

# Ohio Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Leadership Committee

## March 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes

### Present:

Crystal Ward-Allen, Casey Family Programs	Karen Anderson, Cuyahoga County PCSA
Roxana Bell, Kinnect	Angie Bergefurd, OMHAS
Nicole Caldwell, Guernsey Co. Children Services	Joyce Calland, Ohio Department of Mental Health*
Carla Carpenter, ODJFS	Chelsea Cordonnier, Children's Initiatives Coordinator
LeeAnne Cornyn, Governor's Office	China Darrington, Parent, XIX Recovery Support Services
Amanda Davis, Foster Care Alumni	Shannon Deinhart, Kinnect
Irma Dotto, Hittle House *	David Edelblute, Supreme Court of Ohio
Tina Evans, Ohio Department of DD*	Megan Garbe, Foster Caregiver
Julie Gilbert, Butler County Children Services	Jewell Good, Montgomery County PCSA
Karon Grier, Christian Children's Home of Ohio**	Patty Harrelson, Richland County PCSA
Nancy Harvey, Community Teaching Homes	Kim Hauck, DODD
Chad Hibbs, Ohio Family and Children First Council	Sarah Jones, Medicaid
Ollie Jones, Ohio Grandparent Kinship Care Coalition	Penny Jordan, Ohio Family Care Coalition, kinship caregiver
Grace Kolliesuah, OMHAS	Matt Kresic, Home for Kids
AJ Lill, Erie County PCSA	Sharon Marconi, NYAP
Monique Phifer, OFCS	Pamela Priddy, NECCO
Sean Reilly, UMCH-Central	Jake Ross, Hittle House*
Tina Rutherford, Franklin Co. Children Services	Angela Sausser, PCSAO
Teresa Schonauer, Ohio MENTOR, Inc.	Jeffrey Sell, Seneca County *
Bianca Sexton, NECCO	Kara Sneed, ODJFS*
John Smith, Christian Children's Home of Ohio	Jeff Spears, DYS
Peggy Smith, Christian Children's Home of Ohio*	Chip Spinning, Franklin Co. Children Services**
Cara Textoris, Kinnect	Crystal Turner, A Hand Up to Success**
Wendi Turner, OFCA	Amanda Wagner, ODJFS*
Don Warner, Oesterlen Services For Youth, Inc	Marissa Weisel-Deputy Director Medicaid
Tim Weitzel, Lorain Co. Domestic Relations Court	Crystal Williams, Project Fellow--ODJFS
Jane Whyde, Educational Service Center of Central Ohio (ESCCO)*	Katie Zawisza, Genacross Family and Youth Services

\* This indicates people who are not a part of the Leadership Advisory Committee but attended the webinar in person because they are a part of the Prevention Services Subcommittee. There are individuals who are a part of the larger committee who also attended the Prevention Subcommittee meeting that took place immediately following this webinar.

\*\*Observers

**There were also resource members present from ODJFS including:** Melissa Cromwell, Lucy Gobble, Lakeisha Hilton, Robynn Jasper, Renee Lupi, Karen McGormley, Tara Shook, Colleen Tucker Buck, Tequilla Washington, Lindsay Williams, Sue Williams, and Patricia Wilson

**Facilitator:** Carla Carpenter, Deputy Director ODJFS

**A. Welcome, Introductions, and Updates**

Carla Carpenter gave opening remarks and welcomed the committee members. This is the 5th meeting of this group and the meeting was held via webinar. The April meeting will be in-person.

**B. Review and Approve the last meeting minutes:**

Minutes from last meeting were reviewed and there were no corrections needed. Jewell Good made a motion to approve and Nancy Harvey seconded. None opposed. The February minutes will be posted to the website.

**C. FFPSA Implementation Roadmap**

Crystal Williams reported on updates to the FFPSA Implementation Roadmap which is the final deliverable for the committee that will include all proposed recommendations. Crystal also mentioned two additional documents one to align the roadmap with the responsible subcommittees and the other to align all community feedback with the subcommittees. These two documents are working draft documents and will be presented at April meeting for final approval.

- a. *Key Decisions Document* includes a list of all subcommittees and key decisions tasked to that subcommittee based on subcommittee charges and key tasks outlined in the roadmap. A soft copy of road map document has been provided to leads and co-leads.
- b. The *Community Forum Feedback* document captures all of the feedback from the regional forums held in the fall of 2018. It is also aligned with the subcommittees with the goal that feedback is used by the subcommittees and workgroups to inform decision making and recommendations.

**D. Updates from Sub-Committees and Workgroups:**

1. **The QRTP Subcommittee – Colleen Tucker and Mark Mecum are Co-Chairs** met March 22nd and Colleen Tucker reported that the subcommittee met March 22<sup>nd</sup> and there have been no changes to the committee membership. The subcommittee finalized work group membership and the rosters will be posted to the website. They have also developed a draft deliverables document to provide to workgroup leads to ensure alignment with the overall subcommittee goals. The OFC contact will assist with scheduling etc. and most workgroups will have a co-lead. As far as monthly reporting, the subcommittee leads (Colleen Tucker and Mark Mecum) will collect monthly status reports from each workgroup. Their goal is to host the meetings virtually when possible through GoToMeeting. The plan is to start making recommendations with the hope to begin solidifying recommendations by end of June. Since people are on multiple workgroups, subcommittee and workgroup meeting dates will be listed on the [OFC calendar](#) to avoid overlapping meeting dates and times.

a. There are six (6) QRTP workgroups:

i. *Licensing and Contracting* (Colleen Tucker, JFS Lead) – The first meeting is April 11 and this group will meet twice a month initially. Below are the meeting dates:

