



**Ohio Children's Trust Fund
Board Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2015**

Board Members Present:

Senator Kevin Bacon
Melissa Bacon (Director Rick Hodges)
Julie Barnes
Dr. Tammy Collins (Director Tracy Plouck)
Jennifer Justice (Director Cynthia C. Dungey)
Christina Klefeker
Judy Leb
Dr. Kathi Makoroff
Dr. Lolita McDavid
Ronald Rees

Board Members Absent:

Jon Fishpaw
Senator Lou Gentile
Representative Sarah LaTourette

Staff Present:

Kristen Rost, Executive Director
Carolyn Brewer, Program Administrator
David Monder, Program Manager
Nicole Sillaman, Program Manager

Guests:

Daniel Fitzpatrick, Legislative Liaison for ODJFS
Bob Welsh, Senior Staff Attorney for ODJFS
Lucas Denney, Legislative Aide, Senator Bacon

Chairman Bacon called the Ohio Children's Trust Fund (OCTF) Board Meeting to order at 12:00pm on February 12, 2015.

Chairman Bacon then asked everyone in the room to briefly introduce themselves.

Old Business

Minutes

Chairman Bacon asked for any additions or revisions to the November 13, 2014 board meeting minutes. Ronald Rees motioned that the November 13, 2014 board meeting minutes be approved. Dr. McDavid seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Program Highlight – Human Trafficking

Executive Director Kristen Rost reminded board members that the OCTF approved the release of \$90,000 to fund the prevention of human trafficking. The request for proposal was released in November 2014 and grantees were selected and notified in December 2014. Director Rost advised board members that they could find details on the eight organizations that will receive these prevention funds in the Executive Director’s report.

Executive Director, Kristen Rost then provided a brief introduction to the Human Trafficking video entitled, “What is Human Trafficking”.

New Business

OCTF Budget Update

Director Rost provided a brief overview of the SFY 2015 budget.

Board members then held a brief discussion about the receipt of birth and death certificate fees as well as divorce and dissolution fees. Director Rost explained that under the Single Invoicing System with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), the Trust Fund is receiving its’ proper share of birth and death certificate fees. The Director advised that the Trust Fund is in the process of ascertaining whether the OCTF is receiving its fair share of divorce and dissolution fees.

Director Rost also provided a brief overview of recent OCTF fundraising activity and encouraged board members to contact her or Jon Fishpaw if they would like to participate on the Fundraising Workgroup.

Allocation Workgroup – Regional Allocation Model

Ronald Rees thanked the Trust Fund staff and Dr. Collins for their work on the Allocation Workgroup. Mr. Rees discussed the allocation workgroup’s review of the Trust Fund’s current allocation model and their exploration of a regional approach. Under this approach, the OCTF would allocate funds on a regional basis in which each region would decide how the funds would be allocated and they would assemble a child abuse prevention programming plan based on OCTF guidelines and submit it to the Trust Fund Board for review and approval.

Mr. Rees further explained the details of the regional approach and outlined the options available to the Board. He also advised board members that a board vote for a new allocation model only represents a recommendation that the Executive Director would then take to the legislature, which would then decide whether to enact the necessary statutory changes to implement the model.

Board members then discussed the regional model options and expressed their desire to ensure that each region contain multiple counties.

Ron Rees motioned to authorize the OCTF Executive Director to move forward with legislators to implement the OCTF Regional Allocation Model provided that each region contains more than one county and that the allocation division utilized in the model is based on OCTF current revenues. In addition, the Trust Fund will continue with the current single year allocation system in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016.

The board voted 9-0, with Julie Barnes abstaining, to approve the motion.

Discussion on Funding Innovative Proposals

Director Rost reminded board members of how the OCTF funds proposals from entities other than Child Abuse and Child Neglect Prevention Advisory Boards in an effort to encourage innovative ideas and address OCTF priorities. The Director noted how the issue of ownership has been raised several times during discussion of previous innovative proposals and she advised that the Board should discuss ownership rights of the products and services produced.

Director Rost highlighted points to consider regarding ownership and she outlined options for the Trust Fund determining ownership rights.

The board followed with a brief discussion and decided to postpone approving an ownership directive so that the Executive Director could acquire additional information and discuss ownership issues with other entities.

Statewide Application

Director Rost briefly reviewed the OCTF statewide application criteria and explained that the Trust Fund received one application by the January 9, 2015 deadline.

The application, submitted by Lydia Home Association, requests funding to expand the Safe Families for Children program throughout Ohio. Under this program, parents voluntarily place their children in safe, loving homes where they are cared for by volunteers while the parents seek to restore stability in their lives. Lydia Home Association specifically asked for \$100,000 to build community interests and recruit the host families as well as train and approve the host families and then place the children in homes of volunteers or host families.

The board then held a brief discussion noting concerns with the lack of outcomes in the proposal as well as the fact that the applicant is not licensed in Ohio.

Dr. Lolita McDavid motioned to decline the application based on the applicant's lack of licensure under Ohio law. Christina Klefeker seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

April 2015 Activities

Director Rost provided board members with a brief update on OCTF April 2015 activities.

Executive Director's Report

Director Rost briefly reviewed the Report and asked board members to contact her with any questions.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Bacon adjourned the February 12, 2015, OCTF Board meeting at 1:49 pm.

Handouts:

OCTF Board Meeting Agenda – February 12, 2015

OCTF PowerPoint Presentation – February 12, 2015

OCTF Board Draft Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2014

SFY 2015 OCTF Financial Status
Division of OCTF Allocation Handout
Executive Director's Report
April Toolkit Quick Guides