

**PREBLE COUNTY FCFC
FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 2023 - 10:30 a.m.
Preble County JFS, 1500 Park Avenue, Eaton or Teams**

1) CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Jeff Parker at 10:31am

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

- a) February 2, 2023 meeting minutes (Motion needed)
Motion made by Erin Harris, 2nd Christi Reveal; motion passes

3) FINANCE REPORT

- a) Review of April 4, 2023 reports; all reports sent to full council via email ahead of the meeting.
FCFC cash balance is \$89,906.00
HMG cash balance is \$27,342.38
Total cash balance is \$117,248.38
- b) Special meeting was held by the Executive Council concerning the HMG portion of funds that would be managed by them starting on July 1st.
- c) Review of Monthly Reports for FCSS-January, February, March (Motion needed)
Motion made by Bob Fisher, 2nd by Shelly Ratliff; Motion approved

4) GOVERNANCE REPORT

- a) MSY Grant Agreement: Email sent with a copy of the MSY grant agreement.
Motion made by Amy Raynes, 2nd by Brian Green; motion passes

5) COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a) Impact Committee-No update
- b) Dispute Resolution-No update
- c) Executive/Fiscal Committee-See minutes attached;
- d) Nominating Committee- No update
- e) ECCC Update-Christi Reveal; Postponed party in the park due to weather, May 15th is the new date with a rain date May 16th. Party in the Park is a county wide event, open to everyone. Christi shared that there is a need for substitutes in all schools and preschools across the county. Christi shared there will be a Conscious Discipline event on August 8th, more information coming. Head Start is starting a center based EHS for 8 children with sign-ups beginning in mid-June. Center-based classrooms will operate year around with planned breaks throughout the year, classrooms operate 7.5 hour days, with a focus on families most in need and highest risk. The currently planned start date is the end of September, beginning of October. Discussion on the hourly rate for substitutes and pay, Christi shared that most locations across the county are paying \$12.00-\$15.00/hour. Discussion about the aftercare needs for EHS center based and some challenges families who work longer days might experience. Christi will share the feedback.
- f) OCTF- Ashley Fuller; They are accepting proposals for parent cafes or other ideas from counties. There are Legal Aid funds available and Ashley can share information to get families connected. There are various legal offices but services are first come/first served for funds and once they are out, they are gone. Cara will join Ashley on the OCTF committee as the 2nd representative.

6) GRANTEE UPDATES

- a) Help Me Grow-Ashley Fuller; Numbers are very high with the EISC caseload around 60 right now. Grant allocation increased by \$10,000 for next year so they are working on a

plan to handle the additional funding and how to best support the needed services at a high quality level.

- b) Help Me Grow Home Visiting-Emily White; Caseload is currently full but we will always take a high risk client if needed. We do have available resources for clients including monthly diapers and access to educational toys if families are actively participating in weekly home visits.
- c) Wraparound-Becky Sorrell/Cara Ditton; 12 open cases and 1 additional family in residential, 7 families with team meetings that are going really well, 1 in custody, 1 in residential. Cara continues to attend weekly OhioRise office hours and quarterly meetings. Cara is working to meet with the local providers and share about services and resources;
- d) OhioRise-Amy Raynes/Becky Sorrell: still trying to figure out how to work together to best meet the needs of Preble County families. The goal is to keep kids in the community as much as possible, but not a lot of community resources available. The group had a discussion about the importance of parent choice and the move from Caresource to Atena. Many in the group discussed the difficulty this is causing families and other services the families are engaged in. The group ended the discussion by reviewing a specific case with MSY and Choices involvement. Discussion with Choices and council members about moving this case through quickly since they will be utilizing local dollars.

Amy made a motion for local MSY funding to cover a youth in placement until OhioRise/Choices is able to do their work with the family for on-going funding needs; 2nd by Brian Green; motion passes

7) AGENCY UPDATES-

Any Preble County Agency may give updates

- a) Shelly from Equine Assisted Learning/Hideaway Trails shared her program with the council today. EAL's intended program participants are foster and adopted kids with developmental trauma (abuse, neglect etc). The Ranch is in New Paris on B Road and they currently serve ages 3 years to 17, can go to 18 if still in school. They currently offer services 1x/week however they are hopeful to expand that to 2 options each week; they are closed in the summer to give everyone a break. They currently have 8 kids in the program and they come from a variety of backgrounds and situations. Services begin with a welcome and tour of the farm, develop a plan of care with the family/child together, and then match them with a community mentor. All progress is tracked from beginning to end. All mentors are trained, not always in equine, but they do provide training on trauma and all mentors have a background check completed. Most of the mentors are known by farm owners/operators or other friend/family connections. Kids come to the farm 1x/week and meet with the same mentor and horse each time, they build a bond with one another. They also teach a lot of life skills classes and information, offer crafts and activities, and have a program called Stable Moments. The program runs during the school year. There is a cost involved but that amount varies based on family need, there is a goal to have everyone pay at least something even if it's \$25.00/month. They have a financial consideration form and are applying for grants to help offset the cost. Clarified this is not formal equine therapy but has a trauma focus. A mentor from EAL was present for the meeting today and shared her experience as being a mentor and all that she has been able to accomplish with a child she has been mentoring for the last several months. She shared when the child initially started in the program she was scared of the horse and wouldn't come near him and within a few weeks she was fully taking care of him independently and has grown to really love the experience. The group discussed the option of taking a tour of the facility together!
- b) Success-Filled the position at Twin Valley South-Bailey George is the new Success Liaison there; A contact at Premier Health reached out about bringing their mobile health services and education to Preble County. They have education services on breast health,

lifestyle health and cervical screenings. The group discussed possibly having the mobile unit there on the days of the Shared Harvest Food Distributions.

- c) 4C-childcare; Let's Talk parenting sessions have started (1 hour and engaging), looking to open childcare for the sessions. Lots of jobs available in the ECP space right now.
 - d) Samaritan-Not giving up on MRSS, know the need is there but need to find a qualified candidate.
 - e) Girls Lead Summer-July 10-21 at Eaton Athletics and Wellness Center; registration is live. Application fee but if they need financial assistance then just skip that part. The event will be held in-person this year.
 - f) United Way-Sand volleyball tournament this week. The annual upcoming Golf Outing is June 9th and this is a BIG fundraiser for UW so if you are able to support it would be much appreciated.
 - g) Amy C from Consumer services- will send an email to Amy R to distribute; The electric market is coming down just not as far as they had hoped for so if consumers need assistance, please share the resources with them.
- 8) WRAP-UP & ADJOURN
Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Amy Raynes; 2nd by Emily White; Motion passes.
Meeting adjourned at 11:35

Next Regular Full Council Meeting – August 3, 2023 @ 10:30 PCJFS