**Huron County Family & Children First Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 21, 2022**

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

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

**Call to Order:**

**Voting Members**:

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| X | Lenora Minor  Huron County DJFS | X | Kristen Cardone  Huron County MHAS | X | Brad Cooley, Norwalk  City Schools/Jackie White/Dan Bauman |
|  | Sarah Church,  City of Norwalk | X | Mary Helton  Fisher-Titus Medical Center (attended virtually, unable to vote) |  | Tim Hollinger  Huron County Public Health |
|  | Dianna Laughlin,  Parent Representative | X | Dr. Steve Burggraf  Family Life Counseling (arrived at 8:08am) |  | Lauren Robinson (Laura Miller)  Firelands Counseling  & Recovery Services |
| X | Jeff Ritz  Willard City Schools |  | Carol Robinson  Early Intervention |  | Ashley Licht  Parent Representative |
| X | Kari Smith  HC Board of DD |  | Beverly Turczyk  Dept. of Youth Services | X | 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 | X | Lonny Rivera, North Point Educational SC | X | Sarah Simmons  Reach Our Youth (virtual) |
| X | Mary Valentine, Huron County CPS |  | Bethany Lewis, Nord Center |  | Chris Mushett, Huron County Juvenile Court |

**Staff:**

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| X | Niki Cross,  HCFCFC Director | X | Erin Whipple,  Wraparound Facilitator (virtual) |  |  |

Guests: Margaret Osborne, Sue Wilson

* Public Comment & Introductions
  1. No public comments or introductions
* **Approval of Minutes: July 20, 2022 (Motion #1)**

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| **Motion 1** | **To approve the July 20, 2022, Council Meeting Minutes distributed on**  **September 19, 2022.** | | |
| Motion Made By: | Harry Brady | Seconded: | Jeff Ritz |

No opposition

* Committee Updates
  1. Service Coordination Management Team
     + No updates
  2. Executive/Finance Committee Report
     + **Financial Report Approval: July-August 2022**

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| **Motion 2** | **To approve the July-August 2022 Financial Report, distributed on September 19, 2022.** | | |
| Motion Made By: | Kristen Cardone | Seconded: | Kari Smith |

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* + - **Approval to increase expenditure threshold**

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| **Motion 3** | **Approval to increase expenditure threshold up to $5,000.00 for supportive services with approval from the Administrative Agent and County Commissioners.** | | |
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* Director’s Report
  1. Service Coordinator Position
     + Interviews have been held, have offered the position to several of those candidates and they have declined so they are still looking for someone.
     + Reasons for declining: one wanted part time, one wanted more money, and another discovered they are able to retire within a few months and elected to do that instead of getting a job.
  2. Parent Advocate Information
     + New Parent Advocate in Huron County; serving Huron and Sandusky counties. Parent advocate is available to any youth/family or youth serving agency. Advocate has experience in working with different systems and can assist families in navigating various systems.
     + Erie County FCFC is the one who holds the grant and pays for this role.
     + Contact Information: Crystal Henson 419-975-1770
  3. Networking Workshop-school personnel
     + Held last week and partnered with Northpoint to be able to bring this event to Huron County. Schedule of presenters was full and the event was well attended. Goal is to offer at the beginning of each school year.
  4. New Referral Form, Release of Information, and CANS Referral
     + Now have new Referral Form, new Release of Information and a new CANS Referral Form. Please share the new documents moving forward. The CANS Referral Form is new; both Niki and Erin are trained as CANS assessors. Now required to get social security numbers as part of the new Ohio FCFC OASCIS system (Electronic Health Records) for FCFC youth which is what prompted the updated Referral Form.
  5. Active Youth Cases:
     + Service Coordination: 36 (has dropped significantly since last meeting due to referring many to OhioRISE); Wraparound-5; In Residential Placement-8
* Old Business
  + No old business to discuss
* New Business
  + Abram Deweese, Care Coordinator Supervisor, Harbor (joining virtually)
    - OhioRISE presentation- did not join virtually until 8:50 AM, after the meeting was adjourned. Niki will schedule another time with him to present.
  + Sue Wilson, Director of School-Based Counseling Services, Family Life Counseling
    - MRSS presentation
      * Mobile Response and Stabilization Services. Program designed to provide services and support to youth and families in crisis (youth ages 20 and under). Funding by Dept of Medicaid and OhioMHAS. Previously, options were outpatient services or inpatient/out of home services. MRSS fills that gap between the two, with goal of keeping youth out of inpatient treatment or juvenile justice system. Collaborative. Not taking family away from any current providers they are involved with. MRSS team comes along side to help identify gaps, needs, and ensure have all needed services in place. Meet with families in the community, their home, etc. currently 8am – 10pm. Goal is to get to 24/7 within first year. After call comes in, will be meeting with family face to face within 60 minutes. Do safety plan. Within 72 hours, meet again to complete CANS assessment and start talking about MRSS plan (what need, what will help, etc.). Have up to 42 days to work with the family. Can have as many people out at the same time, as often as the family needs, for as long as family needs. Goal is linkages to ongoing services, schools, etc. so they can maintain progress once MRSS id sone. Currently have 8 on the team.
      * Family defines the crisis – anything the family thinks is a crisis. Not just suicidality or homicide. Family can refer, others can refer.
      * CANS: covers strengths, life functioning, behavioral/emotional needs, risk behaviors, early childhood, cultural factors, ACES, caregiver resources and needs. CANS assessment goes into portal and other agencies that are working with youth/family are able to access this document.
      * To request MRSS services, call 567-274-8816
  + Agency Updates
    - DJFS: Remind schools to get request in for school fees to DJFS
    - MHAS: TIC training 9/22 from 9-11am, Recovery Walk in New London at the New London reservoir 9/24 9am
    - Northpoint: offering a number of trainings (can be found on website) regarding poverty. Usually a day long training and there is no cost to partners. Willing to help in any way he can.
    - Willard City Schools: long month for Willard Flashes. Double homicide a few weeks ago and greatly appreciate the support and assistance from many in the room. Electrical fire at the end of last week so had to do emergency evacuation. Student carried loaded gun onto one of the buses at away football game, stating reason as being bullied by someone at the opposing school. Saturday night had band show and one of band members had seizure. All about your response, how you handle it, and what you do, per Jeff Ritz. All you can control is your response. Have .25% levy coming up just for school safety. If passes, will hire another SRO and will also try to figure out how to do mental health community liaison. Also, will install bullet proof glass throughout the building.
    - Norwalk City Schools: had first Parent Engagement meeting last night at Maplehurst which was very successful. Had at least 40 families in attendance.
    - Board of DD: Adaptive Equipment grant just received – use for adaptive equipment that cannot be paid for by Medicaid or private insurance.
* **Adjourn (Motion #4)**

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| **Motion 4** | **Motion to adjourn** | | |
| Motion Made By: | Kristen | Seconded: | Jeff |

* + **Meeting adjourned at 8:47 AM**

**Next FCFC Meeting: November 16th @ 9:00 AM**

**Location: Huron County Board of DD**