

**PREBLE COUNTY FCFC
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 7, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.
PCJFS 1500 Park Avenue, Eaton or Teams**

1. CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order by Becky at 10:33am
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -
 - a. August 1, 2024 meeting minutes (Motion needed)
 - b. Brian made the motion to accept the minutes; Christie-2nd; motion passes
3. FINANCE REPORT
 - a. Review of Fiscal Report (Motion needed)
 - b. FCFC cash balance as of September 30th: \$56,185.81
 - c. 10,677.72 is the 12% of the funds that goes to JFS to spend as MSY money, required by state law. Typically used for children not Children Services involved who need placement in a residential facility. There was also an overpayment for a child in the amount of \$1,680 that had to be returned to the state.
 - d. Audit-We are in the middle of an audit right now, will report to the full council in February
 - e. Brian made the motion to approve; Amy-2nd; motion passes
4. GOVERNANCE REPORT
 - a. 2024 Preble County FCFC Service Coordination Mechanism (Motion needed)
 - i. Would like to have a workgroup dedicated to this-Becky, Brian, mandated members; due at the end of December but can get extension. Amy will send out a poll to see who is interested in participating in this workgroup following the meeting.
 - b. Brian made a motion that the Wraparound Position (Cara's current position) would be provided a raise in alignment with the County Commissioners rate. Brian motioned, Emily- 2nd; motion passes
5. COMMITTEE UPDATES
 - a. Impact Committee-No update
 - b. Dispute Resolution-No update
 - c. Executive/Fiscal Committee-See Minutes
 - d. Nominating Committee-
 - i. Bob Fischer has resigned from his position so a new school representative is needed; Jenn Couch was nominated for the position and the Superintendent's must agree. Becky made the motion for Jen to join the committee; Christie-2nd; motion passes
 - ii. Motion made to vote Christi in as a new member position as the Director of a Childcare Center. Becky made the motion; Emily-2nd; Motion passes
 - e. ECCC Update-New Representative?
 - i. Christie will still be the FCFC rep but will no longer chair the committee. ECCC will meet soon to discuss a new chair.
 - f. OCTF- Ashley Hausmann\Cara Ditton;
 - i. Last meeting they recapped on 2024; 3-4 families from Preble County were able to receive resources from the OCTF fund. OCTF now falls under the new Department of Children and Youth. They are working on rewriting the new prevention plan. There are current virtual parent cafe options, if interested in attending these, see Cara or Ashley. If individuals attend 3 sessions then they are able to get resources from OCTF (gas cards, grocery)

