

Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING	Wednesday, April 3, 2024 4:00 pm -6:00 pm – Cuyahoga County Administration Building
ATTENDEES	Karen Anderson (DCFS), Karin Austin (DCFS), Beverly Charles, David Crampton, Verna Darby, Andrew Garner, Angela Newman-White, Debra Rex, Lakecia Wild Guests – LeVine Ross, Regina Samuels (Cleveland Documenters)
MINUTES	Available Online –Deborah Barber will post minutes upon approval
RECORDER	Deborah Barber

AGENDA ITEMS

	Introduce and Welcome
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Angela Newman-White opened meeting• Introductions• Motion to accept meeting minutes from February 2024• David Crampton – 1st• Beverly Charles – 2nd• Minutes Approved
	Public Comment
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None.
	Director’s Report – given by Karen Anderson for Jacqueline Fletcher
Debbie Barber will send the board information grading the events for Child Abuse Prevention Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child Wellness Campus – reported on the progress of the Child Wellness Campus in conjunction with the Cleveland Christian Home. A summary of the mission for the Child Wellness Campus was discussed. Hopefully some beds will be available this summer.• Children Awaiting Placement– the number of children awaiting placement has been low recently. The consistency of the Childcare Team has helped. The Emergency Search and Engagement Unit has been successful in finding relatives for placement of youth. DCFS staff has begun meeting regularly with staff at the Detention Center.• Upcoming Events include Wear Blue Day (April 10th) for Child Abuse Awareness month, The #Cuyahoga Wears Blue Walk April 24th, and the April 25th Celebration of Case Review

Subcommittees	
<p>The Board will send Debbie Barber the meeting dates for the committees</p>	<p>Intervention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Data Dashboard due to timing of reports. • Discussion of importance of engaging fathers. <p>Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting is April 25th. • Discussion of new board member recruitment – Levine Ross clarified the application process. <p>Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of future Townhall meetings and a dedicated resource line

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Crampton shared information about the Family Success Network • Karen Anderson shared information about her interview with Ideastream • Motion to adjourn. • Meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm

[Next Meeting:](#) June 5, 2024, 4:00pm – 6:00 PM
 Location – County Headquarters, 2079 E 9th St., Room A, Cleveland, OH 44115
 Recorder – Deborah Barber