

**Lorain County Children and Family Council
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: October 3, 2019

Meeting Location: Lorain County Administration Building

Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am

In attendance: Jody Barilla, Chair (Lorain County Domestic Relations Court), Elaine Georgas, Secretary (Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery Services Board of Lorain County)n County), Dave Covell (Lorain County Public Health), Susan Shepard (Parent Representative), Dan Haight (The LCADA Way), Jim Cordes (representing Lorain County Commissioners, administrative agent), Barb Tamas (Lorain County Job and Family Services), Amber Fisher (Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities), Kristen Fox Berki (Lorain County Children Services) Franco Gallo (Educational Services Center of Lorain County), Doug Messer, Interim Director, Yacylyn Velazquez – Council Staff

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Barilla, Chair at 9:13 am. A quorum was present. Members and guests introduced themselves

II. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Barilla welcomed members who each introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Barilla presented the minutes of Council’s meetings of 06/06/19.

MOTION: by Mr. Covell, seconded by Mr. Gallo that the minutes of the Council meeting of 06/06/19 are approved.

Carried.

IV. REPORT – MR. MESSER

- a. Annual Report - Mr. Messer shared the annual report with member detailing the Shared Plan, Early Intervention, Services Coordination and new details for FY 2020. Members discussed the new item including connection with Lorain County Public Health regarding lead prevention. Members discussed the new item regarding Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and partners that may be included: LCCS, MHARS, The LCADA Way and local hospitals using a data-informed process. Mr. Messer will connect with Mr. Haight, Ms. Fox Berki and Ms. Georgas to continue efforts for NAS. Mr. Haight offered a few suggestions to the membership details on the report. Members discussed the need to continue to reach out to the City of Lorain after the next election and also continue to reach out to Lorain City Schools for representation on council.
- b. Staffing – Mr. Messer reported that council’s Service Coordinator position remains unfilled due to lack of qualified candidates who are familiar with Lorain County. He will continue to pursue recruiting for this vacancy.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Program, Data and Evaluation

Mr. Covell did not have any report from this committee. He indicated that once the Shared Measurements are further defined, this committee will focus on these items

B. Finance, Budget and Allocation

Mr. Gallo reported that this committee met and discussed the budget and staffing issue.

C. Executive Committee

Ms. Barilla indicated the Executive Committee does not have a report.

D. Committee Assignments

Ms. Barilla indicated there is no need to make committee assignments at this time.

VI. NEW BUSINESS SHARED PLAN

A. FY 20-22 SHARED PLAN STATUS

Mr. Messer reported that the Shared Plan has been submitted. The next steps are for Council to move ahead with the planning details. Mr. Messer provided a draft grid of responses from members regarding the Child Well Being Data Availability. He will continue to request members to respond.

B. NEXT SPECIAL MEETING TO REVIEW

Ms. Barilla suggested a special meeting the later weeks in October for council to progress on the Share Plan. She requested Mr. Messer send out a doodle poll to members for a meeting either the third or fourth week of October.

VII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Barilla reminded members of the current vacancy for the Vice Chair position. Ms. Tamas was asked if she would be interested in serving as Vice Chair, which she accepted.

MOTION: by Mr. Cordes, seconded by Ms. Fisher to elect Ms. Tamas as Vice Chair.

Carried.

Ms. Barilla reminded members of the need to elect officers for CY 20. Mr. Cordes if the current officers would be interested in serving as officers for CY 20, and all accepted.

MOTION: by Mr. Cordes, seconded by Mr. Covell that the current officers (Ms. Barilla – Chair), Ms. Tamas (Vice Chair) and Ms. Georgas (Secretary).

Carried.

VIII. BOARD/GUEST COMMENTS

Mr. Covell reminded members that the Community Health Improvement Plan is including a priority to address maternal and infant health which may be connected with Council as the process progresses. Ms. Georgas also indicated that the CHIP includes priorities for Mental Health and Substance Abuse issues which may also connect to Council.

Ms. Barilla invited members to attend the grand opening of the Assessment and Resource Center on October 18th 2:30 – 4:00 pm. She will forward details to members.

IX. NEXT MEETING

Ms. Barilla reported the next council meeting will be held on February 6, 2020 at 9:00 am.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Barilla adjourned the meeting at 9:50 am.

Submitted by,
Elaine Georgas, Secretary