

WAYNE COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL

MEETING

December 5, 2016

Present:

Cameron Maneese, Council Director
Nicholas Cascarelli, Wayne Co. Health Dept.
Dee Pendlebury, Department of Youth Services
Cheryl Brinley, Wayne Co. Board of Developmental Disabilities
Cherie Graham, Family Representative
Deanna Nichols-Stika, Wayne County Children's Services Board
Kristin Cooke, Community Action Wayne-Medina
Karen Berry, The Counseling Center of Wayne-Holmes Cos.
Bobbi Douglas, One Eighty
Judy Wortham Wood, Mental Health and Recovery Board of Wayne-Holmes Cos.
Carrie Buchanan, Family Representative
Amber Opliger, Family Representative
Richard Owens, Wayne Co. Department of Job and Family Services
Todd Jasin, United Way of Wayne and Holmes Counties
Bob Brenneman, City of Wooster
Kevin Hewitt, Christian Children's Home of Ohio

Guests

Karen Potter, A Whole Community, Inc.
Barb Landers, Wayne Co. Public Library
Tami Spotts, Tri Co. ESC, Service Coordination
Leslie Baus, Community Action Wayne-Medina
Ken Ward, Anazao Community Partners
Fredy Robles, Catholic Charities of Wayne County
Mark Welty, The Village Network
Madelaine Dwier, Salvation Army
Emily Hartzler, ABLE
Linda Hall, The Daily Record
Addy Fletcher, Tri County ESC
Amber Hammon, Multi County Juvenile Attention Systems
Sue Gorman, Goodwill
Mary Mertic, Community Member
Deb Bates, SST-9
Russ Eyring, Wayne Co. Dept. of Job & Family Services
Cyrstal Pidgeon, Wayne Co. Dept. of Job & Family Services
Travis Hutchison, Wayne Co. Sheriff
Loretta Raft, Aultman-Orrville, Hospital

Call to Order

The meeting was held at the Wayne County Public Library located at 220 W. Liberty St., Wooster, Ohio. The Chairperson, Bobbi Douglas, called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

Introductions were made.

- Potter announced she has started a new nonprofit AWC (A Whole Community, Inc.). The corporation will be assessing community needs.
- Stika reported that this Saturday Wayne County Children's Services is hosting Shop with a Hero Program. A hundred children and a hundred law enforcement officials will be having breakfast together, matched with a partner, and parading to Walmart to shop for their families. They will then be returning to wrap the gifts they purchased.
- Maneese thanked Douglas for her work as Chair of the Council this past year and presented her with a certificate of appreciation.
- Douglas stated that OneEighty has started a series that will occur quarterly for family and friends of people dealing with addictions.

Owens and his staff gave an overview of the CCMEP (Comprehensive Case Management and Education Program) Program that deals with transitional youth (18-24).

After the presentation Douglas asked if there were any exceptions to the Consent Agenda. There were none.

Buchanan then made the motion seconded by Wood to accept the Consent Agenda (see attached) as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports

Wood reviewed the Financial Statements as of October 31, 2016.

Owens then made the motion seconded by Cascarelli that the Financial Statements as of October 31, 2016 be accepted as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Business

Maneese reported:

- Cascarelli was nominated to serve as the Council's Vice President in 2017 at the October meeting of the Council. Action required approving his nomination as Vice Chair.

Owens made the motion, seconded by Wood that Nicholas Cascarelli, be appointed as Vice Chair of the Wayne County Family and Children First Council for CY17, and to serve as Chair of the Wayne Co. Family and Children First Council in CY18. Motion passed unanimously.

- Announced that the voting for the five not for profit representatives in CY17 has concluded and the agencies serving as the voting members will be: OneEighty, Orrville United Way, Christian Children's Home of Ohio, Goodwill Industries, and Aultman-Orrville Hospital.
- Family Representatives serving on the Council in CY17 will be: Buchannan, Opliger, Thut and Graham.
- Sent around sign-up sheets for CY17 committees for Council. Maneese and Stika will meet in January to determine Chairs of these committees.

- Announced the regional Children's Trust Fund Plan has been submitted: home visiting, trauma informed care, family engagement, early intervention, are several of the areas addressed in the plan. We are now awaiting approval of the plan by the State. Once approved a map will be developed on how each county in our region will be served. Stika believes it will be 6 months before any programs are up and running under the new process. Once the plan has been approved Maneese and Stika will be sharing information in regard to the RFP process. They would like local resources to provide some of the services in the plan if it fits into their organization.
- Spotts reported she is still serving approximately 60 families. Still seeing a number of younger kids being referred from the elementary schools in the area. Unfortunately in the last several months a few of the youth she has been serving for several years have had to be placed out of the home. The SOS COP group continues to be strong. Usually around 15-20 cases are reviewed at these monthly meetings.
- Maneese reported Diversion has seen a spike in out of home placements, a number of these are due to drug use by parents and at times their children. Average for out of home placements in 2016 was 135, which is still better than the 199 average we hit in 2013. But there has been a significant change since July that is concerning. Stika reported that the Family Dependency Drug Court is moving along. They are making sure that everything meets with accreditation standards, as the goal in the future is to do accreditation. She believes this new program will have an impact on families at some point in the future. But it could be as long as a year before we see the impact the program has on our local families.

