

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

Meeting Date: October 7, 2021

Meeting Location: Lorain County Administration Building, 4th Floor Commissioners' Meeting Room C, Elyria, Oh 44035

Time: 9:00-10:00 am

Present: **Kristen Fox-Berki**, Chair (Lorain County Children Services), **Tim Weitzel**, (Lorain County Domestic Relations Court), **Rick Soto**, (City of Lorain), **Commissioner Hung**, (Lorain County Commissioner), **Michael Doub**, (Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery Services Board of Lorain County), **David Covell**, (Lorain County Public Health), **Dan Haight**, (The LCADA Way), **Barb Tamas**, (Lorain County Job and Family Services), **Amber Fisher**, (Lorain County Developmental Disabilities- via zoom), **Susan Shepard**, (Parent Representative-via zoom)

Staff: Chelsea Freeman- Director

Guest: Attorney, Chris Pyanowski

I. CALL TO ORDER

Kristen Fox-Berki called the meeting to order at 8:58 a.m.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Kristen welcomed everyone and introductions occurred around the table.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tabled due to not having quorum initially and returned to this agenda item for approval once quorum was met.

MOTION: It was moved by Michael Doub, seconded by Barb Tamas, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

IV. CURRENT PROGRAM REPORT- Chelsea Freeman

a) Presentation –

Chelsea Freeman shared a PowerPoint discussing her day-to-day activity. Chelsea discussed the following areas:

- FCFC overview- Chelsea mentioned that she has been focusing on outreach and networking for grant opportunities.
- Budget: Chelsea discussed the four main accounts; administration salaries, benefits and equipment, restricted pulled funds, FCSS-programming-reimbursable money and TANF, and early intervention funds
- Shared plan
- Data and outcomes

Chelsea mentioned that she has a meeting scheduled with Summit County to see how there FCFC is organized.

b) Questions/Comments

A discussion was help about Chelsea going to the different agencies to speak with different departments.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Finance, Budge, and Allocations

No update, Dan Haight mentioned the committee meets a week or two prior to the board meeting.

b) Program, Data and Evaluation

No update

c) Executive Committee

The executive committee has been meeting monthly and will continue to do so in the future.

d) AD Hoc Committee-Early Intervention

Kristen mentioned that AD Hoc Committee will continue to meet to look at data coming through Neighborhood Alliance. Eventually this will be taken over by program, data, evaluation committee.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Ad HOC-CFFC Strategic Plan Committee update

Kristen mentioned that the Ad HOC-CFFC committee needs to work on shifting of the administrative agency. The overlap of ISP and council, what will that look like. The committee members are Kristen, Barb, Michael, Chelsea, Amber, and Tim. Kristen mentioned that she will send out a doodle pull to schedule a meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a) Vacancies-Secretary and Vice Chair

Kristen mentioned that the roles of Vice Chair and Secretary need to be nominated and voted on.

Barb Tamas nominated herself for Vice Chair.

MOTION: It was moved by David Covell, seconded by Commissioner Hung to elect Barb Tamas as Vice Chair. Motion carried.

Kristen mentioned that Susan Shepard was interim secretary, Susan is not interested in being secretary. Tim Weitzel nominated himself for secretary.

MOTION: It was moved by David Covell, seconded by Commissioner Hung to elect Tim Weitzel for secretary. Motion carried.

b) Committee assignments for new members

A discussion was held regarding the secretary position and what it entails.

VIII. BOARD/GUEST COMMENTS

None

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

X. ADJOURNEMENT

MOTION: It was moved by Dan Haight, seconded by Commissioner Hung to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 a.m. Motion carried.