

Ohio Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Leadership Committee September 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Voting Members			
Name	Agency	Present	Not Present
Anderson, Karen	Cuyahoga County PCSA	X	
Bergefurd, Angie	Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services(OhioMHAS)	X	
Burre, Kristi	ODJFS/Office of Child Welfare Transformation	X	
Caldwell, Nicole	Guernsey County PCSA	X	
Carpenter, Carla	ODJFS, Deputy Director OFC	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
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	
Harvey, Nancy	Community Teaching Homes		X
Harding, Jodi	Lighthouse Youth Services	X	
Evans, Tina (<i>representing Hauck, Kimberly</i>)	Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD)	X	
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	
Rossman, Kate (<i>representing Mark Mecum</i>)	Ohio Children’s Alliance	X	
Reilly, Sean	UMCH Family Services		X
Rutherford, Tina	FCCS	X	
Sausser, Angela	Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO)	X	
Spears, Jeff	Ohio Department of Youth Services	X	
Turner, Wendi	Foster and Kinship Parent		X
Weir, Moira	Ohio JFS Director’s Association (OJFSDA), Hamilton County JFS Director-Delegate	X	
Weitzel, Tim	Lorain County Domestic Relations Court		X
Zawisza, Katie	Lutheran Homes Society, Inc. (Genacross)	X	

Non-Voting Members and Guests

Attendance Non-Voting Members: Kristi Burre, ODJFS; Chelsea Cordonnier, Children’s Initiatives; Shawna Deems, Ohio Medicaid; Shannon Dienhart, OhioKAN/Kinnect; Lakeisha, Hilton, ODJFS; Lucy Gobble, ODJFS; Renee Lupi, ODJFS (scribe); Lexi Mead, Children’s Initiatives; Chelsea Cordonnier, Children’s Initiatives; Kari Akins, ODJFS; Jennifer Kobel, ODJFS; and Liz Holsworth, ODJFS; Colleen Tucker, ODJFS.

Guests: Shadi Houshyar, Center for the Study of Social Policy; Alex Citrin, Center for the Study of Social Policy; Megan Martin, Center for the Study of Social Policy; Maya Pendelton, Center for the Study of Social Policy; Pam Carter, Bureau of County Financial and Technical Assistance; Grace Kolliesuah, Ohio MHAS; Don Warner, Oesterlen; Melissa Bacon OCALI; Elisha Cangelosi, FCCS Clinical Director; Patty Jo Burnett, Lorain County Children Services; Becky Massey, on behalf of Dawn Puster from Youth Villages; Bianca Sexton, NECCO; Anne Gross, DODD; and Alicia Candelosi, FCCS.

I. Welcome, Introduction, & Review of August Meeting Minutes

- A. *Welcome and Introductions:* Carla welcomed new member Gina Speaks-Eshler, former Deputy Director of Clinton County Job & Family Services (CCJFS) is the new Bureau Chief for the Bureau of System and Practice Advancement (BSPA) within the Office of Family and Children.
- B. *Review/Approval of August Meeting minutes:* There was a correction to Executive Committee Summary by Carla Carpenter. The minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion was made by Angela Sausser and seconded by Matt Kresic.
- C. *Overall Committee Updates*
 1. *Federal/State Updates:* The Children’s Bureau responded to inquiries from states regarding whether or not state spending on the 50% well supported category under prevention services could include state spending on Medicaid reimbursable services. The guidance from the Children’s Bureau, is that these cannot be the same service. Medicaid is reimbursing for In-Home Based Treatment (IHBT) but not for Multisystemic Therapy (MST) as a whole. There may be opportunities for MST billing under the Family First Act. The Center for the Study of Social Policy fielded questions and there was discussion about braiding and bundling of services. Motivational Interviewing was used as an example.

II. Subcommittee Monthly Report Out

- A. *QRTP subcommittee Discussion and Presentation of Recommendations*

Colleen- took feedback from this group back to the workgroup from last month re provide updates and revisions to several of the QRTP Recommendations.

1. Recommended OAC definition of clinical nursing staff coverage (a.) The leadership committee voted on the definition at the last meeting with and decided to provide guidance for the rule writing process.
2. Recommended OAC family-based aftercare supports and discharge planning definition (e.) *Angela made motion to approve under the condition that the group commits to revisiting this definition for possible revisions as the work moves forward. Julie second.*
3. Recommended Family-Based Aftercare Supports definition:
 - *Discussion:* There was discussion of service planning versus discharge planning. Kristi Burre and Sue Williams had questions and suggested revised language. Jeff Spears provided further suggested language. *Karen Anderson moved to approve the definition as modified. Sharon Marconi second.* The motion carries.

Family-Based Aftercare supports

Family-based aftercare support is defined as individualized community-based trauma informed supports that build on treatment gains to promote the safety and well-being of children and families, with the goal of preserving the child in a supportive family environment.

VOTE: Yes — 18 No — 0 Abstain — 1

4. Accreditation Workgroup Update - Ohio's strategy for deemed status- did get feedback from federal partners. They are checking with policy but do not have preliminary answers prepared.
5. Agency Readiness Workgroup Update - Level of readiness survey is currently being compiled based on information from licensing specialists. The group has received survey responses from ODJFS and OMHAS facilities. The goal is to provide the leadership committee with further information at the next meeting in October. By utilizing the licensing specialists to help facilitate this survey, we are able to get accurate

information without agencies having to fill out yet another survey and have the discussions with the agencies.

