

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

MEETING	Monday, June 6, 2022 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Zoom Meeting
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ATTENDEES	Chris Cabot (DCFS), Gabriella Celeste, Beverly Charles, David Crampton, Jennifer Croessmann (DCFS), Verna Darby, Natasha Davis, Andrew Garner, Angela Newman-White, Debra Rex, Marilee Santiago, Cynthia Weiskittel (DCFS), Lakecia Wild Guest – Melanie Giamaria, Rosemary Creeden Guest Documenters: Anastazia V.
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MINUTES	Available Online –Jennifer Croessmann will post minutes upon approval
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RECORDER	Deborah Barber
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AGENDA ITEMS

Introduce and Welcome

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabriella Celeste opened meeting and invited members to introduce themselves • Member introductions • Meeting minutes from April 4, 2022 Moved to accept – David Crampton Second – Natasha Davis Unanimous Vote Minutes Approved
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Public Comment

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosemary Creeden – Thanked Cynthia Weiskittel for her service
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Director’s Updates – Cynthia Weiskittel

<p>Jennifer Croessmann will update the committee when the interim director is announced.</p> <p>Angela Newman shared a link to a video about safe sleep practices with the group.</p>	<p>Update: Transition Plan – An interim director will be announced soon. When a new county executive is elected in the fall that person will appoint a new DCFS director. The rest of the DCFS team will remain in place.</p> <p>2 Recent Child Fatalities – 1. The legal custodian and her partner have been arrested and charged with murder 2. The death was deemed accidental due to unsafe sleep. Discussion about how to educate about safe sleep and caregiver screening.</p> <p>Child Protection Teams – The County Executive is committed to the Child Protection Team concept and budget is being assessed to move forward. It is a slow process. Andrew Garner shared that</p>
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<p>C. Weiskittel will discuss with the lawyers if the Advisory Board can see a draft of the MOU.</p>	<p>there are not enough child abuse pediatricians in the county. Therefore, this is a priority.</p> <p>Youth Diversion Center/Emergency Shelter Care – The number of children in the building has declined. Staff being trained on dealing with children with Autism. There is no follow up summit scheduled yet. Proposals for emergency/crisis intervention shelter received and being scored.</p> <p>Law Enforcement Collaboration – MOU is updated every two years. MOU is being updated at this time .</p>
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<p>Subcommittee Updates: Prevention, Intervention, Government</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intervention – David Crampton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dashboard Update b. The dashboard can be viewed once posted: http://bc.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/Children-Family-Services-Advisory-Board.aspx • Prevention Subcommittee – Marilee Santiago <p>Next meeting is Monday, June 13th at 1:00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Preventing removal for multi-system kids b. Consider in-person town hall forum • Governance Subcommittee – Lakecia Wild <p>Next meeting is Thursday, June 16th at 1:00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reappointments – follow-up at next board meeting
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<p>Discussion</p>

<p>Beverly Charles, Gabriella Celeste and Lakecia Wild will work on inviting the candidates.</p>	<p>Gabriella Celeste suggested reaching out to the candidates for county executive to invite them to the next meeting of the Advisory Board. It was decided that both candidates would be invited. Each committee would develop two questions for the candidates. Each candidate could make an opening statement and have 15 minutes for questions and answers.</p> <p>The Advisory Board took time to acknowledge Cynthia Weiskittel and her service to child welfare. They wished her well on her retirement.</p>
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Next Meeting: August 1, 2022, 3:30pm
 Location – Zoom
 Recorder – Deborah Barber