- April 11 1-3pm
- April 25 1-3pm
- May 6 1-3pm
- May 23 1-3pm
- June 11 10-12pm
- June 25 1-3pm

ii. *Accreditation* (Lakeisha Hilton, JFS Lead) – Below are the meeting dates:

- March 29 1-3pm
- April 29 2-3:30
- May 30 10-11:30

- June 25th 2-3:30
  - iii. *Agency Readiness* (Gina Velotta, JFS Lead) - April 17, 9am – 11am and May and June to be scheduled shortly.
  - iv. *Level of Care* (Roger Ward, JFS Lead) - Doodle poll going out to schedule
  - v. *Treatment Model Considerations* (Jennifer Kobel, JFS Lead) - A doodle poll went out and workgroup member had until April 3<sup>rd</sup> to respond. The first meeting will be held the third week of April.
  - vi. *Court Oversight* (Tequilla Washington, JFS Lead): this workgroup will be combined with the Child Abuse Neglect and Dependency (CAND) Supreme Court subcommittee to identify individuals to be part of court oversight workgroup.
2. **Communication Subcommittee:** Crystal Williams and Wendi Turner co-lead
- a. External Communications
    - i. Currently working on talking points for different constituent groups (National FFPSA / OHIO FFPSA, Primary Parents/Foster Parents/Adoptive Parents/Kinship Parents, Youth, Judges, Elected Officials, County Agency Leaders, Providers). The purpose of these talking points is to frame the conversation so that all one pagers, presentations, etc. will have the same foundations.
    - ii. Family forums
  - b. Internal Resources
    - i. Shared Calendar – Populating all subcommittee meetings on the Family First outlook calendar so teams will need to add [familyfirst@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:familyfirst@jfs.ohio.gov) to meeting invites. Working on placing all committee and subcommittee meetings on the OFC public calendar
    - ii. Shared Drive – Working on an external google drive to house all documents that may need to be accessed regularly by subcommittee
    - iii. Monthly Reporting Communications tool – Communications tool to ensure we know what’s going on with each Subcommittee.
  - c. Red Light Items (Need Guidance) - External shared drive and shared calendar – Awaiting final approval from ODJFS technology support unit.
  - d. Yellow Light Items (need resources/approval from the Committee) - At the next meeting, they will share the draft talking points with the larger committee for review. They are interested in finding out the best way to get information from subcommittees about communications needs.
  - e. Green Light Items (Wins for the Subcommittee / Workgroup) – This workgroup is narrowing down the messaging by constituent groups and a working plan to communicate with the Ohio Youth Advisory Board to gain additional feedback
  - f. OFCA FFPSA Regional Forums will be held:
    - May 8th, Cincinnati
    - May 23rd, Toledo
    - May 30th or 31st, Cleveland (Cuyahoga County/NCORTC Caregiver Training conference)
    - June 8th, Columbus (Ohio Family Care Association (OFCA) annual conference)
3. **Kinship & Adoption Navigation Subcommittee:** Karen McGormley and Shannon Deinhart provided an update. The Office of Families and Children applied for the federal grant funds for FY19 to assist with the development, enhancement and evaluation of the kinship navigator program. The contract has been signed with vendor, Kinnect. April 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the kick-off meeting with that vendor. They are identifying and finalizing members for

the stakeholder group. Shannon Deinhart, the program consultant with Kinnect, reported that they started on Monday and they will use evidence informed practice models. In addition, they will present the planning process with the FFPSA leadership committee and also at regional town hall style meetings held around the state.

#### **4. Prevention Subcommittee – Angela Sausser and Sue Williams are co-leads**

- a. There have been many new additions to the group, with nearly forty members at this time. The Committee is comprised of representatives with diverse areas of expertise, including: state and local child welfare staff; parents; former foster youth; foster parents; kinship providers; associations representing local ADAMHS Boards, behavioral health and family service providers, the Academy of Pediatrics, the Children’s Hospital Association, and the Ohio Association of (managed care) Health Plans; private providers; and sister agency partners- Medicaid, Youth Services, Health, Developmental Disabilities, Ohio Family and Children First.
- b. This group held a two-day meeting to define “Candidacy of Foster Care.” Workgroups will later be formed around each of the identified prevention service areas (mental health prevention and treatment, substance use/abuse prevention and treatment in-home parent supports). Another workgroup will also review finances and cross system prevention programming to maximize resources.
- c. Patty Harrelson reminded this group to ensure that there is clarity on what is meant by FFPSA “prevention”. It is really diversion, not primary prevention.

#### **Readiness Surveys:** Carla updated about the **two readiness surveys.**

1. QRTP readiness survey is still open, targeted outreach to agencies who have not yet responded. Roger Ward will assist with the analysis with the sub-committee leads. Data will be presented at next meeting
2. Prevention survey closed March 1 with 240 responses. Roger Ward will assist with the analysis with the sub-committee leads. Data will be presented at next meeting.

**Federal communications** about FFPSA from federal partners and elected officials. Dates to be set about further federal guidance regarding the prevention side of the act. Handbook about procedures for the federal Prevention Services Clearinghouse is expected in April 2019. The FFPSA act required HHS to develop the clearinghouse. In May 2019, the clearinghouse will list the initial slate of programs (promising, supported, or well-supported). The next grouping of additional services is anticipated for late spring or early summer.

#### **Questions to Carla:**

- Is the final timeline 2020 or 2021? The outside deadline for implementation is 2021.
- Clarification that prevention services is 50% federal reimbursement initially
- Waiver process: this has been included in the Congressional letter.  
Please provide topics to be discussed at the April meeting and email to Carla or Crystal