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 Trolian

**Absent:** Elizabeth Warner, Tiffiny 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.

###### 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.

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

###### 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.

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###### 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.

###### 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

###### 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.

###### 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.

1. **Parent Representative**

Teresa received Cindy Wrobleski’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.

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 Nikki Harless, President Teresa Alt, Executive Director