

Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING	Monday, June 7, 2021 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Zoom Meeting
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ATTENDEES	Gabriella Celeste, Beverly Charles, Dr. David Crampton, Dr. Andrew Garner, Debra Rex, Angela Newman-White, Natasha Davis, Christopher Cabot, Verna Darby, Lakiesha Wild, Marilee Santiago, Rebeka Doorman, John Ladd, Jennifer Croessmann, Cynthia Weiskittel,
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Available online – Cindy Weiskittel will post them for the public to view.
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RECORDER	Tatiana Johnson
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AGENDA ITEMS

Introduce and Welcome	
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting minutes from April 5, 2021 approved

Director’s Report	
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCFS Growing Vacancies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. DCFS currently has 75 vacancies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8 hiring classes planned for 2021 - Collaborative partners are having difficulties maintaining staff - Trying to figure out incentives for workers b. 2648 children in custody. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kids are not spending significant time in the building awaiting placement - Working to increase relative placements – currently 1/3 of all kids in custody are placed with kin • Children Fatalities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Recent media case discussed re: what info. DCFS can share about practice b. Young woman who ran away from her placement and was murdered – also discussed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Someone was arrested for her murder - Agency is trying to figure out ways to assist with AWOL children - Working on human trafficking and how it affects our children c. Young boy murdered by his father <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Case was closed, no case with the county for a few years - Father was arrested and charged • Partnership with Cleveland State University – University Partnership Program (UPP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has field placement with agency, used as a recruitment for DCFS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Hires students from CSU -During pandemic, difficult to organize students shadowing workers, staff were working remotely -Work with other social work schools for recruitment also <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRIDGES (Jennifer Croessman) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jason Harland- New Interim Regional Manager - Provides BRIDGES to Northeast, OH - Karen Anderson meets every other week with homeless services professionals, run and match data from homeless info. system to child welfare info system ages from 18-26 - Shelter case managers reach out to DCFS Emancipation Unit representative, to figure out what the young person needs to transition to permanent supportive housing & other supportive services - DCFS does not have any direct contact with children who age out of the system, other than the cases in the emancipation unit (only 3 workers in that unit). • Changes in Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jacqueline McCray retired, and Jacqueline Fletcher is the new Deputy Director for Resources & Placement - Tamara Chapman-Wagner is retiring July 31, 2021 - Karen Anderson has been promoted to Deputy Director of Extended Services - Christopher Cabot, current Deputy Director of Extended Services, will oversee Short-Term Services as the Deputy Director
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Subcommittee Updates: Prevention, Intervention, Government)	
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Joint meeting with the Prevention Committee • Prevention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Met with County Executive Armond Budish, David Merriman and Matt Carroll to discuss white paper research and recommendations from the Schubert Center about Child Protection Teams. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Would like County to support the implementation of Child Protection Teams, as a mechanism within the community to prevent child fatalities -County government is prepared to provide a formal press release in support of Child Protection Teams and encourage medical providers, law enforcement, and other partners to convene b. Cross sector collaboration of data sharing for community; shows system that working together can address needs of the community • Intervention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Data Dashboard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommendations taken right out of the review surrounding the Aniyah Day case <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Retaining and hiring all budgeted full time DCFS case workers. - DCFS is working with the Executive Office on an updated plan to hire and retain staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Fatherhood Engagement- 90% of father's identified, less

	<p>than half of the fathers are attending staffing's/ meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Would like baseline numbers and summary statements for father's<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mandatory Reporting Data-What happens to kids after they leave servicesb. BRIDGES- DCFS requested a quarterly report from the state re: BRIDGES engagement standards and for those young adults who are discharged, what is the reason and how many end up homeless.c. Dashboard Approval 6/7/2021
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Next Meeting:

July 30, 2021
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location – Zoom
Recorder – Adriel Walls