**Huron County Family & Children First Council**

**Meeting Agenda-Extended**

**March 16, 2022**

**Location: Huron County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

**306 South Norwalk Rd. Norwalk, OH**

* Call to Order: 9:03am

**Voting Members**:

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| X | Lenora Minor, HCDJFS |  | Kristen Cardone, HC Mental  Health & Addiction Services | X | Brad Cooley, Norwalk  City Schools |
|  | Dave Daniels, City of  Norwalk Police Dept. | Virtual | Mary Helton, Fisher-Titus  Medical Center |  | Tim Hollinger, Huron  County Public Health |
|  | Lindsey Kimball,  Parent Representative |  | Steve Burggraf, Family Life Counseling | X | Lauren Robinson, Firelands Counseling  and Recovery |
|  | Jeff Ritz, Willard City  Schools | X | Carol Robinson, Early  Intervention |  | Jennifer Tuttle, Parent  Representative |
| X | Kari Smith, HC Board of DD |  | Beverly Turczyk, Department of Youth Services |  | Harry Brady, Huron  County Commissioner |
|  | Janice Warner, CAC  EHR/Head Start | X | Julie Westcott, Parent  Representative |  |  |

**Non-Voting Members**:

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|  | John/Bethany Chime,  Clear Minds |  | Lonny Rivera, North Point Educational SC | X | Jamie Gfell/Bethany Lewis, Nord Center |
|  | Mary Valentine, Huron County CPS |  | Mary Valentine, CPS  HCDJFS |  | Angie Roth, Help Me  Grow |
| Virtual | Sarah Simmons, ROY |  |  | Virtual | Chris Mushett, Huron  County Juvenile Court  (Designee) |

**Staff:**

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| X | Yahoska Acosta, PRC  Coordinator | X | Niki Cross, FCFC  Director |  | Erin Whipple, Wraparound Facilitator |

* Public Comment & Introductions
  1. Kevin Mount, NAMI Coordinator
     + Some of the objectives of NAMI include advocating, provide education, lead the Family-to-Family training twice a year for caregivers or someone they love that has mental health issues, assist with coping mechanism, and how to empower people with mental illness. Monthly support meeting held. There has been a lot of unrest. NAMI helps support and help prevent suicide.

Brad Cooley and Jackie While: 9:09am

* **Approval of Minutes: January 19, 2022 (Motion #1)**

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| **Motion 1** | **To approve the January 19th, 2022, Council Meeting Minutes distributed on March 11, 2022.** | | |
| Motion Made By: | Kary Smith | Seconded: | Lauren Robinson |

All in favor, none opposed.

* Committee Updates
  1. Service Coordination Management Team
     + Maximum expense per family
       - Kristen Cardone recently shared a document with Niki regarding expense amount, and it will be shared with the SCMT.
       - Does any Council member have a policy for maximum expense for members? If so, please send to Niki.
     + Shared Plan Update
       - Step 1 was completed. 12 responses from the Priority Area Survey
       - Step 2: Ranking Shared Priorities
         1. SMTM – rated Priority Areas

Rating priorities top 4 categories

Service Coordination/Wraparound

Trauma Informed Care – MHAS is leading a Trauma-Informed Community. Do we keep that as a priority or leave it to MHAS?

Drug Abuse

High-Need Multi-System Youth

* 1. Executive/Finance Committee Report
     + Prevention Coordinator position update
       - Position was offered and accepted by Devin Pollick. He comes from a prevention background and has led multiple prevention initiatives in the past. He will be starting March 28, 2022.
     + Service Coordinator position
       - Yahoska will be resigning and her last day will be March 25, 2022. The position will be posted in the next couple of days.
     + **Financial Report Approval: January 1-February 28, 2022 (Motion #2) (TABLE)**

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| **Motion 2** | **To approve the Financial Report for January 1-February 28, 2022, distributed on March 11, 2022. (TABLE)** | | |
| Motion Made By: | Kary Smith | Seconded: | Brad Cooley |

All in favor, none opposed.

