

**FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

January 6, 2020

PRESENT:

Jaril Arnold	GC Family & Children First
Jennifer Barga	GC Public Health Department
Deb Cordell	GC Family & Children First
Terry Graves-Strieter	GC Educational Service Center
Pamela Hamer	GC Public Health Department – Help Me Grow
Brittany Hensley	GC Juvenile Court
Melissa Howell	GC Public Health Department
John LaRock	GC Board of Developmental Disabilities
Brent Lewis	GC Family & Children First - Director
Debbie Matheson	Family Violence Prevention Center
Greta Mayer	GC Mental Health Recovery Board
Ashley Steveley	GC Public Health Department

Ms. Matheson called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 2019

Minutes for the December 2019 Steering Committee were reviewed. Corrections were made as requested. A motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by Ms. Mayer, seconded by Ms. Hensley. The motion passed without exception.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF PROGRAM REPORTS

Mr. Lewis discussed the program report for December. There are 15 families currently receiving service coordination. There is one child in shared youth placement. Several children have returned home so we are reviewing less children at the placement reviews. We continue to work with the State for placement of multi-system youth.

The next community Parenting Class will begin this Thursday, January 9th. There are 17 families registered.

Three staff members are going to California to be trained for the Parent Project. One employee from the Juvenile Court is also attending. The program will begin in February.

A curriculum for youth called, "Why Try?" will be implemented to use alongside the Parent Project. As the parents are participating in the Parent Project, the youth will

be taught asset building and things of that nature. At our Full Council meeting in February, the gentleman who oversees the "Why Try?" program will present to explain in more detail what the curriculum looks like. Staff is receiving training and will begin using it January 21st. It is a ten-week program and will take the place of "Risky Business". "Why Try?" has ongoing support and is evidence based. Butler County has utilized the program with success.

Ms. Howell made a motion to accept the December Program report and was seconded by Mr. LaRock. The motion passed without exception.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2019 FISCAL REPORT

Ms. Cordell discussed the December 2019 fiscal report. Family Stability expenses are as budgeted. The County provided a lump sum of \$838 in November in order to provide the three employees with the same bonus everyone else had received.

The expenses for Shared Youth Placements look really low but this is due to invoices that have not been received. The State did pay \$16,800 for Medicaid Shared Funding Placements and only one invoice has been received so far for this money.

Help Me Grow has submitted bills for July, August, September and October and have been reimbursed for those months.

FCSS expenses look low as well. Approximately 50% of our revenue has been received. It was expected that some of the funds would be used to provide specialized, in-home services to one of our clients, but that fell through. Almost \$3,000 is obligated for service coordination, respite care and transportation of a student we have arranged transportation for to and from school.

Expenses for Council Admin are 80% and the revenue was over what we projected. Some of the expenses are low because of the fluctuation in the percentages. Ms. Cordell expressed she is confident that the 75/25% currently being used is working well.

A motion was made to approve the Fiscal Report as presented by Ms. Hensley and seconded by Ms. Howell. The motion passed without exception.

COMMITTEE AND PROGRAM REPORT REVIEW

Collective Impact- Mr. Lewis advised there was a Steering Committee he was unable to attend so he gave Ms. Mayer the opportunity to give an update. Ms. Mayer stated there were further discussions concerning organization within the Committee. The Committee is waiting to hear more about the Healing Communities Study. The mission and vision statements were approved. Discussion was had on the Good Samaritan Laws and Steve Haller will be attending the February meeting to discuss the law.

E3C- Ms. Hamer reported there is a meeting on January 23rd.

Early Intervention- Ms. Hamer advised they are now fully staffed. The marketing report was submitted to the state in December. This was a detailed report where estimations had to be made of expenses toward marketing. The money will all go into one fund so it is important to track separately the marketing expenses versus the coordination expenses.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION:

Ms. Howell was excited to announce that the Greene County Public Health District will be celebrating 100 Years. A small celebration will be held on February 4th, 11:00am to 12:00pm, that all are invited to. Ms. Howell wishes to share the evolution of the Public Health Department.

Ms. Howell introduced Ashley Steveley as her Mentee for the year. Since Ms. Steveley is the first Mentee in the Public Health Department, they are working on developing a Mentorship Program.

Ms. Graves-Strieter announced that the ESC would be getting a grant for this school year and the next school year from the Student Wellness and Success Funds. The money will be used for trainings and prevention activities across the county.

Ms. Barga stated the Public Health Department is working hard to promote their Baby and Me Tobacco Free Program. The program provides home visitors that specialize in helping the mothers stop smoking. Through the program, the mothers can earn Walmart gift certificates to help with the purchase of diapers and wipes.

Ms. Mayer stated that the Mental Health and Recovery Board would also be receiving funds but at this time, it is not clear the exact amount. All public schools in Greene County are eligible. There will be an assessment required to see what the needs are for prevention efforts. Madison and Clark Counties are going through the same process. The contractor, Jim Ryan is assisting in coordination and is a consultant with the prevention staff in each county.

Ms. Mayer announced a new website will be revealed at the end of the month. The new website will be more efficient for users.

Ms. Mayer stated the Hope Spot and Amy Pulver have been working to present a grief workshop on April 17th. The workshop is about complicated grief and Dr. Alan Wolfelt of Colorado, who is a grief expert, will be leading the workshop.

Ms. Hensley advised the Assessment Center is still moving forward. Work was being done over the holidays to renovate the basement of the Intervention Center in preparation to be up and running in a couple of months. Job postings will be made for a Case Manager and a Mental Health Professional to complete the mental health assessments.

Ms. Matheson advised January is Human Trafficking Month. The Greene County Public Library, Children Services and the Family Violence Prevention Center are the main representatives in a regional group aimed at addressing Human Trafficking. Ms. Matheson discussed how the low value of a trafficked individual puts them at high risk because a trafficker can eliminate anyone who causes problems and quickly replace them.

OTHER ITEMS AT THE DISCRETION OF CHAIR/DIRECTOR


The Committee was presented with and asked to approve the Proposed Dues for CY2020. A motion was made to approve the Dues for CY2020 as presented by Mr. LaRock and seconded by Ms. Mayer. The motioned passed without exception.

The next meeting is 10:00 am, Monday, February 3rd at Greene County Education Service Center.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:


Jaril Arnold, Admin. Support
Greene County Family & Children First

Date: Feb. 3, 2020