

Richland County Youth and Family Council Meeting

September 7, 2023

1:00 p.m.

Ohio Bird Sanctuary

The following members were:

Present: Joe Trolian, Lori Bedson, Darrell Banks, Kevin Kimmel, Dan Varn, Michele Giess, Nikki Harless, Joe Devany, Kevin VanMeter, Meghan Wheeler, Hannah Crouch, Mark Abrams

Absent: Stan Jefferson, Michelle Wood, Lisa Benson

Administrative Present: Michelle Miller: Executive Director, Terri Kiser: Fiscal Director, Toby Borders: Fiscal Officer

Guests: Anne Vermillion, Julie Litt, Katie Gatten, Ashley Leadingham, Melissa Swank, Donna Hight

1. Call to Order & Introductions

President Joe Devany called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and began introductions. A quorum was established with at least six voting members in attendance.

2. Approval of August 3, 2023, Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of previous meeting August 3, 2023, was made by Joe Trolian and seconded by Michele Giess. The motion passed by a voice vote.

3. Treasurer's Report

Terri Kiser presented the treasurers report. A motion to table the approval of the treasurer's report was made by Joe Trolian and seconded by Kevin Kimmel. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4. Nomination Committee Report

Lori Bedson provided the recommendations of the Nominating committee for Joe Devany as President and Dan Varn as President Elect. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer will be discussed later as a Bylaw revision is needed for these positions.

A motion to approve Joe Devany as President, Dan Varn as President Elect and table the positions of Secretary and Treasurer was made by Kevin VanMeter and seconded by Joe Trolian. The motion passed by a voice vote.

5. EI Update

Julie Litt advised that as EI Contract Manager she is required to provide two EI reports per year. The reports will cover July through December, due by February 28th, and January through June, due at the end of the year. Julie stated she will provide an update to council after the reports are completed. Michelle Miller advised, after receiving guidance from OCFC, she would like a monthly update of EI activities and numbers. Michele Giess advised the EI grant does not provide for costs associated with administrative duties. Michelle Miller explained this can be informal and a small update of current activities.

6. Transit Update

Michelle Miller advised Jean Taddie was unable to attend due to a conflict but provided a handout with some current updates and information.

7. Updates/Announcements

Joe Devany updated members on the Home Weatherization Assistance Program recently established in Richland County. He is pleased Community Action has been able to begin/complete several projects at this time.

Michelle Miller advised members Parent Representative Elizabeth Warner resigned effective September 5, 2023. Michelle asked members for recommendations for this open position.

Lori Bedson advised members she ORC sections 121.37 and 307.86 with County Administrator Andrew Keller and they determined the ORC sections would allow the Council to enter into a contract with NECIC for mentoring and respite services without competitively bidding for the services. On behalf of RCYFC, RCJFS would like to enter into contracts with NECIC to be the employer of record for respite and mentoring services specific to juvenile court referrals and Care Management/Service Coordination referrals.

A motion to approve contracts with NECIC as employer of record for respite and Juvenile Court mentoring services was made by Kevin Kimmel and seconded by Joe Trolan. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Michele Giess advised the Breakfast and Lunch being provided for the Ready to Hire Summer Program through Neon Cog was appreciated and has now ended. Earlier in the year, a mini grant was approved by Council to pay for the costs of the meals. Michele advised invoices should have been sent or will be sent for reimbursement of the costs.

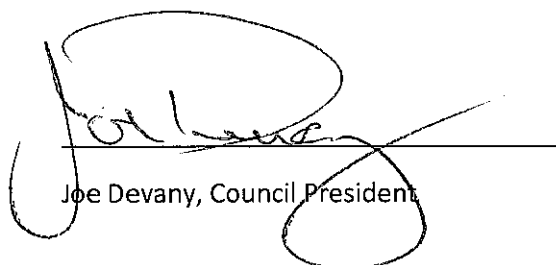
Michelle Miller advised members she asked a representative of Ohio Rise to attend a Care Management meeting to answer questions about services and suggest ways they could collaborate with council. She also reminded Council members FCSS funds cannot be used to provide respite services while the parents are working as this is considered childcare; locally pooled funds would have to be used for such services.

Kattie Gatten from Mansfield Richland County Public Library advised members the Library will be able to provide 17,000 pairs of solar eclipse glasses for the solar eclipse event on April 8, 2024. The glasses should be available about 1 month before the event.

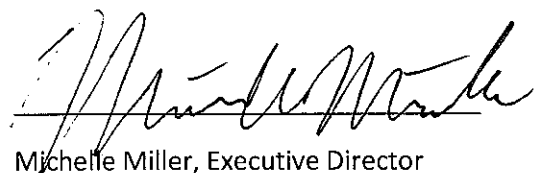
8. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Trolan and seconded by Dan Varn. The motion passed by a voice vote.

* A short break was taken and then remaining parties reconvened for a Retreat Session to discuss the Council Bylaws and Strategic Plan.



Joe Devany, Council President



Michelle Miller, Executive Director