covering</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>83(+3)</b>	<b>40(+7)</b>

**Average Length of Stay at Exit:** 4 children exited in January with an average length of stay of 344 days.

**Exit due to non in-person visit:** One family in January exited EI due to virtual visits as she has more children are home and would prefer in-person. Family will re-connect once in-person resumes.

**Referral Comparison**

Referral Source Type	SFY20	SFY 21 – YTD
Child care	2	3 (+1)
Children’s Protective		
County Board of DD		1 (+1)
Family Member		
Early Head Start		
For Profit Community		
Head Start( Ohio Heartland & CDC)		3
Help Me Grow		
Hospital	17	5
Hospital Child Find	26	15 (+4)
Human Services		
Local Health Dept.	8	2(+1)
Local Preschool	1	1(+1)
Mental Health Agency		1 (+1)
Nonprofit Community	16	6(+1)
OCCSN	3	2
Parent	37	26 (+17)
PCSA (HEA 8021)	48 of which 28 are from RCCS	Richland 43 Increase of 15 Other 5 increase of 0
Physician	46	30 (4)
Local Program Referral 8045	42	9 (+2)
Public Health Nurse		
State Dept. of Health –Lead	9	4 (+1)
Transfer to Richland	11	2 (0)
WIC	1	
Total Referrals	219 unduplicated	158 (+43)