



OHIO FFPSA LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Monday December 16, 2019 | 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Voting Members

Name	Agency	Present	Not Present
Anderson, Karen	Cuyahoga County PCSA	X	
Bergefurd, Angie	Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OhioMHAS)	X	
Caldwell, Nicole	Guernsey County PCSA	X	
Carpenter, Carla	ODJFS, Deputy Director OFC	X	
Clark, Donna	Seeds 4 Life	Telephone	
Collier-Jones, Dr. Ollie	Ohio Grandparent Kinship Coalition (OGKC)		X
Davis, Amanda	Foster Care Alumni		X
Edelblute, David	Children and Families Section, Supreme Court of Ohio	X	
Erickson-Anderson, Dot	Ohio Family Care Association	X	
Flick, Melissa	South Central Ohio Job and Family Services	X	
Garbe, Megan	Foster Caregiver	X	
Gilbert, Julie	Butler County PCSA	X	
Good, Jewell	Montgomery County PCSA	X	
Harding, Jodi	Lighthouse Youth Services	X	
Harvey, Nancy	Community Teaching Homes		X
Hauck, Kimberly	Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD)	X	
Hagopian, Carolyn (on behalf of Jones, Sarah)	Ohio Department of Medicaid	X	
Jordan, Penny	Kinship Caregiver	X	
Kresic, Matt	Homes for Kids,		X
LaTourette, Sarah	Ohio Family and Children First		X
Lill, A J	Erie County PCSA		X
Marconi, Sharon	National Youth Advocate Program	X	
Mecum, Mark	Ohio Children's Alliance	X	
Reilly, Sean	UMCH Family Services	X	
Rutherford, Tina	Franklin County Children Services	X	
Scott Britton for Sausser, Angela	Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO)	X	
Spears, Jeff	Ohio Department of Youth Services	X	
Weaver, Margie (on behalf of Weir, Moira)	Ohio JFS Director's Association (OJFSDA)	X	
Weitzel, Tim	Lorain County Domestic Relations Court		X
Zawisza, Katie	Lutheran Homes Society, Inc. (Genacross)		X

Non-Voting Members and Guests: Ainsley Brougher—Belmont Pines Hospital; Elisha Cangelosi—Franklin County Children Services; Gretchen Clark Hammond—Mighty Crow; Erica Magier—Mighty Crow; Crystal Ward-Allen—Casey Family Programs; Don Warner—Oesterlen; Patty Jo Burnett--Lorain County Children Services; Chelsea Cordonnier—Children's Initiatives Associate; Shawna Deems—ODM; Teresa Kobelt—OCALI; Grace Kolliesuah—OhioMHAS;

Marisa Weisel—Medicaid; Celin Wilson—Cuyahoga County Foster Care Association; Joel Haberland—Genacross; Laura Hasyn—Genacross; and Kate Rossman—Ohio Children’s Alliance.

ODJFS: Kari Akins, Alicia Allen, Kristi Burre ,Veronica Burroughs, Cathy Ghering, Lucy Gobble, Lakeisha Hilton, Ellen Holt, Jennifer Koebel, Renee Lupi, Karen McGormley, Gina Speaks-Eshler, Alan Thompson, Colleen Tucker, Roger Ward, Tequilla Washington, Kara Wentte, Crystal Williams, Lindsay Williams, Shelene Williams, Sue Williams, Trish Wilson, and Robynn Jasper (scribe).

I. Welcome, Introductions, and Review of October Meeting Minutes

- A. *Welcome & Introductions:* Carla welcomed the advisory committee to the final meeting of 2019 and gave an overview of the agenda. This is also Carla’s last meeting.
- B. *Review/Approval of October Meeting Minutes:* The October minutes were reviewed by the Leadership committee. Mark Mecum moved to accept and Julie Gilbert seconded. All approved and none opposed.
- C. *Overall FFPSA Updates – Federal and State:*
 - 1. The Original file date for the **model foster care licensing standards** will be the beginning of January 2020 and the public hearings will be set for the beginning of February 2020.
 - 2. **Washington DC’s plan and Utah’s prevention plans were approved.** Other states have submitted and have received feedback. No updates on Family First transition act.

