Richland County Youth and Family Council

June 17, 2015

Mental Health and Recovery Board

The following Board members were

**Present:** Joe Devany, Katherine Gerhart, Patricia Harrelson,Dee Pendlebury, Liz Prather, Susan Sheaffer, Martin Tremmel, Joe Trolian, Daniel Varn and Kim Washington.

**Excused:**  Hannah Crouch, Linda T. Keller, and Sharlene Neumann.

**Absent:** Brian Garverick, Julie Litt, Timothy Theaker and Tim Wert.

**Guests**: V. Dale Au, Deborah Dubois, Gary Feagin, Veronica Groff, Greg Heindel, Carmen Jones, Martha Jones, Alexandra Linder, Noah Sheaffer, and Peggy Sutton.

Teresa Alt, Executive Director and Debra J. Boyer, Administrative Assistant were also in attendance.

###### Call to Order & Introductions:

President Patricia Harrelson called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and observed a quorum. Those present introduced themselves.

1. Fatherhood Presentation:

Local businessman and Fatherhood Committee member, Gary Feagin, introduced himself and explained why he has an interest in serving the community children as a mentor and Fatherhood Committee member. Mr. Feagin supplied Council with facts and figures that articulated the struggles that fatherless families endure. Mr. Feagin also encouraged everyone present to participate in any opportunity available in our community to help show the importance of having a family with an engaged father.

1. Approval of Minutes May 20, 2015:

Joe Trolian moved and Kim Washington seconded a motion to approve the May 20, 2015 minutes. The motion passed by a voice vote.

###### Treasurer’s Report:

Carmen Jones presented the May 2015 Treasurer’s monthly finance report for approval.

**Joe Devany moved and Joe Trolian seconded a motion to file for audit the May 2015 monthly Treasurer’s fiscal report as presented. The motion passed by voice vote.**

###### Finance Committee:

Teresa Alt reported that a community provider was selected through the rating process. However, after careful consideration the provider decided it was not in the community’s best interest to move forward with the proposal at this time due to other recent awards the agency had received. Teresa also reported that the Education Consultant contract with Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center has been carried over for SFY16.

###### 6. Shared Plan:

Teresa Alt presented an updated draft SFY15 Shared Plan for discussion.

**Joe Devany moved and Patricia Harrelson seconded a motion to approve the SFY15 Shared Plan as presented. The motion passed by voice vote.**

###### 7. Operational Capacity Building Funds Application SFY16:

Teresa Alt presented the completed SFY16 Operational Capacity Building Funds Application for approval to submit. The funds shall be used by county FCFC ‘s to provide a portion of salary, fringes and travel expenses necessary to fund the county FCFC coordinator, parental involvement, administrative support, and/or technical assistance. SFY16 Richland County allocation is $15,750.00. The Operational Capacity Building Funds Application for SFY16, along with the updated Shared Plan is due to Ohio Family and Children First by July 31, 2015.

Teresa Alt also reported that just today, Chad Hibbs, was announced as the new state Director of the Family and Children First Council. Teresa also reminded, and encouraged everyone to use the Red Treehouse as a tool to advertise the services of their agencies. The Red Treehouse is available as a great tool for their use as an online resource for promoting and supporting children and young adults within the state. Red Treehouse is a collaborative effort of the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland and the Ohio Family and Children First Council. Anyone interested may register at [www.redtreehouse.org](http://www.redtreehouse.org).

**Joe Trolian moved and Joe Devany seconded a motion to approve the submission of the SFY16 Operational Capacity Building Funds Application. The motion passed by a voice vote.**

**8. Help Me Grow:**

Dale Au presented an update to Council regarding Help Me Grow, including the number of children being served, child find activities and the SFY16 Central Coordination Subsidy Agreement.

9. Newborn Home Visits/Infant Mortality:

Peggy Sutton presented a budget for Newborn Home Visiting program for SFY16. Peggy also asked that the Infant Mortality group be reconvened for a follow up meeting. Teresa will facilitate the scheduling of a follow up Infant Mortality meeting.

Joe Trolian made a motion to approve the Newborn Home Visiting budget, Joe Devany seconded the motion. Martin Tremmel abstained from the vote. The motion passed by a voice vote.

10. Nominating Committee/Election of SFY16 Council Officers:

After some discussion the Council agreed that the President-Elect position will be passed to the next mandated member on a rotating basis. Joe Devany will continue as the Secretary and Sharlene Neumann will continue as the Treasurer for SFY16. Incoming SFY16 Council President, Martin Tremmel, presented Patricia Harrelson with a gavel to thank her for her service as Council President for SFY14 and SFY15. Martin noted that there are few people as dedicated and caring as Patty is for the children in Richland County.

11. Adjournment:

Joe Trolian moved and Liz Prather seconded a motion for adjournment. The motion passed by a voice vote.

President Patricia Harrelson adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Debra J. Boyer, Administrative Assistant to the Richland County Youth and Family Council.

Approved by the action of the Council on July 15, 2015 and approval attest by:

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Martin Tremmel, President Teresa Alt, Executive Director