

Richland County Youth and Family Council Meeting Finance Committee

Date: 5.4.26

Time: 10:00am

Location: Richland County Mental Health Board

The following members were:

Present: Tara Lautzenhiser, Michele Giess, Toby Borders, Lisa Benson, Lori Bedson, Dan Varn, Carey Vogt

Absent: Kevin Van Meter

Administrative Staff Present: Vacant

Guests: none

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Lori called the meeting to order and began introductions. A quorum was established.

2. Approval of (Date), Meeting Minutes (February 26, 2026 & March 2, 2026)

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 2.2.26 was made by Michele and seconded by Tara. A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 2.26.26 and 3.2.26 was motioned by Lisa and Lori seconded. Both Carey and Dan abstained since they were not present during the previous meetings. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

- 3. Budget Financials:** The report shows the financials through the end of March. Toby reported that they finished paying out Rico and Michelle's payment. No more funds for Strong Families grant. The new funding should start on July 1st once we hear for sure from Huron co. to make sure that they were approved by the State. It should be about the same as the previous ones once the plan is approved. Toby reported that they paid out the normal contracts, RCCS, Nami etc and RISE meetings have continued. The only different thing was a financial statement for 2025 year. We received the last income of the CANS assessment until the new director or coordinator is hired. Lisa Benson asked if Toby could send a new contract without Michelle's name. Toby agreed.

A motion to approve the financials was made by Tara and seconded by Lisa. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

- 4. RFP SFY 2027:** Lori proposed that we all look at these after meeting and schedule a TEAMS meeting to really delve in and discuss and rate them. Toby will send out a rating system. Toby wanted to note that there are 4 of these we have had before (CACY, NAMI (2), Camp Nuhop) Idea works kitchen, DV shelter are new and a couple that did not get their letter of intent in on time (YMCA and a new company NCU solutions based out of Columbus). The total requested is 168,794.80 if everything is funded. Carey asked how much we funded last year and Toby stated that it was 5600 for CACY and they are asking 9000 this year but it includes a couple of new things. Some of the other programs depends on just doing some funding but wouldn't be included in RFP like the LYFT rides. Carey asked if there is a total we want to see and the council agreed no that we just look at everything and decide. We all agreed for Lori to send out an invitation for a TEAMS meeting so that we can get questions out and present at the full council meeting in June.

- 5. Mansfield City Summer Program Mini-Grant Request:** Michele stated that they have a lot of things going on and they are asking for support from the council for some of the equipment stuff (\$1999). We have done

this in the past. Mike is going to start coming to the full council meetings because Jodie can't come due to her schedule and he will come in her absence.

A motion to approve the request was made by Lisa and Dan seconded. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

6. **Summer Youth Employment 2026:** The narrative for non-TANF eligibility was provided by Lori. She stated that they didn't receive the allocation from the State for the special TANF funding until a couple of weeks ago so met with Catalyst and discussed the budget. Received \$84,000 from the State and that is the funding that allows us to work with foster youth. Regular TANF does not include foster youth. Reg TANF funding is \$250,000 which basically matches what they utilized last year. We would like to continue to fund as the council for the Non-TANF piece and just decide of how much if so. Last year we billed for around \$44,000. This year they are only asking for around \$29,000 because it is starting a little later than last year. Lisa asked if there are less eligible people for TANF due to funding changes and Lori stated that they didn't believe so. It is the actual follow-through with paperwork just because people don't finish. This will start as soon as the contract is approved by the commissioners. This will be through Sept 30th 2026. Only 7 youth will be served unless they have a higher interest.

A motion to fund the non-TANF summery youth program in the amount of \$29,143.85 was made by Michele and seconded by Lisa. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

7. Updates-

There were no updates.

Adjourn- The meeting was adjourned.