II. Federal and State PCSAO’s Tiered Treatment Foster Care Stakeholder Group Updates – Final Report, Recommendations, and Feedback

- A. *Overview:* The presentation was given by Scott Britton (PCSAO) and Gretchen Clark Hammond (Mighty Crow). Giving context to the foundational work of the Tiered Treatment Foster Care Stakeholder group, Scott explained that data was pulled from SACWIS to include;
 - 113 total incidents involving 110 distinct youth who stayed 30 days or less in Congregate Residential Care (CRC) and returned home.
 - 1-14 day stay: 80 total incidents involving 77 distinct youth
 - 15-30 day stay: 33 incidents involving 33 distinct youth
 - 1355 moves involving 1027 distinct youth

- 1355 moves (involving 1027 distinct youth) who moved from one congregate care setting to another congregate care setting because they are kicked out/ejected
- 844 youth who went into congregate care and stay for a prescribed treatment period and then exited. (Breakdown by Time Periods: 0-6 months – 503; 7-12 months – 276; 13-15 months – 65)
- 1065 total incidents involving 1065 distinct youth go in and remain in congregate care long past the original treatment period.

See PowerPoint attachment titled [Tiered Treatment Foster Care: Recommendations.](#)

B. *Recommendations*: Although the final report is not yet available, the following recommendations have been made and when the final report becomes available, it will be shared with the leadership committee.

1. **Expand and enhance the levels of foster care beyond traditional and treatment** by creating three tiers of treatment foster care that better meet the variety of challenging needs of children entering the system and those that may be stepping down from congregate care or entering treatment foster care in lieu of congregate placement. This expansion will establish a range of tiers, which includes the highest form of treatment foster care. This recommendation recognizes that some counties may have a tiered system in place that may correspond with these proposed tiers.
2. **Establish a standard per diem range for traditional foster care that is consistent across the state.** Adjust foster care per diems based on the level of care provided by establishing a consistent per diem ranges for the three tiers of treatment foster care while further standardizing the core features of quality treatment foster care. These ranges should consider actual cost of living, including costs associated with the expected care needs of the child. The stakeholder group recommends a workgroup to focus on this issue, as it is quite complicated.
3. **Professionalize the role of foster parents** by determining skills required, support provided, and expectations for entering foster care as one's primary area of focus. Professionalization is not synonymous with employment; rather professionalization should be focused on role definition, skill expectation, training needs, and mentorship. Professionalism should also consider recruitment, capacity-building, and other important issues. The stakeholder group recommends a

workgroup to focus on this issue just as they did with payment, as it is also quite complicated.

Send all comments and feedback to Scott Britton (PCSAO)

scott@pcsao.org.

III. 2020 Family First Act and Children Services Transformation Context

A. Overview: Child Services Transformation: Advisory Group, Initiatives and how Family First connects to this work

1. Kristi shared an overview of Governor DeWine's commitment to the children and families in Ohio as demonstrated by his Executive Order to create Children's Initiative's and the Office of Children Services Transformation (CST).
2. The CST Advisory Council was created last month to look at strengths and needs statewide of the system as a whole and make recommendations for improvements. Integrating and partnering with ODJFS, workforce development is also an important focus. This year has been about listening and getting feedback from as many of those involved in child welfare as possible. Foster care forums were held in five locations. There will be more after the holidays. It was the first of its kind but will not be the only time they use this method.
3. From the Forums, there have been 7 themes already identified that include: kinship, foster, adoption, prevention, workforce, and case worker practice, courts and legal, disparities in access to care, and Attorney/GAL concerns even though many highlighted the positive experiences with the CASA program. Testimonies have been given primarily by caregivers.

