wayne county family and children first council

MEETING

**February 5, 2018**

# Present:

Esther Hawkins, Council Director

Nicholas Cascarelli, Wayne Co. Health Dept.

Sue Smail, Wayne Co. Commissioner

Judy Wood, Mental Health and Recovery Board of Wayne-Holmes Cos.

Loretta Raff, Aultman Orrville Hospital

Jennifer Crum, Wooster City Schools

Cheryl Brinley Kuch, Wayne Co. Board of Developmental Disabilities

Richard Owens, Wayne Co. Department of Job and Family Services

Jaime Parsons, Viola Startzman Clinic

Todd Jasin, United Way of Wayne and Holmes Counties

Karen Berry, The Counseling Center of Wayne & Holmes Counties

Deanna Nichols-Stika, Wayne County Children Services Board

**Guests**  Barb Landers, Wayne Co. Public Library

Mark Woods, Anazao Community Partners

Misty Hanson, Wayne Co. Juvenile Court

Percy McGhee, Multi County Juvenile Attention Services

 Sheryl Villegas, Catholic Charities

 Brad Gowins, Wayne County Children’s Services Center

 Kristina Hoskins, OneEighty, Inc.

 Rachael Oyer, Anazao Community Partners

 Vicky Hartzler, Mental Health & Recovery Board of Wayne-Holmes Cos.

 Tami Spotts, Service Coordination/Tri County ESC

 Linda Den Heijer, Village Network

 Melinda Hill, OSU Extension

 Carla Bidlack, Stark Co. ESC

 Sara Reith, O’Huddle

# Call to Order

The meeting was held at the Wayne County Public Library located at 220 W. Liberty St., Wooster, Ohio. Nicolas Cascarelli, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Introductions were made.

Stika reported that April is Child Abuse Awareness month. The annual breakfast will be held April 26th and the focus this year will be child human trafficking.

Parsons reported that February is National Children’s Oral Health Awareness month and they will be providing the Give a Kids A Smile Program.

Raff reported that the Affinity Healthcare group has signed on to provide services at Aultman/Orrville so Wayne County residents can continue to receive health care services locally.

Hill stated that Darcy Becker is in the process of the preparing the Snap Education grant. They need to provide this to both adult and children audiences. If anyone would like to receive this program, please contact Darcy Becker. To qualify at least 51% of the audience should qualify for free and reduced lunch.

Hawkins announced on behalf of Leslie Baus, who could not attend today, that Wooster Transit is now operating all day without interruptions.

# Shared Mission/Vision

Hawkins reviewed the Service Coordination Mechanism that we are being required by the State to update in order to continue to receive the FCSS funds we use to pay for our Service Coordinator’s positon.

**Parsons made the motion seconded by Smail that the Council approve the Service Coordination Mechanism with the full CANS as the tool to be used by our County. Motion approved unanimously.**

# Council Business

**Exceptions to Consent Agenda** – Parsons stated that the date for Executive Committee should be changed from 12/30/18 to 1/30/18. **Stika, then made the motion seconded by Parsons that the Consent Agenda be approved as corrected.**  Motion approved unanimously.

**Minutes** – **Parsons** **made the motion, seconded by Stika that the Minutes of the December 4, 2017 meeting be approved as presented.** Motion approved unanimously.

**Financial Reports** – Wood reviewed the financial statements as of December 31, 2017.  **Parsons then made the motion, seconded by Owens that the Financial Statements as of December 31, 2017, be approved as presented.** Motion approved unanimously.

**Committee Interest for CY18** – Hawkins reported that she was sending around the Committee sign up list one more time.

**FY18 Children’s Trust Fund Update** – Hawkins reported that as part of the OCTF regional plan Wayne County has two agencies providing services. One is working with day cares and preschools and are currently serving four centers. The other agency is working with families, and serving one family.

Hawkins along with Stika reported that April is child abuse prevention awareness month and prevention messages will be airing at Movies 10 s throughout the month, with the message that “Not all Heroes Wear Capes”. Stika also reported that CSB will be doing some additional activities throughout the month of April.

**FCSS/Service Coordination** – Spotts reported October was slow, but referrals are starting to come in now. Some of the youth on her case load have transferred to older transitional services.

**Diversion Team** – Hawkins reported as of last Thursday 29 children were in residential, and of these 65% were dealing with trauma and substance abuse in the home.

