

Richland County Youth and Family Council Meeting
September 12th, 2024
1:30 p.m.
Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center/Microsoft TEAMS

The following members were:

Present: Sherri Ramsey, Sherry Branham-Fonner, Dan Varn, Darrell Banks, Kevin Kimmel, Kevin VanMeter

Absent: Michele Gless, Stan Jefferson, Nikki Harless, Lori Bedson, Lisa Benson, Hannah Crouch, Tiffiny Ellenbarger, Jodie Perry, Joe Devany, Wendy Thompson

Administrative Staff Present: Michelle Miller, Toby Borders

Present via Microsoft TEAMS: Meghan Wheeler, Olysse Elkins, Shauna Shell, Jessica Caughlin, Trish Rice, Terry Carter

Guests: Jean Taddie, Danielle Timmons, Julie Litt, Herbert Ross, Rico Woods, Miles Parsons, Katie Gatten, Anne Vermillion, Allison Ross

1. Call to Order & Introductions

President Dan Varn called the meeting to order and began introductions. A quorum was established with 6 voting members in attendance.

2. Approval of August 1st, 2024 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the August 1st meeting minutes was made by Kevin Kimmel and seconded by Kevin VanMeter. The motion was approved by voice vote.

3. Treasurer's Report

A financial update will be provided at the next full council meeting.

4. Director Updates

1) **R.I.S.E events** have been going well. First Call 211 hosted our September event. Our next event will be hosted by Richland County Job and Family Services. This will be our last R.I.S.E event for 2024. We have been averaging about 40 people from varying agencies throughout Richland County. We will be taking November and December off from meeting and a new calendar will start in January. Lots of connections have been made and wonderful feedback has been provided.

2) **We are currently serving 24 youth, ages birth to 21.** This does not count the youth served under grant funding or pooled funding. The 24 youth are receiving service coordination and funding via FCSS funds from the state.

3) **Youth Advisory Council, YAC.**

Our very first Youth Advisory Council is this evening, at Mansfield YMCA. Important to note that Mansfield YMCA is allowing us to use their space for FREE. We are using funds from DCY for family and youth voice for this initiative. We applied for these funds back in the spring and RC was awarded a little over \$7,000. We are incredibly excited about this. 10 Richland County youth were selected to be a part of this pilot group. The youth were selected by a workgroup (JFS, RCJVC, Family Life, Mid-Ohio Ed Services Center, RCYFC,

Project One, CHAP and RCCS) The youth will receive a \$50/stipend per meeting and a light dinner, parents will receive a \$10 gas gift card at the end of the meeting.

4) *Madison School District*

Met with principals in Madison School district to share information about RCYFC. Discussion was around history of YFC, what supports we can offer and how might YFC be able to help support youth 0-21 in their district.

5) Department of Children and Youth 1st annual Kids Summit-Columbus, Ohio

We had the opportunity to travel to Columbus September 5th for the 1st annual DCY kids summit. Richland County had representatives from several agencies. Lisa Benson, Nikki Harless, Judge McKinley, Kevin Goshe, Lori Bedson, Michele Giess, Sherry Gibson, Kaye Clark, Jeff Kiggans, and Michelle Miller attended the event.

6) Family and Children First Council Directors meeting in Columbus

Kara Wente was our speaker for this meeting. Kara shared she would like to see 330 more Ohio babies saved annually. What are we doing at the county level to help with this. We also discussed the number of young children being exposed to drugs in their home. Some counties shared how they were able to provide lock boxes for homes to keep drugs out of the reach of children.

El Report

Julie provided El report update. Program update is attached.

Prenatal to 5 Collaborative committee

No update, still meeting the 3rd Monday of the month

Richland County Shared Plan update 2024

Sherry made a motion to approve the Richland County Shared plan 2024 update with corrections made. Darrell Banks 2nd the approval. Richland County Shared Plan 2024 was approved by a voice vote and will be submitted to DCY.

Richland County Community Baby Shower

Event will be held October 17th, 11am-3pm at Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center.

Agency Updates:

Darrell B: Elevators are working at the Richland County building, waiting on air handles to be completed, goal is January.

Herbert R: Family Life Counseling update, they are now in 22 school buildings.

Danielle T: Shared about RC is still in need of foster care providers. She mentioned it takes 7-10 exposures of seeing information before taking action and asked that we keep sharing about this need. They are offering a Fine motor skills class and also busy helping families find childcare.

Sherry Branham-Fonner: September is Recovery Month. Richland County Commissioners offered proclamation. The Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board will have their annual dinner on September 17th at DLX. Sherry is hopeful that current renovations will be completed by end of the year. An Ethics training is being offered October 17th at 1pm. If not on the training list, reach out to Sherry B directly for more information.

Toby: Back to school voucher and backpack program through JFS was a success. Program was organized different this year. Those interested in being supported by the program had to apply. All but one family showed up to pick up their clothing vouchers and backpacks. It was noted that families should start looking for information via the JFS website and social media in April for the following school year.

Kevin K: New carpet has been put in at Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center. The parking lots have been redone. If anyone is in need of space for an event, reach out to Candy Bores at MOESC. Kevin shared about the continued shortage of SLP's. Mid-Ohio currently has 6 in the pipeline, in a "grow your own" initiative. Would like to continue to reach out the high schools are share about the work that an SLP does to get more interest in the field. Piloting a student mentor program that will help youth learn about some of the high need career fields.

Shauna: The health dept is going to help close gaps in childhood immunizations. A newer prenatal care initiative is taking place. Meal delivery to moms after childbirth. Up to 88 days post-partum. This service can also support mothers who miscarried. Reach out to Shauna for more information on how to get enrolled.

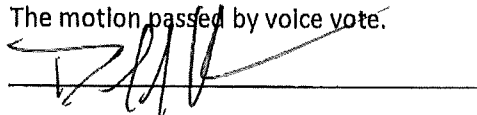
Terry: To go meals is continuing at the Library for youth up to age 18. No verification is needed for this program.

Dan: Power of the purse is Thursday September 19th at Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center.

Michelle: Reminder, A tour of the New Store will take place directly following the meeting.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sherry Branham-Fonner and seconded by Sherri Ramsey. The motion passed by voice vote.



Dan Varn, Council President



Michelle Miller, Executive Director