6. Crystal Williams displayed and walked thru the Sharepoint site for the group. Showed QRTP recommendations and votes taken so far and those pending.

B. PCSAO's Tiered Foster Care / Family-Based Foster Care Continuum Updates

1. Karen McGormley reported out about the meeting held on Monday September 16th. The group discussed recommending a new group of treatment foster care. PCSAO continuum of care consortium recommendations will go beyond the current model. The group also created and refined a tiered model. The Five Tiers will include traditional, treatment, specialized, exceptional, and intensive. In structuring the tiers, the goal is to meet the needs of the children being served by looking at traits, characteristics, physical and emotional needs, and wellbeing. The final meeting will be on Monday October 21st. Mighty Crow, the team that is facilitation all of these meetings, will finalize the product based on the recommendations from yesterday. Medicaid is helping to look at different payment structures and rates. Angela hopes to have final report with recommendations end of October and would like to present it to the leadership committee at November's meeting. Kristi stated this continuum encompasses the needs of the child, the foster parent, and the financial ramifications. IHS pulled together some information for them about professionalizing foster parents.

C. Ohio Kinship and Adoption Navigator: Shannon shared that the team is finishing up town hall meetings that have had an average of 30-60 people attending at each location. There was great discussion and the message was well received. The team is in process of writing program recommendations by September 30. Veronica Burroughs is the new ODJFS Project Manager for OhioKAN. There were several themes that emerged from the town hall discussions:

1. Existing Programs – There were a lot of questions about existing programs and how they work. the program team emphasized to groups that OhioKAN is intended to enhance existing programs and not replace them.
2. RFP process – There were questions about how this process will work.

3. Framework for OhioKAN was also a point of discussion.
 4. The issue of adoption and kinship navigator was discussed and the reasoning behind why the program combines the two.
 5. Question that came up repeatedly was if the family had to be child welfare related? The team explained that they do not have to be child welfare involved to receive services. However, it is governed by/owned by ODJFS. The goals are to build upon a cohesive statewide infrastructure but also maintain flexibility.
- D. Model Licensing Standards: Tara Shook's team has been hard at work taking our recommendations and turning them in to a rule packet. Stay tuned because those should be going in to clearance in the near future.
- E. Communications Workgroup-Crystal Williams: ODJFS communications trying to make the website more organized and user friendly. Taking one pagers and talking points to them to add to the website also. Feeds in to the executive committee conversation and how to communicate about QRTP.
- F. Prevention Subcommittee Update
1. Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP): This team does work in child welfare and early childhood systems across the US and policy work at local, state, and federal levels. They were working with Senate finance to draft the language for FFPSA. They are also working with several other states on their prevention plans. Other states struggling with these pieces as well. This is about system transformation and what do we want our continuum to look like. CSSP will work with the Prevention Services subcommittee to develop candidate for foster care definition, case flow, and development of a resource document which includes all of the prevention options. CSSP will facilitate a two-day retreat on Tuesday October 15th and Wednesday October 16th.
 - a. CSSP asked if there are other people that they should be speaking with. Are there other agencies and counties with innovative practices?
 - b. CSSP will also provide feedback and analysis from the Prevention Services Retreat to the leadership Committee at the October 17th meeting.
- G. Executive Committee (Cabinet members): Kristi shared that the ODJFS leadership has been working on transparency and taking information from the FFPSA Leadership Advisory Committee to cabinet directors in real time. They emphasized to the directors all of the work done to this point by the smaller groups, subcommittees, and the leadership council.

1. *Communications Strategy discussion:* The group realizes that the QRTP decisions are to a point where they will have to communicate something broadly and publicly within the upcoming months. Using this committee as a way to elevate our most important initiatives. These meetings are scheduled in to 2020. The executive committee meets bi-monthly. Deputy Directors are getting assignments out of this group. Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) have been identified to make the updates needed for data sharing agreements and cross-walking rules amongst agencies. The goal is alignment and collaboration between systems regarding their rules so we can better work together. ODJFS and members of the Executive Committee will work together on the communications strategy.
2. *Level of Care discussion:* The Executive Committee proposed we approach the level of care selection of an assessment tool as a phased in approach like we have with other parts of the FFPSA. This would possibly look like a Menu of assessments to be used.
 - Phase 1 – One single tool or opportunity to stamp a few for approval
3. Phase 2 –There was discussion of how to pay for the tools and assessors. Jeff Spears encouraged being considerate of the client/youth and number of times they are being assessed. Possibly use the same assessment across systems. Medicaid and OhioMHAS discussed mapping out the client pathways and what assessments are used and what is needed by different agencies.
4. Child Fatality Review - ASAP group working on this RFP for new sites to apply to be part of that work.
5. Chaffee part of FFPSA. Bridges and IL will need looped back in to this work.

III. Adjournment - The next Meeting will be held on Thursday October 17, 2019 at 4020 East Fifth Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43219 in Rooms A118 and A119, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.