B. Family First Leadership Committee: 2019 Review, Roadmap to implementation, Review Charter, Establish 2020 Direction for the Leadership Committee

1. Since Carla Carpenter is stepping down from this role, Kara and Kristi will tag-team leading the FFPSA Leadership Committee meetings and continue these meetings moving into 2020. Kara foresees these meetings going through the first part of 2020 and the meetings are currently scheduled through September 2020 (See [2020 meeting Schedule](#)).
2. Crystal Williams presented the 2019 review and discussed the plan for the Leadership will continue to meet in 2020 with the focus shifting to

implementation drivers; Fiscal, Training/TA, Communication, Systems/processes, ORC/Rules/Polices, Workforce development, Fidelity/Monitoring.

3. The roadmap update is in draft status. Please provide feedback to Crystal Williams crystal.williams@jfs.ohio.gov.
4. Child Fatality Review (ASAP, Chafee): No new update.

IV. *Prevention Subcommittee*

- A. *The Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP):* The Prevention Services Subcommittee will continue to work with CSSP throughout 2020 to build out the prevention services array and draft the Prevention services plan by the end of the Summer 2020. There is a tentative Prevention Services Subcommittee scheduled for the end of January and will be facilitated by CSSP. At the last retreat, the subcommittee drafted three of the key decision areas and submitted them at the October leadership committee meeting; 1) Opt in or opt out of Prevention Services, 2) Candidacy for foster care definition, and 3) Evidence-based service array.
- B. *Prevention Services Workgroups:* The In-Home Parenting Workgroup, Mental Health Workgroup, and Substance Use Workgroup have not met since the last leadership committee meeting.

V. *QRTP Subcommittee*

- A. *QRTP Requirements Communication Updates:* [A QRTP Requirements Announcement letter was sent from the Governor's Children's Initiative office](#) on December 6, 2019 and includes signatures from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD), Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), Ohio Department of Education (ODE), Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM), Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS), and Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS). The letter highlighted cross-agency collaboration in the efforts to move forward with the leadership committee's recommendation for Family First implementation.
- B. *Workgroups:* The QRTP Workgroups are continuing to meet in order to address the remaining 9 (nine) deliverables:

1. Level of care Assessment Flow Chart, menu of Independent Assessor options, menu of Assessment Tool options, mapping Ongoing Process for the level of care assessment – This work has been paused pending the formation of the Finance Workgroup.
2. Treatment Model Guidance for Agency Compliance, how ODJFS will certify compliance
3. Agency Readiness and Treatment Model – Training and TA Assistance Plans have been drafted and are in the process of being edited. This should be ready to share at the January Leadership committee meeting. There is also a plan to hold a statewide webinar by the end of January for the constituents to cover QRTP Requirements 101.
4. Accreditation: The accreditation workgroup is still meeting. They are doing a crosswalk with all the accrediting bodies on their respective requirements related to the Family First QRTP Recommendations. This group is meeting on December 17, 2019.
5. Courts/Judicial College Training - David Edelblute shared about the workgroup's plan to disseminate training and working to draft statute changes.
6. Licensing and Contracting Workgroup – Although this group has completed all recommendations, this work has transition to the Rule Writing team to solidify QRTP rules.

VI. *Cross-System Finance Workgroup:*

- A. As the financial piece impacts each committee's work and the same people are serving on the various committees, Mark Mecum suggested for the steering committee or a different committee to develop a standard way to determine and map out the financial impact and what needs to be considered for each of the various committees and sub-committees, as it relates to financing. The Finance Workgroup would have a committee representative present, more than likely the subcommittee leads, at the finance committee meetings.
- B. Finance Specific Questions that came up:
 - There are also costs associated with some of the ideas and programs such as transportation of parents to the CRC to engage in family treatment?

- What is the expectation for what the county agencies would be expected to pay for?

C. Finance Specific Action items:

- Crystal will gather feedback from committee and subcommittee leads provide High level overview of financial considerations. More detailed financial impact information will take more time.
- Casey Family Programs contracts with some fiscal people for projections for costs.
- Internally, the various deadlines need to be projected out such as RMS deadlines, SACWIS and Medicaid systems functionality, etc. as the project moves forward.

VII. *Summary from the Day, Reflections, Overall Action Steps & Closing*

- A big thank you to Carla Carpenter for her leadership and all wish her well on her new endeavor.
- Next meeting: Wednesday, January 15th, 2020 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.