



**Ohio Children's Trust Fund
Board Meeting Minutes
May 7, 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)
Representative Sarah LaTourette
Dr. Kathi Makoroff
Ronald Rees

Board Members Absent:

Representative Janine Boyd
Jon Fishpaw
Senator Lou Gentile
Christina Klefeker
Judy Leb
Dr. Lolita McDavid

Staff Present:

Kristen Rost, Executive Director
David Monder, Program Manager
Nicole Sillaman, Program Manager

Guests:

Linette Alexander, Deputy Legal Counsel for ODJFS
Lucas Denney, Legislative Aide, Senator Bacon
Lydia Morton, Page, Senator Bacon
Sheri Chaney Jones, President, Measurement Resources Company

Chairman Bacon called the Ohio Children's Trust Fund (OCTF) Board Meeting to order at 10:00am on May 7, 2015. A quorum was not present at the start of the meeting.

Executive Director Kristen Rost introduced Felicia Saunders and advised Board members that she will be assisting during the meeting given that Carolyn Brewer departed the Trust Fund in mid-April. Director Rost explained that Carolyn's position has been posted and that the OCTF initiated the hiring process.

Program Highlight – Nurturing Parenting Program (Portage County)

David Monder provided some brief background information on the Nurturing Parenting programs including the philosophy and goals of the program as well as the delivery settings. He then advised members that their meeting materials include additional Nurturing Parenting information including the specific programs and amounts the OCTF is funding in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2015 and the programs the Trust Fund is being asked to support in SFY 2016.

Mr. Monder then provided brief background information on the ABCs of Parenting Program that is being delivered in Portage County by Townhall II, a vendor of the Portage County Family and Children First Council. Board members then viewed a video about the program created by Townhall II. Board members did not have any questions concerning the video.

Following the video, Chairman Bacon welcomed Representative Sarah LaTourette to the OCTF Board, introduced his staff, and noted that a quorum of Board members was now present.

Old Business

Minutes

Chairman Bacon asked for any additions or revisions to the February 12, 2015 board meeting minutes. Ronald Rees motioned that the February 12, 2015 board meeting minutes be approved. Julie Barnes seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

New Business

OCTF Strategic Plan Overview

Director Rost provided a brief overview of the OCTF Strategic Plan process noting that the current strategic plan was last updated in 2009 and ended in 2014. Director Rost explained the history of OCTF Board action taken including releasing a request for proposals (RFP) in January 2015. As a result of the RFP, Measurement Resources Company was recommended as the vendor for the strategic planning services and began work on April 14, 2015.

Director Rost then introduced Measurement Resources Company President Sheri Chaney Jones, who provided the Board with a brief presentation on the strategic plan goals and process for the coming year as well as anticipated Board member involvement. The Board held a brief discussion following the strategic plan presentation in which Chairman Bacon advised members that the September 2015 board meeting will be extended by thirty minutes so that a full hour can be devoted to update members and work with them on setting a strategic vision and devising strategic planning steps and implementation schedules.

CBCAP Overview

Nicole Sillaman provided a brief overview of the Trust Fund's Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) funding proposal for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 including specific focus areas and required federal priority areas that the OCTF will be addressing.

Ronald Rees motioned that the OCTF Board approve the CBCAP application and direct Trust Fund staff to submit it. Julie Barnes seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

SFY 2016 County Allocations

Director Rost presented a brief overview of the SFY 2016 County Applications that included a snapshot of the proposed programs for adults, children, families and professionals and the number of counties seeking to implement each of the programs. She outlined the protective factors, the proposed expenditure of funds and the proposed number of people to be served by the 171 strategies proposed for SFY 2016.

Director Rost reviewed the OCTF Mission/Vision/Goals as well as the mandatory application criteria that County Child Abuse and Child Neglect Prevention Advisory Boards were required to comply with in submitting their applications. She reported that, for the third straight year, all 88 counties submitted a complete application by the March 1st deadline. She also explained the SFY 2016 county application review process and the diverse group of individuals that participated in the application review.

Home visiting program(s)

Director Rost briefly reviewed the home visiting programs that 20 counties are requesting funding for in SFY 2016. She explained that the OCTF has historically funded strategies that target gap populations who are not receiving services from other state funded programming. Continuing with these guidelines, the Trust Fund Board sought to ensure it is not funding strategies that are duplicating services within the counties. With the current home visiting models proposed, there are several gap populations who are not receiving services through Help Me Grow or Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) grants including parents of children ages 3-5 and non-first time mothers.

