



**Ohio Children's Trust Fund
Board Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2009**

Board Members Present:

Director Dawson
Ericka Thoms

Karen Hughes
Frank Putnam, M.D.

Lisa McDuffie

Board Members Absent:

Representative Brown, Chair
Crystal Allen, Vice Chair
Mary Deel

Senator Schuring
Senator Turner
Kelly Lynch

Anthony Trotman
Representative Wagner

Staff Present:

Karen Minton, Program Director
David Monder, Program Manager
Kristen Rost, Program Manager
Carolyn Brewer, Administrative Assistant

Staff Absent:

Candace Valach, Executive Director

Guests:

Sara Ziems (Crystal Allen Ward)
Cameron McNamee (Senator Nina Turner)
Sara Hall Phillips (Anthony Trotman)

Finance Chair, Ericka Thoms called the Ohio Children's Trust Fund Board Meeting to order at 1:17 p.m. on July 9, 2009.

Old Business

Ericka Thoms moved that the meeting minutes from the May 14, 2009 Board meeting be approved as submitted. Hearing no objections, the minutes were unanimously approved.

New Business

County allocations for SFY 2010

Karen Minton provided a PowerPoint presentation on the county allocations for SFY 2010. Karen noted that there was a vast improvement in the applications which can be attributed to the intensive technical assistance from both OSU CLEX and OCTF staff. The board discussed ways of ensuring that the technical assistance received is incorporated into and directly reflected in the county plans. For example, the board discussed making the second half allocation in January, or the next fiscal year's allocation contingent upon addressing the areas of need identified through TA and the official review of the SFY 2010 Interim Application. The board recommended that the issue be further explored by the Finance and Executive Committees.

Karen Minton shared a list of programs for board review and discussion. The board discussed that while some of the programs may be effective, the direct link to primary and or secondary prevention may not be clearly evident. The board discussed how all funded programs should tie directly to the OCTF mission and strategic plan. For example, the board discussed how funded programs should be child abuse prevention programs, not programs with a link to child abuse prevention. The programs discussed included:

Wrap-Around & Crisis Stabilization – The board discussed wrap-around programs as well as a MST program proposed by counties for SFY 2010. The board was able to make the CAN connection; however, it was noted that the counties must have a sound evaluation tool in place. The board recommended that OCTF staff work with counties utilizing a wrap-around program to ensure evaluation standards are developed and met. Dr. Putnam moved that the Wrap-Around & Crisis Stabilization program be recommended for approval. Karen Hughes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

*Due to a board member having to tend to an urgent matter, the board continued meeting in informal board discussion with further analysis and presentation of information for the OCTF Executive Committee.

Safe Sleep Practices – The board discussed a safe sleep program proposed for SFY 2010. The Board members supported the program but asked that the county follow-up to see that the families are continuing to use the beds supplied after the program ends. The Board members supported this CAN prevention program and recommended it be referred to the Executive Committee for further review and approval.

Love's Cradle & Parent's Forever – The board discussed two parenting programs proposed for SFY 2010. The board recognized the importance of the program but had concerns about the fact child abuse and neglect was only a small portion of each curriculum. The Board members did not support this as a CAN prevention program and recommended it be referred to the Executive Committee for further review.

Literacy Events – The board discussed proposed literacy events for SFY 2010. The board recognized the value of the events but felt the link to child abuse and neglect prevention was not strong enough to be a sole strategy. The Board members did not support this as a CAN prevention program and recommended it be referred to the Executive Committee for further review.

Fetal Alcohol Prevention – The board discussed fetal alcohol prevention program proposed for SFY 2010. The Board members supported this as a CAN prevention program and recommended it be referred to the Executive Committee for further review and approval.

Teen Dating & Anti Bullying Programs– The board discussed a teen dating violence prevention program and an anti-bullying program proposed for SFY 2010. While the board recognized the merits of the programs, there was concern that these programs are designed to reduce peer on peer violence, and not child abuse and neglect. The Board members did not support this as a CAN prevention program and recommended it be referred to the Executive Committee for further review.

