



**Ohio Children's Trust Fund
Board Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2019**

Board Members Present:

Senator Stephanie Kunze
Jennifer Justice
Diana Starkey
Jennifer Davis (Director Lance Himes)
Kimberly Jordan
Grace Kolliesuah (Director Lori Criss)
Representative Sarah LaTourette
Senator Tina Maharath
Dr. Kynetta McFarlane
Molly Rafeld (Director Kimberly Hall)
Nicole Vitale

Board Members Absent:

Representative Janine Boyd
Robyn Lighthcap
Dr. Kathi Makoroff
Elizabeth Ranade Janis

Staff Present:

Lindsay Williams, Executive Director
Eric Campfield, Program Manager
Nicole Sillaman, Program Manager
Renee Whitfield, Administrative Professional

Guests:

Kayla Burns, Senior Legislative Aide to Senator Maharath

Welcome & Roll Call

Chairman Stephanie Kunze called the Ohio Children's Trust Fund (OCTF) Board Meeting to order at 10:00 am on February 21, 2019 with a quorum. Chairman Stephanie Kunze welcomed the Board members to the 133 General Assembly.

Chairman's Update

Chairman Kunze informed members that information for board meetings will now be emailed out a few days prior to the meeting date for review. This will help keep the board meetings within the 2-hour timeframe.

The April Child Abuse Prevention Month kickoff will be March 25, 2019 at the Ohio Statehouse from 10am to 11:30am. Governor Mike DeWine will be the keynote speaker at this event.

Chairman Kunze thanked Board member Jennifer Justice for attending the Regional Coordinator meeting as well as the Central Ohio Regional Prevention Council meeting. Member Justice stated that the meeting was very positive and that she received many questions about the OCTF Board operations and the decision to move to the regional model. Ms. Justice noted that during the meeting she heard about many of the accomplishments and challenges in getting the regional model up and running.

Old Business

Minutes

Chairman Kunze asked for any questions or revisions to the November 18, 2018 board meeting minutes. Hearing no questions or revisions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the November 18, 2018 board meeting minutes as written. Jennifer Davis motioned and Dr. Kynetta McFarlane seconded the motion. The board approved the motion.

New Business

Finance Committee Update

Diana Starkey welcomed board member Robin Lightcap and OFC Bureau Chief for Fiscal Operations, Alicia Allen, to the finance committee.

Going forward the financial updates will be a global view of OCTF's fiscal status, instead of reviewing each line of the budget. If members have questions and would like more detailed information they can contact a member of the committee.

The five-year trend for federal funding from 2014 to 2018, shows that we have received a 19% decrease in federal funds. Revenue for OCTF from 2014 to 2018 has seen a 1% increase across all funding streams.

Fiscal year 2020 projected expenses reflect a total of 5.5 million for operating costs and funding for services. This amount exceeds the 4.6 million in projected revenue.

Lindsay Williams noted while the cost to deliver child abuse prevention services throughout the state have remained steady in the 5.6 million range, OCTF has only been able to allocate 3.5 to 3.8 million. Member Starkey noted that if funding does not increase or spending decrease, OCTF would have a negative balance by SFY 2024.

Program Committee Update

Nicole Sillaman gave updates from the committee. The committee has been working to update the Statewide application out of concern that the requirements for funding were not clear for applicants. Some of the revisions made to the application include streamlined questions, word count minimums and limits, and revised definitions of statewide significance. Previously statewide significance meant having a program that served the state as a whole, was able to be brought to scale in multiple counties or was already being offered in multiple counties. Those requirements were difficult for smaller, more localized organizations to achieve. To address this issue the committee revised the definition to include the development of an implementation plan in the form of a webinar, presentation or manual that the OCTF can provide to other organizations across the state to assist them in replication. A logic model specific to child abuse and neglect prevention outcomes was also added to make it clear that programs need to have direct linkage to evaluation tools. The committee also discussed reducing the funding available from one hundred thousand dollars to seventy-five thousand dollars with consideration to the finances reported.

Ms. Sillaman informed the board that OCTF staff will conduct a webinar and provide informational materials on the website to help educate vendors on the use of the logic model, as well as to provide clarity regarding to the application components.

Statewide Applications

Chairman Kunze moved for a motion to approve the Statewide Application with revisions. Jennifer Justice motioned to approve, Dr. Kynetta McFarlane seconded and the Board approved the motion.

Allowable/Unallowable Expenses Guidance

Nicole Sillaman informed the Board that the Allowable and Unallowable Expenditures guidance accompanies the Statewide Application, as well as all of the OCTF's funding opportunities. OCTF has noted that regions and other partners have found that not being able to use funding to provide food and incentives has been a barrier to delivering services to families. In an effort to remove that barrier, OCTF staff is proposing that no more than 5% of program funding be allowed to be used for food and incentives.

Chairman Kunze moved for a motion to approve the revisions to the Allowable/Unallowable Expenses Guidelines. Dr. Kynetta McFarlane motioned to approve, Diana Starkey seconded, and the Board approved the motion. Senator Tina Maharath left the meeting after the vote.

OCTF Regional Model Updates

Executive Director Lindsay Williams informed the Board that after having conversations with all the regions a central theme was that they wanted OCTF to provide some parameters on the types of programs they should be implementing and how to prioritize them. Working with the Program Committee, OCTF staff developed a guidance flow chart to help councils prioritize programs based on being a direct or indirect service and whether the service or strategy is evidence based or innovative. OCTF staff has reviewed the guidance flow chart with Regional Coordinators who indicated they believe it will be very helpful to the Prevention Councils.