- g. Discussion about Preble County ESC. Shawn has resigned from his position and Mike has taken over. Amy will look into the roll the ESC plays in committees and FCFC Council and report back to the group.
6. GRANTEES UPDATES
- a. Help Me Grow-Ashley Fuller- BODD is moving to West Main Street-112 West Main Street, will be on the 2nd floor and there is an elevator available. State accreditation came in and completed an audit recently, 0 citations were noted, congrats! Early Intervention has new rule changes which comes with new forms and processes so they are working through making those necessary adjustments. September was a very busy month, large increase in referrals. There is an open Developmental Specialist position.
 - b. Help Me Grow Home Visiting-Emily White-The model has been changed from Healthy Families America to Parents as Teachers. This change allows for an increase in the age of enrollment from 3 months to 2 years and under. Hopefully this will allow us to serve more Preble County families. Introduced Kelsey, who is the Home Visitor for Preble. Explained that families can have both EI and HV and we work together.
 - c. Wraparound- Cara Ditton-Open and working with 7 families, few joint families with OhioRise. No one is in a residential or hospital setting currently. Some new referrals are in process and Cara has room for additional referrals if needed.
 - d. OhioRise-Choices-Serving about 35 members currently, about 10 staff who are assisting with these members.
7. PRESENTATION-Agape for Youth-Nicole Sturk
- a. Foster Care provider, home preservation, adoption; has been in operation for over 35 years!
 - b. Jen-Foster Care: Able to assist with licensing foster homes by working with ODJFS, assist with pre-service training classes, assist with family matching, have family youth specialists who assist with meeting needs in the home. Agape licenses their own homes, the goal is to assist with getting children back in their home when it is healthy and appropriate.
 - c. Adoptions-A lot of the families are foster to adopt, between 10-15 who will find permanency this year.
 - d. Bridges-Statewide program for individuals who have aged out of foster care who are 18-21 and assist with guiding them through the transition. Eligibility is: in foster care on their 18th birthday, can not force them/must voluntarily participate, have to be doing something productive like going to work or in school etc. Liaisons who meet with them on budgeting, career preparation, school options etc.
 - e. Bridging-A hands-on program for 14-18 year olds to work on their independent living skills, provide life skills and practical tasks in the community or offices to help them learn these skills. They are looking to expand this program and branch into other places in the community.
 - f. Family Support and Preservation-6 weeks before children are removed, 12 weeks for reunification, Triple P online parenting program, connect to resources;
 - i. blended program-within the 1st part of removal to hit the ground running
 - ii. In early January they are starting an intensive parenting course, providing a meal, using triple P curriculum and conflict resolution and safety. Starting in Preble County, already active in Montgomery. Handout provided and will also be sent electronically by Amy
 - g. Agape is looking at the challenge of transportation, they know this is a county wide issue so they are beginning to brainstorm ways to assist with this.
8. Ms. Howell-Regional FCFC Coordinator for the Southeast region of state of Ohio
- a. Council Self Evaluation-only had 3 people complete and more input and information from council members is needed.
 - i. Evaluation helps to understand the purpose of FCFC, what are the shared priorities, what are the service gaps

- ii. Takes about 5-7 minutes to complete. Once more evaluations are completed, will review with the Full Council. Its important to know the areas marked as “unknown” might be an opportunity for Council to provide education.
- iii. Handbook about FCFC will be going out over the next few weeks, will explain roles and responsibilities,
- iv. Significant budget increase ask at the state level, this may or may not end up being in the final budget.
- v. Brought up concerns about the language of the survey, shared plan and the lack of data available
- vi. Additional funding available will be tied to your shared plan initiatives, could be between \$16,000-\$20,000 per county. This is why the shared plan

9. AGENCY UPDATES-

- a. Kids Summit-Christi Reveal:
 - i. Looking at the needs in our community and in Ohio as a whole. These are the top 3 priority areas identified:
 - 1. Access to pediatric care
 - 2. Family orientated transition planning
 - 3. Respite Care with foster families and also for our families with kids with disabilities.
 - ii. Encouraged to pick 1 initiative and then tie to the shared plan for funding in the incentive application.
 - iii. Amy will send out a poll to see who is interested in joining a separate workgroup for this.
- b. Erin Harris, JFS (SNAP Benefit Changes)-Reviewed benefit changes and explained the purpose is to assist with benefit cliff.
- c. Operation Warm (HIT Foundation)-School Success liaisons will have more information on this. Emily shared that Butler County just received their order and the coats and shoes were great variety and sizes. Family do have to be TANF eligible and complete a TANF form in order to receive items.
- d. Success/Allie-Registration for Christmas for Kids is closed, taking kids on a waitlist. Contact Success Liaison if you have a family who is in need of services. Drop off is on the 9th and 10th of December.
- e. Consumers Counsel/Amy Carles-Centerpoint and AES are planning to ask for large increases to their distribution rates; rate case is in the very beginning stages, will have public hearing and can leave public comment. Additional information will be sent electronically following the meeting.
- f. Paula/Human Trafficking Task Force-There are new videos for school staff to be able to know ways to spot Trafficking.
- g. 4C is offering Parent Cafe-Can bring information to the next meeting
- h. Lisa Taylor-Caresource-Open enrollment for Ohio Medicaid is happening now.
- i. amy motion and becky was the 2nd

10. WRAP-UP & ADJOURN

- a. Amy Raynes moved to adjourn the meeting and Becky provided the 2nd; Meeting adjourned at 11:48am

Next Regular Full Council Meeting – February 6, 2025 @ 10:30 PCJFS