* Director’s Report
  1. Active Youth Cases:
     + Service Coordination: 30; Wraparound-10; Placements-5; Moved to inactive-56 (this fiscal year)
       - Moved to inactive as needs were met and/or family did not engage
       - Referrals have been up since last fiscal year
  2. Parenting Programs
     + Difficulty finding parenting classes.
     + In-home services seem to be a need. There are kids in residential placement (3-9 months), but once discharged they go back home to the same environment.
     + CLI go the to homes and provide services, daily living activities through Occupational Therapy services.
     + Parents can be overwhelmed making it challenging to engage.
  3. Parent Representatives
     + Looking for two parent representatives, preferably parents with Multi-System Youth.
  4. Ohio Commission on Fatherhood Grant - $4,000
     + Applied two years ago for the first time and the grant was awarded.
     + The grant main purpose is to promote fatherhood and the importance of a father figure in a child’s life.
     + The idea is to partner with Willard Park and Rec. if grant is awarded. Activities will include Pedaling wit Pops (June 18th and 19th) and a Fishing Derby.
  5. **Operational Capacity Building Fund (OCBF) Grant (Motion #3) - $15,750**
     + This grant is specific to FCFC and is requested every year as it can be used for Administration cost.
     + Need to identify the attendance for the mandated members.
       - Each member must attend at least 5 meeting per year. If not, the Chair is to reach out to the County Commissioners stating the concerns.
     + The Council will continue to meet every other month.
     + Dave Daniels – has stepped off the Council.
     + Lenora Minor will continue to the Chair.

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| **Motion 3** | **To approve the submission of the Operational Capacity Building Fund (OCBF) application for SFY23, after adding 2 additional parent representatives.** | | |
| Motion Made By: | Lauren Robinson | Seconded: | Carol Robinson |

All in favor, none opposed.

* 1. **Drug Free Communities Grant (Motion #4)**
     + The Prevention Coalition will be applying. The grant is for $125k for 5 years.

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| **Motion 4** | **To approve the submission of the Drug Free Communities (DFC) Support Program Grant-New (CDC-RFA-CE22-2205) application for SFY22.** | | |
| Motion Made By: | Kari Smith | Seconded: | Lauren Robinson |

All in favor, none opposed.

* 1. **FCFC Meeting Format (virtual, hybrid, in-person) (Motion #5)**
* The State has allowed virtual meetings.

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| **Motion 5** | **To approve the new meeting format to be offered as hybrid (until at least July 1, 2022.** | | |
| Motion Made By: | Lauren Robinson | Seconded: | Carol Robinson |

All in favor, none opposed.

* Old Business
  1. No Old Business
* New Business
  1. Agency Updates
     + Early Intervention
       - Birth to 3, moving steadily along, increase in referrals.
       - There are certain eligibility including NAS and Elevated Lead Level Diagnosis.
     + Nord Center
       - Rebranding process
       - Sexual assault awareness month and Child Abuse month in April.
       - Started ROY partnership.
     + Norwalk City Schools
       - During Professional Development Day, Peter James spoked to staff about what is applicable, what is the next step and how to talk to kids.
       - There is a limited fund pot aside through the Huron CO Transit to get kids to counseling appointment.
       - In February, the High School had two Social Emotional Learning days. There were local speakers and activities addressing many topics allowing students to express their feelings and emotions.
       - The school social worker has been going into the homes and has seen an increase in students’ anxiety. Has been focusing on how to help students access the resources they need.
       - The school would like to implement Sources of Strengths and staff might be getting trained.
     + Firelands Counseling and Recovery
       - Virtual appointments available and covered by most insurances. In-person appointments may be needed if medication management is required.
       - EMDR (Eye Movement and Desensitization Reprocessing) available and it mostly used for clients with trauma.
       - DBT (Dialectical Behavioral Therapy) group for teenagers and is an open group for clients.
     + Parent Representative
       - Looking for other parent representatives but many are overwhelmed.
       - IVY – working with school districts more closely.
       - Nationwide raised and distributed funds and might be partnering with them for different activities such as an afterschool program.
       - The Parent Advisory Committee gives family an opportunity to voice their concerns.
     + Fisher Titus Medical Center
       - Decrease in COVID cases. There was a point when the Ohio National Guard assisted the hospital due to an increase in COVID cases.
       - Standard visitation policy has been re-established.
       - Looking into openings camps and sensory events again.
       - JFS has funds available for kinship.
     + HC Board of DD
       - Community Breakfast – March 29th
       - Rock Your Socks – March 21st
       - Basketball Game – March 31st
* **Adjourn (Motion #6)**

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| **Motion 6** | **Motion to adjourn** | | |
| Motion Made By: | Kari Smith | Seconded: | Lauren Robinson |

All in favor, none opposed.

**Meeting ended at 10:09am.**

**Next FCFC Meeting: May 18, 2022 @ 9:00 AM**

**Location: Huron County Board of DD**