Regional Prevention Plan Renewal Requests

Renewal plans were due to OCTF by February 21, 2019. The total requested funding was roughly 5.6 million. The Board had previously approved funding in the amount of 3.5 million, leaving nearly 2 million to be cut from the regional prevention plan budgets. After reviewing the renewal plan funding requests, the Board will need to vote on the proposed strategies and on how much each region will be awarded.

Central Region

The Central Regional Prevention Council is requesting \$848,500 in funding to continue the Triple P Positive Parenting Program and to begin to convene leadership groups in each county to emulate the goals of StepOne to reach pregnant women abusing substances.

Eastern Region

The Eastern Regional Prevention Council is requesting \$585,500 for three strategies. The first is to provide high quality child care and education in early life. The goal of this strategy is to recruit individuals to become licensed child care providers in the region. Given that this strategy has similar touchpoints and parallels to what is being funded through the ODJFS Bureau of Child Care, OCTF staff have been working to connect the region with child care licensing staff at the state to prevent the duplication of funding for similar services. The region is also focusing on mentoring

services to promote positive youth social and emotional development, and a universal prevention awareness campaign.

Great Lakes Region

The Great Lakes Regional Prevention Council is requesting \$600,000 for parent resiliency, social and emotional support of children, an awareness campaign, along with Parent Leadership and Outreach.

Northeast Region

The Northeast Region is requesting \$713,400 to fund the strategies of embedding the Strengthening Families Framework in early education and care and strengthening protective factors of parents/caregivers. Due to funding constraints the third strategy to provide an evidence-based home visiting program is only focused in 3 of the regions counties that the council felt it was most needed. The regions fourth strategy which is not funded, is to develop wraparound services for families screened out of child welfare. OCTF staff is working to apply for a federal grant to provide similar services. If OCTF is awarded the funding, the Northeast Region would be the program pilot since they have an interest in providing that service. Grace Kolliesuah mentioned that there is an opportunity to collaborate with OhioSTART for this grant.

Northwest Region

The Northwest Region is requesting \$797,675 to continue the public awareness campaign, trauma consultations and training, and parent support and education. Nicole Sillaman noted that the trauma informed training provided is going a step further by working with trained staff to model appropriate behavior for children and families.

Southeast Region

The Southeast Region is requesting \$492,000 to fund three strategies that include strengthening parent skills to promote healthy child development. Professional development in trauma and addiction and delivering a universal prevention awareness campaign are their additional focus. This region of the state has a limited number of service providers, so they are working to build capacity in each county of the region by providing trainings for professionals on child abuse and neglect services.

Southwest Region

The Southwest Region is requesting \$785,000 to continue to provide prevention services and support to kinship caregivers, an awareness campaign, and professional development. The region has a very successful kinship navigator program that works with families outside of the child welfare system and assists them in finding resources.

Western Region

The Western Region requested \$674,000 for parent education and support, social and emotional competence in children, regional training and professional development, and parent leadership and outreach. This region is also looking to build vendor capacity by modifying a strategy to develop an evaluation for trauma informed care trainings.

Regional Prevention Plan Funding Recommendations

OCTF staff, with the support of the eight regional coordinating entities, proposes to average the percentages of funding allocation provided to each region through the regional model and the previously used county allocation model. In addition, we propose that the Board allocates a funding amount for each region that would encompass all strategies which will allow for flexibility and eliminate the need for Board approval of strategy changes.

Board Chairman Kunze moved for a motion to approve the Regional Prevention Plan Renewal Requests allocating the available 3.5 million among the regions based on percentages. Diana Starkey motioned to approve, Kimberly Jordan seconded, and the Board approved the motion.

Western Ohio Regional Prevention Plan Amendment

The Western Ohio Regional Prevention Council requests removing \$140,888.37 from Prevention Plan service dollars to strategy three, regional training and development, and to expand Strategy three to include other professional development opportunities.

Board Chairman Kunze moved for a motion to approve the Western Ohio Regional Prevention Plan Amendment. Dr. Kynetta McFarlane motioned to approve, Grace Kolliesuah seconded, and the Board approved the motion.

Other Business

Welcome and introduction of Board members, staff and guests present at the meeting.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. The OCTF kickoff event will be on March 25, 2019 at 10:00 in the atrium of the Ohio Statehouse. Governor Mike DeWine will be the keynote speaker at the event.

The Board portal on the OCTF website has been approved. Members will be receiving an email from Nicole Sillaman to setup access to the portal.

No other business was proposed by the Board. As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Kunze adjourned the February 21, 2019 OCTF Board meeting at 11:18am noting that the next Board meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2019 in the Finance Committee Room of the Ohio Statehouse.

Handouts:

OCTF Board Meeting Agenda – February 21, 2019
OCTF PowerPoint Presentation – February 21, 2019
Bios: Lori Criss, Kimberly Hall, Senator Tina Maharath, and Nicole Vitale
OCTF Board Draft Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2018
SFY 2018 Operating Budget
SFY 2019 Operating Budget
OCTF Statewide Application
OCTF Allowable/Unallowable Expenses Guidance
OCTF Program Guidance Flowchart
SFY 2020 Regional Prevention Plan Renewal Requests
OCTF Renewal Requests Funding Recommendation Summary
SFY 2019 Western Ohio Regional Prevention Plan Amendment
Executive Director's Report