Allen County Family and Children First Council

**Full Council Meeting Minutes**

Monday, April 14, 2025

Blended Format: In-person and *Virtual (V)*

**Attendance:**

**Mandated Members**: Cory Noonan, Board of Commissioners; Renee Kohler, ACBDD; Sarah Newland, AC Children Services; Joe Patton, AC Job & Family Services; Tami Gough*,* AC Public Health; Jill Ackerman, Lima City Schools; Tammie Colon, MHRSB; Molly Hemker, ODYS; Erin Hardesty, UWGL; Janet Buchanan & Phyllis Montrose, AC Head Start/WOCAP

**Absent:** AC ESC, City of Lima,

**Representatives of Mandated Members:** Rachael Staley, ACBDD; Brian Wischmeyer, LCS; Jen Baumgartner, ESC

**Family Representatives**: Michelle King, *Jennifer Slechter* (v)

**Community Members:** Chad Welker, Activate Allen County; Berlin Carroll & Jamie Hardwick & Liz Linet, AC Juvenile Court; Reba Wall, Allen Met Housing; Brad Perrott, ARC of Allen County; Beca Sheidler, Area Agency on Aging 3; *Lisa Taylor & Erika Cruz & Merri Shearer (V*), CareSource MCO; Margaret Lawrence,Coleman; *Alexis Butler* (v), Crossroads Crisis Center; Elizabeth Osborne, OSU Lima; Jessica Maag*,* PASS; Phil Birkey, SAFY; Marcy Jett & Dave Zuber, Danielle Timmons, YWCA CCR&R

**Absent:** Apollo, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Children’s Developmental Center, CASA/CVS, Family Promise, Family Resource Center, Guiding Light, Health Partners NW Ohio, LMHS, Lima UMADAOP, Mercy-SRMC, Mercy-Help Me Grow, Shawnee Schools

**Staff:**  Carole Enneking, Coordinator; Peyton Rose, Intersystems Service Coordinator;

**Guest:** Yvette Harris, AmeriHealth Caritas; *Rhonda Peterson* (v), Adriel; *Olysse Elkins-Walter* (v), Buckeye; *Candice Braxton (v),* Humana; Niki Sidle, NYAP BH; *Danielle* *Greiner* (v), NYAP/OhioRISE; *Amy Carles* (v), Office of Ohio Consumers Council; *Kelly Pheneger (v),* WBGU

# Call to Order – B. Carroll, President, called the meeting to order (1:30PM)

# Roll Call & Agency Updates – B. Carroll invited those in attendance to Stand to introduce themselves and provide an update from their agency (see Good of Order). Those attending virtually noted in the chat.

# Minutes – B. Carroll asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes from the March meeting. A motion to approve the minutes, as presented (Ackerman/Hardesty), passed by voice vote.

# Committee Reports

1. **Steering Committee**- Met April 7 to set agenda for today’s meeting, including review of financials and discuss communication with Senator Manchester.
2. **Nominating Committee**- no report
3. **Personnel Committee**- no report
4. **Finance Committee**- B. Perrott presented the financials for February (revenue of 42,634.04 and expenditures of $40,170.52). He noted that the reason for the negative revenue listed for Fund 8091 is due to the correction of posting error the month prior. A motion to accept the financial reports, as presented (Colon/Sheidler) passed by voice vote. Steering Committee will research whether Council should “approve” or “accept” the finance reports.
5. **Family Representation Committee**- M. King reported about their discussion about community concerns regarding State and Federal education funding. They also reviewed the scenario discussions by Council last month. Autism Life Center is open to presenting to Council over the summer.
6. **Intersystems** – P. Rose provided the service coordination report for March; 1 referral became active during the month. The Shared Plan Incentive Grant pilot continues, but it has been a challenge to connect with some of the referred families. Year to date, 50 youth have been active with Intersystems and 23 (26 total closed cases) have successfully exited services. C. Enneking reviewed the finance reports from the Intersystems funds. Two youth continue to be funded for residential treatment through MSY grants.
7. **Coordinator Report** – C. Enneking highlighted activities from March, including work on the bi-annual audit, building partnerships for Tier 1 OhioRISE families, and updates from the Ohio FCF office.
8. **Early Intervention (EI) Service Coordination Grant –** R. Staley presented referral information for March. Forty-two referrals were received and a total of 229 eligible children. Five children are receiving services related to Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS). Of the twelve children who exited services in the month, five of the seven children who turned age 3 will continue in Part B Pre-school services, and 6 children exited prior to age 3 due to meeting all goals. Staley also provided data from the March Developmental Screening. Twenty-seven children birth to age 3, and 30 children age 3-5 were assessed. Eleven local school districts were represented. In-demand stations included Behavior, Hearing, Nutrition, Fine Motor, Gross Motor, Language, Autism; referrals for additional assessment were provided to families before they left. Thanks were offered to all the partners who make these events successful.

# Continuing Business:

* 1. **Partner Contributions**- B. Carroll thanked the 23 agencies that have made a 2025 contribution. To date, $23,760 has been received toward the $25,000 goal.
  2. **Shared Plan Topic-** Children Services Director Sarah Newland provided agency data related to the FCFC Shared Plan. Shelly Conrad provided information about the new Treatment Foster Home program.

1. **New Business:**
   1. **OFCF Annual Mandated Membership Form-** B. Carroll reported that this State requirement must be completed by June.
2. **Community Presentation-** Jessie Doyle and Deana Basinger shared information from the Allen County Ohio Means Jobs and JFS regarding youth in transition to adulthood.
3. **Adjournment** –The meeting adjoined at 2:57p.m.

**Good of the Order:**

* Activate Allen County- Chad Welker attended as the new Associate Director
* AAA3- provided information on upcoming Learn & Earn events
* Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS)- Molly Hemker is new representative for Allen County
* OSU Lima- reminder for the May 12 community MH Awareness event @ Faurot Park
* PASS- will offer a summer career camp for future Social Workers
* United Way of Greater Lima- McDonald’s Cookie fundraiser underway
* YWCA- Marcy Jett & Dave Zuber shared flyers for the Haitian Family Support Group, Dad’s Workshop, and Foster-family Support Group

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Renee Kohler, Secretary Berlin Carroll, Council President

Carole Enneking, Recorder

**NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, May 12, 2025 @ 1:30PM**

**at Allen County Job & Family Services Workforce Training Center, 951 Commerce Parkway**