

GCDJFS Family Services Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: 3/5/19 at 12:30 pm

Meeting location: Greene County Department of Job & Family Services

In attendance:

Beth Rubin, Director	Karl Colon
Leslie Bates	Susan Finster
Dustin Booher	Susan Lopez

The meeting was called to order by Beth Rubin.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Copies of the minutes from the 12/4/18 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Karl Colon moved to approve the minutes. Susan Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Membership Updates

Several members' terms will be up in June. They have been contacted to reapply for continued service if interested.

Agency Updates

The annual audit will begin soon. Position vacancies and postings are routine. A staff appreciation luncheon will be held on April 5th, and committee members are welcome to attend. Counties have been in contact with the new state leaders of JFS and Medicaid and feel optimistic about the future. Technology initiatives continue at a rapid pace. Public Assistance, Child Care, and Child Support are live with EDMS electronic records, and Children Services goes live in April. EDMS Roll-out involves a lot of training and updating of processes. Ohio is preparing for federal changes to IV-E child welfare reimbursement that will impact counties significantly – stay tuned for more information as it becomes known.

Public Assistance statistics were distributed. The federal shutdown impacted the SNAP Food Assistance program by Ohio issuing benefits early to prevent any gap in service. While this was confusing for consumers and resulted in increased calls to the agency, there was significant public and individual messaging to ensure that recipients had needed information about their benefits. Ohio is still waiting for CMS approval of its waiver application to run a Medicaid work requirement program for a small portion of the Medicaid population. There are many outstanding programmatic and administrative questions regarding this. Later this year, both the Title XX Plan and PRC Plan are due for renewal. Updates will be provided at future meetings.

In Child Support, staff attended training on updated guidelines. The updates include revised calculations, state minimum orders, caps on child care expenses, and changes to cash medical and medical support orders. In addition to the guidelines changes, there are also uniform objection rights on all orders that will result in consistency across the state. EDMS is live, and soon old electronic files will be migrated to the new system.

Children Services continues to strategize with partners on complex multi-system youth and their needs. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. The annual Blue Ribbon breakfast will be held on April 24th, and committee members will be invited. The program will include art contest awards as well as community recognition. Wear Blue to Work day is April 10th, and the Child Abuse Prevention 5k in collaboration with the Family Violence Prevention Center is on April 13th.

Ohio Means Jobs is holding a job fair in collaboration with the City of Xenia at Xenia High School next week. Part of the event serves high school seniors, and the other part is for the general public. Many employers will be

participating. Fairborn employer Teleperformance announced their upcoming closure, and the agency is providing rapid response services. Updated unemployment figures as of December 2018 are 4.3% in Greene County (compared to 4.8% for Ohio and 3.7% for the US).

Partner Updates

The Council on Aging has a variety of events coming up, including the Senior Artisan Show – see www.gcco.org for details.

The maker space at the Greene County Public Library is hugely popular, serving 1200 people a month. The library saw over 3 million in circulation last year. The Dolly Parton project continues to go well.

The Bellbrook/Sugarcreek Family Resource Center is working with other non-profits to create a non-profit thrift store to provide funding resources for local non-profits.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 6/4/19 at 12:30pm at the Greene Co. Dept. of Job & Family Services.