# Council Initiatives

**Maternal and Child Health –** Cascarelli reported through their Cribs for Kids program they have plenty of pack and plays for those parents in their last trimester through parents with children up to 6 months. Those who qualify can get a free pack and play. The only requirement is they watch a short video and meet with a worker to discuss the video.

Hawkins reported that FCFC is in the process of developing an early screening tool to use with 4th graders in the schools (this is in lieu of of 3rd graders as previously reported to give children more time to mature). Jim Foley is working with schools.

Cascarelli reported they are also working on a pilot program that would provide emergency transportation to those who need it. They would like to have this in place by July.

**Family Engagement** – Hawkins reported the group is working to provide four primary events in 2018, this includes a program that would give youth a place to discuss how they feel about having a sibling with a disability, and Parent-Professional Roundtables.

**Prenatal-to-Five** – Hawkins reported on behalf of Carter. They are currently serving 43 families in the home visiting program, but still have 5 openings. The Early Intervention program is currently serving146 families and have18 referrals. The biggest change that we are aware of for FY19 is that the Cleveland Sight Center will be pulling out of providing Central Coordination at the end of the current fiscal year.

# School and Community

Nothing to report

# Community Behavioral Health

Woods reported:

* Held a Mental Health First Aid Training in December and has another one scheduled for March.
* The suicide rate is on the rise once again. There have been 16 deaths from suicide, but none children. With this in mind they are focusing on QPR trainings again.
* Several new grants have been received due to the collaborative work of the Opiate Task Force. She stated that a survey has been sent out that they are asking people to complete. The data from this survey, as well as other sources, will be used to update the Task Force’s Strategic Plan. She also noted that deaths related to opiate use is down. (Smail reported the Wayne County Commissioners have signed the paperwork to become a part of the nationwide litigation against drug companies.)
* Continue to work on Family Dependency Court.
* Dr. Laber is now full time at OneEighty and there are available appointments.
* Berry reported they have an opening in one of their transitional youth apartments. She did state that these are one bedroom apartments and are for one individual only.
* The next meeting of the Trauma Resiliency Committee will be held on April 4th at 10:00 a.m.
* ECMH grant is going well but the grant terminates on June 30th, and it is not yet known whether the grant will continue beyond this fiscal year. She will keep the group updated on this.
* The plan is to have the Crisis Stabilization unit completed by the fall.

# Old Business

None

# New Business

Smail stated that in the paper this weekend it was reported that there were 148 homeless students in Wayne County and she received several calls over the weekend regarding this information. Discussion followed, and yes these numbers are correct, but they are not living on the street but they don’t have a permanent home. They are “couch surfing” living with other family member or friends. Last year this count was 80-85, and two years ago it was in the 50-60’s. The numbers continue to rise.

Smail reported there will be a levy on the ballot for the Wayne County Care Center. This will be a renewal, with no change in taxes.

# Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Wayne County Public Library on Monday, April 2, 2018 at 9:35 a.m.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at.10:32 a.m.

Submitted by,

Nicholas Cascarelli, Chair

**Wayne County Family and Children First**

**Consent Agenda**

February 5, 2018

**The Executive Committee** met on 1/30/2018. The following actions were taken and stand approved

1. Owens made the motion, seconded by Smail that the minutes of the November 28, 2017 meetings of the committee be approved as submitted. Motion carried.
2. Owens made the motion, seconded by Buchanan that the financials as of December 31, 2017 be approved as recommended by Resource and Grants Management. Motion carried.
3. Owens moved to approve FY 2017 Audit, seconded by Parsons. The motion carried
4. Parsons moved to approve the Service Coordination Mechanism pending approval from Ohio Family and Children First Council to use the Comprehensive CANS in lieu of the Ohio CANS, seconded by Owens. The motion carried.
5. Motion made by Nichols-Stika to approve Cascarelli represent Executive Committee to conduct director’s end-of-probationary status evaluation with Administrative Agent director, Judy Wood. Seconded by Owens. The motion carried.

**The following committees met in September. Minutes pending approval by committees:**

**Resource and Grants Management w/ Executive –** Met on1/30/2018

**Planning** – No meeting

**Communications** – No meeting

**Public Policy** – No Meeting

**Family Advisory** – Met on 1/16/2018

**Prenatal to Five** -Met on 1/10/2018

**The following resolutions are before the Council for action on February 5, 2018:**

**1. Approval of February 2018 Consent Agenda**

**2. Approval of December 4, 2017 full Council minutes**

**3. Approval of December Financials.**

**4. Approval of the Service Coordination Mechanism**