MINUTES

CLARK COUNTY FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 8, 2021

Hybrid meeting – ESC

**ATTENDANCE:**

Dr. Robert Hill, SCSD Mr. Dan Bennett, ESC

Ms. Ginny Martycz, JFS Mr. Will Bagnola, DD

Ms. Denise Estep, FCS Ms. Nicole Harris, RHC, Collaborative

Ms. Kerry Pedraza, United Way Ms. Leslie Crew, FCFC Coordinator

Mr. Charles Patterson, CCCHD Dr. Greta Mayer, MHRB

Ms. Melanie Wilt, County Commissioner Ms. Anita Biles, MVCDC

Ms. Ashley Harris, FR

**ABSENT:**

Ms. Jen Young, FR DYS representative

Ms. Melanie Bender, FR Ms. Becky Carden, City Community Dev.

Judge Katrine Lancaster, JC

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Dr. Bob Hill called the meeting to order at 3:35PM.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS & MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Members introduced themselves.
2. **RESOLUTIONS:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES** May 12, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes 01-09-08-21

Ms. Denise Estep motioned to approve the May 12, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Mr. Charles Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ANNUAL REPORT** 02-09-08-21

Dr. Greta Mayer motioned to approve the annual report. Ms. Ginny Martycz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

1. **AGENDA:**

***FCFC Updates***

Ms. Leslie Crew advised that all pooled funding with the exception of SCSD/ESC has been processed. She said that they are still waiting for additional allocation for FY21 FCSS funds. The additional allocation is $11,756.00 with a total of $61,736.00 going toward service coordination expenses for JFS. She said that there is a balance of $4,529.19 in grant funding from the Springfield Foundation for the supplemental care program. They have assisted seven (7) families to date, with camp experiences, adaptive equipment and equine lessons. She said that they are meeting with students and the coordinator for the UD grant with Dr. Meredith Montgomery Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training grant and may have a lead on a technology product that suits the needs of our Social Services 101 vision. She advised that they are postponing the Handle With Care kickoff to determine appropriateness with school situations and the COVID response. She advised she is hoping to audit the Sources of Strength – Suicide Prevention curriculum. She said that Ms. AnneMarie Schmersal is the new Infant Vitality Coordinator with the CCCHD and they have started reviewing their strategies. She advised that she continues to chair the Resources/Practices Committee with DIY, participates on MHTF, Suicide Prevention Coalition, Substance Abuse Steering Committee, Start Strong, Women’s Partnership Fund Committee, Business Advisory Council and Executive Committee for OFCFCA. She noted that the Child & Family Collaborative meets quarterly through zoom and the next meeting is set for 9/16/2021 with Ms. Gracie Hemphill from the CCCHD providing updates on Substance Abuse Coalition and the CHIP.

***State Updates***

Ms. Leslie Crew said that Ms. Elisha Cangelosi is the newly appointed Director for OFCF. She advised that the allocation for FCSS increased to $50,201.15 and the allocation for MSY administration in the amount of $3,600.00 this was approved for audit expenses.

***Communities of Support Grant Update***

Ms. Leslie Crew advised that we signed the $10,000.00 grant for the FY21 award today, the state is a bit delayed in its processing.

***CANS Assessments Updates***

Ms. Leslie Crew advised that she completed overview training, working through 82 modules of training to take the exam for certification. She noted that she will work as support to JFS staff to complete these assessments for youth placed in or existing from congregate care. Ms. Denise Estep provided an update on CANS assessments, she advised that they are slated to start level 2 QRTP on 10/1/2021, but currently there is no capacity for services or staff to assist other counties with their CANS assessments.

Ms. Leslie Crew provided a MSY update.

**MEMBER UPDATES:**

**Mr. Dan Bennett** said they are still in need of therapists and intervention specialists.

**Ms. Anita Biles** said that Head Start is working hard to stay open. She advised that they had to close 5 sites

this week with 15 positive cases and estimate that under 50% of the staff are vaccinated. She said that their

goal is to get kids in place and start working on family goals.

**Dr. Greta Mayer** reminded everyone of the food truck rally on Saturday from 11am-9pm and the Mind,

Body & Soul at the City Building. She noted that September is Suicide Prevention Awareness month and

advised that there will be Mental Health First Aide training coming soon.

**Ms. Ginny Martycz** said they are working on upgrading their phone system. She advised that about 1/3 of

the staff are working in the building with the remainder still working from home. They did put mandatory

masking in place at the office. She noted that benefits and child support have seen an increase in

applications.

**Ms. Kerry Pedraza** reminded everyone of the golf outing on Friday.

**Mr. Charles Patterson** said that we will likely set a new record for the number of new cases per week this

week or next. He advised that several schools have moved to mask mandates with some moving to virtual

learning for a few days due to case counts and the number of quarantines.

**Dr. Robert Hill** said that they had their highest number of positive cases last week at 27. He said that they

moved to mandatory masking for K-12 this week. He said that otherwise they are off to a good start and just

working hard to keep schools open.

**Mr. Will Bagnola** said that due to staff shortages they were granted waivers to collapse 2 units into 1 and

continue to do the best they can. He noted that recruiting and retaining staff is a big challenge.

**Ms. Denise Estep** said that they are down 10-12 staff members with very few applicants.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Leslie Crew, Executive Director, FCFC Date

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