Family Fun Night and Family Activities – The board discussed proposed strategies for SFY 2010 that centered on a family activity or event. The board felt that the strategy did not reflect the OCTF strategic plan in targeting evidence based programs and/or promising practices. The Board members

did not support this as a CAN prevention program and recommended it be referred to the Executive Committee for further review.

Countywide 3rd Birthday Party – The board discussed the countywide birthday party as a proposed strategy for SFY 2010. The board felt that this program, despite its being targeted to a specific age, did not reflect the OCTF strategic plan in targeting evidence based programs and/or promising practices. The Board members did not support this as a CAN prevention program and recommended it be referred to the Executive Committee for further review.

Care-a-Van – The board discussed the proposed strategy for SFY 2010. The board members commented that this was a valuable program but that there was not enough evidence to support it as a child abuse and neglect prevention program. The Board members did not support this as a CAN prevention program and recommended it be referred to the Executive Committee for further review.

Big Brothers – Big Sisters – The board discussed the proposed strategy for SFY 2010. The board discussed the intrinsic value of a mentoring program, but identified the lack of a clear and direct link to child abuse and neglect prevention as an issue. The Board members did not support this as a CAN prevention program and recommended it be referred to the Executive Committee for further review.

Staying Connected with Your Teen – The board discussed the proposed strategy for SFY 2010. The board felt that this program, despite its being targeted to a specific age, did not reflect the OCTF strategic plan in targeting evidence based programs and/or promising practices. The Board members did not support this as a CAN prevention program and recommended it be referred to the Executive Committee for further review.

Substance Abuse Programs – The board discussed several substance abuse prevention programs proposed for SFY 2010. The board recognized the value of substance abuse prevention, but felt that programs should be directly targeted to child abuse & neglect prevention. The Board members did not support this as a CAN prevention program and recommended it be referred to the Executive Committee for further review.

Life Skills Programs- The board discussed various life-skills programs proposed for SFY 2010. The board recognized the value of educating children on life skills such as personal hygiene and nutrition etc., but felt that programs should be directly targeted to child abuse & neglect prevention. The Board members did not support this as a CAN prevention program and recommended it be referred to the Executive Committee for further review.

After School Programs – The board discussed a proposed after-school program for SFY 2010. The board acknowledged the value of an after-school program but would like to have seen direct programming relating to child abuse prevention built into a curriculum. The Board members did not support this as a CAN prevention program and recommended it be referred to the Executive Committee for further review.

Respite Programs - Multiple respite programs were proposed for SFY 2010. The programs provided respite in the form of temporary care for the children and included a parent education component as part of the delivered services. Due to the varying structures of the respite plans, the board discussed further exploring the development of a respite framework for guiding future respite funding decisions. The Board members supported this as a CAN prevention program and recommended it be referred to the Executive Committee for further review and approval.

Kinship Support – The board discussed a kinship support program proposed for SFY 2010. The board

acknowledged the value of the program but felt the link to child abuse and neglect prevention was not strong enough to support it as a strategy to prevent abuse and neglect within the county. The board discussed the desire to see a parent/caregiver education curriculum delivered as part of the program. The Board members did not support this as a CAN prevention program and recommended it be referred to the Executive Committee for further review.

Strengthening Families

Kristen Rost reviewed the draft action plan for the statewide Strengthening Families initiative. The board supported CTF staff submitting an initial application to the National Alliance of Children's Trust & Prevention Funds for Strengthening Families. The OCTF would get \$5,000 and technical assistance. As part of the application, we were asked to complete a work plan. Kristen presented the work plan to the board members and discussed it. OCTF is currently meeting with stakeholders. To date the Trust Fund has met with Kimberly Tice from the Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children (OAEYC), Chris Stoneburner from the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association (OCCRA) and Barb Haxton from Head Start. Additional meetings are scheduled with representatives from the Governor's Early Child Care and Education Cabinet (Alicia Leatherman) and the Office for Children & Families.

