

MINUTES
Lorain County Children and Family Council
Executive Committee
November 7, 2019
Held at: Lorain County Administration Building
226 Middle Avenue, Lorain, OH

Present: Jody Barilla – Chairperson, Elaine Georgas, Secretary, Jim Cordes (Lorain County Commissioners, Fiscal Agent)

Other Members: Kristen Fox Berki (Lorain County Children Services)

Guest: Heather Distin, Director Lorain County Integrated Services Partnership

Staff: Doug Messer, Interim, Executive Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Barilla, chair called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 04/03/19

Ms. Barilla presented the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of 04/03/198.

MOTION: by Ms. Barilla, seconded, that the minutes from the 04/03/19 Executive Committee meeting are approved.

Carried.

III. MEDICAID – MULTI SYSTEM YOUTH FUNDING

Ms. Barilla and Mr. Messer discussed how the Medicaid – Multi System Youth Funding could provide support in our community. Ms. Fox Berki shared examples how this could benefit our community. Ms. Distin reported on the details from the state webinar on this initiative. Members discussed the Medicaid contract, process and considered its approval. Members discussed potential ways this funding can be used in addition to treatment for these youth.

MOTION: by Ms. Georgas, which was seconded, that Council submit the Medicaid Multi System Youth Funding contract to the Lorain County Commissioners for approval.

Carried.

IV. UPDATE ON SHARED PLAN

Ms. Barilla reminded members of the need to further process the Shared Plan. She will send out a Doodle Poll to convene members for this purpose.

V. EI OUTREACH EFFORTS

Mr. Messer shared details about the new Teleservice model for Speech “ Enable My Child”. Mr. Messer shared some of the limitations of Bright Beginnings in engaging families for Early Intervention. Members discussed the need to identify the reasons and were families are not following through with EI services. Members discussed the potential for focus groups of former EI families to find solutions. Mr. Messer will determine how to get input from families regarding this.

VI. PERSONNEL UPDATE

Mr. Messer reported that there is a person approved to fill the vacant Service Coordination position.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

Ms. Barilla reminded members that the next Executive Committee meeting date will be January 9, 2020 1:30 – 3:00pm at the County Administration Building, 4th Floor, Room A.

VIII. ADJOURN

Ms. Barilla adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.

Submitted by:
Elaine Georgas, Secretary