

JANUARY FAMILY FIRST LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE WEBINAR

Wednesday January 15, 2020 | 10:00 a.m. –12:00 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	
Burre, Kristi	ODJFS, Deputy Director Child Welfare Transformation	X	
Nicole Caldwell	Guernsey County PCSA	X	
Clark, Donna	Seeds 4 Life	X	
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	
Evans, Tina	Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD)	X	
Carolyn Hagopian for 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	
Sausser, Angela	Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO)	X	
Courtney Alcott for Spears, Jeff	Ohio Department of Youth Services	X	
Weaver, Margie for Weir, Moira	Ohio JFS Director's Association (OJFSDA)	X	
Weitzel, Tim	Lorain County Domestic Relations Court	X	
Wente, Kara	Assistant Director, ODJFS		
Zawisza, Katie	Lutheran Homes Society, Inc. (Genacross)	X	

Non-Voting Members and Guests: Ricka Berry-Beech Acres; Pam Carter, JFS Bureau of County and Technical Assistance; Don Warner, Oesterlen; Patty Jo Burtnett, Lorain County Children Services; Shawna Deems, Ohio Department of Medicaid; Shannon Deinhart, Kinnect; Dr. Ollie

Jones, Ohio Grandparent Kinship Coalition (OGKC), President; Maya Pendleton, Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP); Pamela Priddy, NECCO; Bianca Sexton, NECCO; Kate Rossman, Ohio Children’s Alliance; and Shadi Houshyar, Center for the Study of Social Policy(CSSP).

ODJFS: Kari Akins; Alicia Allen; Kristi Burre; Veronica Burroughs, Cathy Ghering, Lucy Gobble, Lakeisha Hilton, Jennifer Koebel, Renee Lupi (scribe), Karen McGormley, Alan Thompson, Colleen Tucker, Tequilla Washington, Kara Wentte, Crystal Williams, Shelene Williams, Sue Williams, and Michael Stoffer.

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

A. *Welcome & Introductions:* Kara Wentte welcomed the advisory committee to the first meeting of 2020 and gave an overview of the agenda. The steering committee reviewed the discussion items for this meeting and decided that a webinar would be a productive way to have this month’s discussion.

B. *Review/Approval of December Meeting Minutes:* The December minutes were reviewed by the Leadership committee. Julie Gilbert moved to accept the minutes as written and Mark Mecum seconded this motion. All approved and none opposed.

C. *Overall FFPSA Updates – Federal and State:*

1. Fiscal Implication conversation – The Executive committee received an update of the fiscal questions that workgroups and subcommittees have related to fiscal planning. The executives requested additional information regarding the readiness of agencies by bed counts. This information will be presented to the Executive committee at the February Meeting.
2. Family First Transition Act update – The Office of Families and Children is planning preliminary discussions to begin planning priorities for the \$18.2 million that will be provided for Family First Transition Act. The goal is to have this conversation before the February Leadership Advisory Committee.

II. Overall Updates

A. *Overview:* Meetings will continue in 2020 but there may not be a need for full day meetings. We will evaluate and use time wisely as we move forward. There is a need to finalize the remaining recommendations. The driving force is the recommendations so that we can talk about the fiscal components. This will lead to implementation planning, rules and policy changes, and training and technical assistance.

B. *Model Licensing Standards Foster Care Rules –* The Model Standard rules went into clearance.

1. The effective date has been moved back because we need to submit them to the CSIO. Rather than original file in January it will likely be the end February. We will be aligned in all areas with the federal government.
 2. Immunization – We are going to move forward with required immunizations but will allow the religious exception like Ohio Department of Education and align with other state agencies. Also, current foster parents will be grandfathered in. There were questions from the group about these new recommendations.
 - How to safeguard against abuse or checking the box of religious exemption without proof it applies?
 - How will current foster parents will be grandfathered in? Kara provided clarification. The state did not wish to deter current foster parents at this time. This is not a shut door and may be revisited in the future.
- C. *Family First Transition Act* - Presentation by Alicia Allen, ODJFS Bureau Chief of Fiscal Operations – FFTA was signed into law on December 20, 2019 and provides one-time readiness funding of 500 million to states. The Funds will be available in federal fiscal year 2020 and available for 2 fiscal years. Ohio is estimated to receive a little over \$18 million for FFPSA readiness. There is also funding to fill the gap for waiver counties. What the waiver county PCSA would have received in capitation amount versus what they would have received traditionally. The amount has yet to be determined by our federal partners and will only be received if there is a defined reduction in the IV-E funding as compared to the amounts authorized under the waiver for FY2019. For FFY2022 and 2023, supported and well-supported EBPs will count toward the 50% requirement. Beginning in FFY2024, only well-supported EBPs will be counted toward the 50% requirement. There is also \$20 million available nationally for Kinship Navigator funding. Ohio projected to receive \$475,000.
- D. OhioKAN: Veronica Burroughs shared that the OhioKAN Program Director position is now posted. Email roxana@kinnectohio.org for additional information. The position is based out of Cleveland but residency is not required.

- III. *Prevention Subcommittee - Co-Leads Sue Williams and Angela Sausser:*** The Prevention Services Subcommittee will continue to work with the Center for the Study of Social Policy. CSSP will facilitate a 2- day meeting to determine the processes and protocols for prevention services cases. CSSP will meet with intake professionals from county PCSA's and explore how to utilize existing tools to process a prevention services case flow and identify points of entry for prevention services candidates. CSSP created a Gannt chart to outline the next steps and the timeline.
- IV. *QRTP Subcommittee - Co-Leads Colleen Tucker and Mark Mecum:*** Workgroups are still meeting. Some of the workgroups have joined together.
1. *The Agency Readiness workgroup* has drafted an initial training and technical assistance plan for agencies to breakdown the QRTP requirements. Hoped to have first round of training end of January. More likely to be February.
 2. *The Accreditation Workgroup* met to evaluate the requirements for the three bodies; Council on Accreditation (COA), Joint Commission (JCO), Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). The bodies will create a crosswalk to include a comparison of their standards with Ohio's QRTP Standards. They will also include details about the cost and requirements. The workgroup is also discussing the possibility of regional forms and ways to provide training to agencies to prepare for the accreditation process. Agency readiness is working with Accreditation to create training. Dates for these forums are being solidified
 3. *Licensing and Contracting:* The ODJFS rule writing team is working with substitute care and mental health policy developers to draft QRTP rules with the goal to have rules in clearance by March 2020. Combined meetings with state licensing staff and mental health staff aim to streamline rules for seamless and consistent monitoring.
 4. *Court Oversight:* Tequilla Washington reported that the Court Oversight workgroup has a meeting on February 6th to discuss current rules and necessary revisions to court rules and recommendations.
 5. *Treatment Model:* This workgroup is working with Kim Kehl from OhioMHAS to develop trauma competencies training and a list of all model for residential facilities.
 6. *QRTP Questions:* What are the costs associated with Level of Care? Has this been part of the fiscal considerations meetings?

V. *Executive Committee Update:*

A. *Final structure for prevention services planning:* Directors felt like May-June proposed dates for a draft prevention services plan is too long. They would like this to be adjust this timeline to begin having needed cross-system fiscal conversations based on the plan. They felt like they had enough information from the QRTP subcommittee but would like more concrete feedback from Prevention Services regarding funding, services, timeframes, and a draft plan or proposal. Alex and her team with CSSP and Mighty Crow will attend one or more of the Executive Committee meetings.

VI. *Adjournment of Session*

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

- Next meeting: Wednesday February 26, 2020 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Q&A from the conference call are attached.



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