OSU CLEX Contract

Karen Minton reviewed the revised deliverables from the proposed contract with The State University Center for Learning Excellence (OSU CLEX) for the Statewide Needs Assessment, Planning and Evaluation Project. There were revisions to the original contract and expanded deliverables, resulting in an increase in the contract amount. Dr. Putnam noted concern over the cost of the literature review (\$6,037), stating that, in his professional opinion, it appeared to be high. Karen Hughes also noted concern over the cost associated with specific deliverables, citing the focus groups as an example. Board members recommended the contract be referred to the Executive and Finance Committees for further review and approval.

ODVN request for Co Sponsorship

Karen Minton shared a proposal from the Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN) to co-sponsor their annual Ohio Family Violence Prevention Summit. The ODVN asked the Trust Fund to co-sponsor the conference at the cost of \$5,000. The board discussed wanting to see a breakout session focusing on child abuse and neglect prevention. Karen stated that the Trust Fund would follow-up with ODVN on exploring the opportunity. With Ericka Thoms abstaining, the Board members supported this opportunity and recommended it be referred to the Executive Committee for further review and approval.

Prevent Child Abuse Ohio Status

Provisional Charter – Prevent Child Abuse America (PCAA) offered a provisional charter to OCTF. The provisional contract was shared with ODJFS Legal for review, who recommended the OCTF not sign the provisional charter due to a conflict with Ohio law. It is important to note that there were no significant issues with the content itself: due to Ohio law, the OCTF cannot agree to mandatory arbitration under another state's law. The Trust Fund is working with Prevent Child Abuse America on a contract that will meet the requirements of PCAA and satisfy the concerns from ODJFS legal.

Pinwheels for Prevention 2010 – Part of being a provisional charter requires the Trust Fund to sponsor a Pinwheels for Prevention campaign. Karen shared preliminary figures regarding the cost of the pinwheel purchase. With each pinwheel costing between \$0.28 - \$0.30 each, the approximate total (one pinwheel for each report of abuse and neglect, 106,538) would be about \$30,000 to pay for the 88 counties. OCTF has the opportunity to utilize a portion of the CBCAP grant to pay for the purchase of

the pinwheels. The Board members supported this opportunity and recommended it be referred to the Executive Committee for further review and approval.

Update of RFGA

There were 29 applications submitted in response to the request for grant applications released by the Trust Fund for implementation of The Incredible Years programming. A total of 14 applicants were awarded funding. OCTF staff is currently working with grantees and the Office of Contracts and Acquisitions to expedite contract development.

April 2010 – Due to time constraints, the proposed events for April 2010 were not individually discussed. A handout was included in the board members’ packets containing information on *Proposed Activities for April 2010*.

Finance Chair, Ericka Thoms adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m.

Handouts:

OCTF Board Meeting Agenda for July 9, 2009

OCTF Board Meeting Minutes May 14, 2009

County Allocation Review SFY 2010 – PowerPoint Presentation

SFY 2010 Strategies

Analysis of SFY 2010 Budgets

Strengthening Families OHIO

Strengthening Families Application to the National Alliance of Children’s Trust & Prevention Funds

Strengthening Families Through Building Strong and Sustainable State Structures-Ohio

Strengthening Families Through Quality Rating and Improvement Systems (QRIS)-Ohio

Strengthening Families Through Demonstrations/Pilot Sites-Ohio

Ohio Children’s Trust Fund Statewide Needs Assessment, Planning and Evaluation Project

Proposed Activities : April 2010

Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN): Prevention in Progress: Family Violence Prevention Summit

Prevention in Progress – The Ohio Family Violence Prevention Summit

Prevention in Progress – Training-Support-Dialogue-Overview