



Council for Union County Families

Meeting Minutes - January 18, 2024, 2:30pm

Attendance:

Voting Members Present: Rich Baird (Council Chair, At-large), Jennifer Gross (Parent Rep), Lori Long (Parent Rep), Adam Negley (MHRB), Jason Orcena (UCHD), Jerome Shapiro (Parent Rep), Kathryn Tummino (Secretary), Sue Ware (DJFS)

Voting Members Absent: Diane Allen (MEVSD), Andrew Binegar Bridges (Bridges), Kara Brown (UCBDD), Patrice Edwards (DYS), Melissa Ebling (At-large), Dave Lawrence (County Commissioner), Judge Rick Rodger (Juvenile Court)

Other Attendees: Vanessa Shrontz (CUCF), Nicole Neumeyer (CUCF), Alexis Jameson (Turning Point), Robin McNeal (Turning Point), Kimberly Bridges (Head Start), Nancy Beals (UCDFC), Randi Bargo-Smith (MHRB), Holly Zweizig (MHRB)

Teams Guests: Joey Newell (Fairbanks), Amy Carles (Ohio Consumer's Counsel), Megan Taylor (OSU Extension), Denise Casto (CSH), Cindy Hottinger (LEADS Head Start), Stephanie Trachsel (UCBDD), Shawn Sech (UCDFC), Katie Meeker (Maryhaven), Halle DuMoulin-Camella (MHRB), Patrice Edwards (DYS), Linda Topping (JFS), Sharon Thibodeau (ODMHA)

I) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Rich Baird at 2:30pm. Rich welcomed Vanessa Shrontz as the new director of Council for Union County Families.

II) Community Updates –

- Randi Bargo-Smith (Mental Health and Recovery Board)
 - On March 6th the MHRB will host a PAX Tools for Human Services training for youth-serving professionals
- Nancy Beals (Union County Drug Free Coalition)
 - OHYES Student survey data is now available (from 2022) and Nancy is offering to present the information to any groups interested.
 - Update on Delta 8 products available at stores – UCDFC is happy to do a presentation on those products for your group if you are interested.
- Jerome Schapiro (Parent Rep)
 - Introduced concerns about national trends on youth recruitment for violent activities
- Amy Carles (Ohio Consumer's Counsel)
 - House Bill 201 allows for increases in natural gas bills for natural gas infrastructure which may result in rate increases for residents

III) Approval of the Minutes - December 2023

- ☑ Rich Baird asked for a motion to approve the December meeting minutes. Motion by Jason Orcena, second by Jerone Shapiro. No discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV) Financial Reports



- ☐ Denise Casto (CSH) presented the December 2023 financial reports.
- ☐ Rich Baird asked for a motion to approve the December financial reports. Motion by Sue Ware, second by Jason Orcena. No discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

V) Council Reports

- ☐ Vanessa Shrontz invited Nicole Neumeyer to review the CUCF SFY24 updates for January '24 including enrollment, engagement, and referrals.
- ☐ Vanessa expressed her interest in making sure all schools in Union County receive equitable support from CUCF. Rich Baird suggested reaching out to all schools to ensure they are aware of the services available to them from CUCF.

VI) New Business

☐ Early Intervention Report

- ☐ Stephanie Trachel (UCBDD) provided an update on the Union County Early Intervention Service Coordination report

☐ Designation of Administrative Agent

- ☐ Currently the Mental Health and Recovery Board is the Administrative Agent. The Board is happy to continue doing so.
- ☐ Rich Baird asked for a motion to approve the Mental Health and Recovery Board as the Administrative Agent for FY 25. Motion by Sue Ware, second by Jason Orcena. No discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

☐ Designation of Council Chair for FY 25

- ☐ Adam Negley moved that Council appoint Rich Baird as the 2025 Council Chair. Second by Jason Orcena. No discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

☐ OCBF Application for FY 25

- ☐ Meetings of CUCF for the 2024-2025 fiscal year will be held on the third Thursday of each month with the exception of June. Meeting dates will be:

July 18, 2024

August 15, 2024

September 19, 2024

October 17, 2024

November 21, 2024

December 19, 2024

January 16, 2025

February 20, 2025

March 20, 2025

April 17, 2025

May 15, 2025

Holly Zweizig moved to approve the calendar, second by Jennifer Gross. No discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

VII) Adjourn