Maternal Child Health Program – Maneese reported that target action groups are built around the trend data that was received as part of the Community Health Assessment. A number of issues are being addressed. These include, nutrition, poverty, transportation, and keeping children in their homes, as well as the CANS assessment tool for the County.

Cascarelli reported that a lot of work being done by Council in the target action groups aligns well with this grant. All of this will also be able to be incorporated into the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) the Health Department will need to complete at some point this summer.

Council Initiatives

Family Engagement- Buchanan reported she and Jim Foley have done several community awareness spots. She also reported she is working with Orrville United Way on a training for FCFC partners on how best to use social media.

Prenatal to 5 – Maneese encouraged members to read the minutes from the last meeting of the group. One of the areas that educators feel is important is having kids socially/emotionally ready for school. This continues to be an area that needs addressed in our community.

Head Start – Cooke reported that per the new performance standards by 2021 all of their part day programs will have to be transitioned to full day programs. She is very excited about this as they have already moved two of their classrooms to full day and they have seen a significant improvement in the children.

Early Childhood Mental Health – Robles and Berry reported. They each have a worker in place in area child care centers. It took a little while to get the program up and running as the funding came late, but Robles' worker is currently working in 14 classrooms and Berry's worker has contracted with seven classrooms and has met with 5 more to offer services. The goal of this program is to keep children from

being expelled or disrupting from pre-school by developing resiliency mechanisms in order for them to maintain in the pre-school/child care classroom, as well as in the school classroom.

School and Community

Brinley reported that Wayne Co. DD continues to address addiction issues as well. Sometimes people don't think it impacts their world, but it does and they are using local services to address this issue. She also reported that working with Catholic Charities on the Strong Families/Safe Communities grant has helped the youth in their system a great deal. They are entering the fourth year of the grant.

Community Behavioral Health

Wood reported:

- The statewide crisis text line is up and running. She has wrist bands with the text line number on it for anyone who would like some to distribute.
- Have received word from the State that the Capital Plan application for the 12 bed Crisis Stabilization Unit with The Village Network has been approved, and this project is moving forward.
- Please contact her office if you would like to schedule a QPR or Mental Health First Aid training in 2017.
- Re-entry Coalition funds have been received and these will be distributed to Anazao to help them enhance their current re-entry program for people returning to the community from jail or prison.
- Wood reported that the Opiate Task Force continues to meet and she noted that Ohio is highest in the nation for most deaths associated with overdoses.
- Wood noted the ENGAGE grants has ended but successes for people involved in the program have not ended. (Berry noted that they have had one of the persons in their new apartment complex move onto a more independent living arrangement and they currently have a vacancy.)
- The next Trauma and Resiliency Network Meeting will take place here at the library on December 14th at 1:00 p.m.
- Cascarelli reported that the Health Department has been supplying the Sheriff's office with Narcan for approximately a year now through a State grant. His department has received funds to also provide Narcan to families, but before doing this a training for his staff and staff from OneEighty will be held. There have been 28 deaths in Wayne Co. this year from overdoses. Discussion followed regarding this issue. Cascarelli stressed we need to develop prevention programs aimed at our younger youth, as it is likely this problem is going to get worse before it gets better.
- Wood noted the Opiate Task Force is developing a full, multi-tiered plan they hope to present to the public in February.

Old Business

None

New Business

Cascarelli thanked the group for his election as Vice Chair. He felt given that he has only been a part of the group for a few years that he felt this was an honor.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Wayne County Public Library on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 9:35 a.m.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Submitted by,

Bobbi Douglas, Chairperson

Wayne County Family and Children First
Consent Agenda
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The Executive Committee met on 11-16-16. The following actions were taken and stand approved

1. Obrecht made the motion, seconded by Wortham Wood that the minutes of the September 27, 2016 minutes meeting of the committee be approved as submitted. Motion carried.
2. Obrecht made the motion, seconded by Cascarelli that the financial statements as of October 31, 2016 be approved as presented by Resource and Grants Management. Motion carried.

The following committees met in November 2016. Minutes pending approval by committees:

Resource and Grants Management w/ Executive – Met on 11-16-16

Planning – Met on 9-22-16 and will meet on 12-1-16

Communications – Met on 11-14-16

Public Policy – No Meeting

Family Advisory – No Meeting

Prenatal to Five - Met on 11-9-16

The following resolutions are before the Council for action on December 5, 2016:

- 1. Approval of December 2016 Consent Agenda**
- 2. Approval of October 3, 2016 full Council minutes**
- 3. Approval of October 2016 Financials**
- 4. Election of Vice Chair for CY 2017**
- 5. Selection of At Large Members for CY 2017 – Announced**
- 6. Selection of FCFC Family Reps for CY 2017 - Announced**