Following a brief discussion by Board members, Julie Barnes motioned to deny home visiting strategies that do not meet the Board defined target population of parents of children ages 3-5 or non-first time mothers, but allow those applicants to resubmit revised applications containing the appropriate target populations. Ronald Rees seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Statewide initiatives

Director Rost then briefly reviewed multiple statewide initiatives being proposed by multiple counties including the Strengthening Families Framework and Trauma Informed Care. Board members discussed the importance of the regional allocation model and how it could facilitate a more effective harnessing of resources and a reduction in local level administrative costs for those counties delivering similar programming.

Home grown program(s)

The Director explained that one county is proposing a home grown developed program utilizing components of Triple P Positive Parenting and Child Assault Prevention. The Trust Fund has a history of promoting and supporting home grown programs provided that the county applying for them can demonstrate reasonable progress towards moving the program to a level of evidence. Director Rost explained that this applicant has been funded for the past five years and has not provided any information to the Trust Fund indicating any efforts attempted and/or progress achieved towards advancing the home grown program to an evidence level.

Following a brief discussion by Board members, Ronald Rees motioned to approve the home grown developed program and enforce a timeline to reach evidence level. Dr. Tammy Collins seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Status 4

Director Rost then advised Board members of 12 counties that proposed 12 strategies that were evaluated at a status 4 as they did not align with the mission, vision and goals of the Trust Fund and/or did not meet the core program requirements of the SFY 2016 application and they contained major weaknesses. The Director reviewed each strategy (Crossroads of Parenting and Divorce; Period of Purple Crying; Active Parent BabyCare Workshop; Active Parenting of Teens; and Conscious Discipline) and the concerns raised by reviewers with each of them.

Following a brief discussion, Jennifer Justice motioned to deny status 4 strategies and request amended plans. Julie Barnes seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Status 3

The Director explained to Board members that there were 72 counties that proposed 105 strategies that were evaluated at a status 3 as they aligned with the mission, vision and goals of the Trust Fund and met the core program requirements of the SFY 2016 application, but they contained major weaknesses.

Following a brief discussion, Ronald Rees motioned to require that counties with status 3 strategies correct the major weaknesses with the strategies, redirect funding to other approved strategies or propose a new strategy that meets the core requirements of the application. The motion allows the OCTF Executive Director to approve revisions that meet these requirements. Dr. Collins seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Status 2

Director Rost then advised Board members that there were 37 counties that proposed 50 strategies that were evaluated at a status 2 as they aligned with the mission, vision and goals of the Trust Fund and met the core program requirements of the SFY 2016 application, but they contained minor weaknesses.

Following a brief discussion, Julie Barnes motioned to approve status 2 strategies and require applicants to correct weaknesses through a technical assistance process by September 1, 2015 in order to receive second half funding. The motion allows the OCTF Executive Director to approve revisions that meet these requirements. Jennifer Justice seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Status 1

The Director informed Board members that there were 2 counties that proposed 4 strategies that were evaluated at a status 1 as they aligned with the mission, vision and goals of the Trust Fund, met the core program requirements of the SFY 2016 application and only needed slight revisions.

Jennifer Justice motioned to approve status 1 strategies. Dr. Kathi Makoroff seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

OCTF Budget Update

Director Rost urged Board members to join the OCTF Finance/Fundraising Workgroup that will hold calls approximately every six weeks. The Director noted that individuals can now donate to the OCTF online.

Director Rost briefly explained the history of divorce and dissolution fees as well as updated members on the Trust Fund's current budgetary status and the proposed SFY 2016 operating budget.

Ronald Rees motioned to approve the OCTF SFY 2016 operating budget. Representative LaTourette seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Regional Allocation Model Update

Chairman Bacon reminded members that legislation is needed to proceed with implementing the model. The Chairman explained that he is exploring inserting the implementation language into the Biennial Operating Budget and if that is not possible, he will introduce a stand-alone bill.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Bacon adjourned the May 7, 2015, OCTF Board meeting at 11:55am.

Handouts:

OCTF Board Meeting Agenda – May 7, 2015

OCTF PowerPoint Presentation – May 7, 2015

OCTF Board Draft Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2015

SFY 2016 Application Status Spreadsheet

SFY 2015 Operating Budget

SFY 2016 Operating Budget

Executive Director's Report