



Ohio Children's Trust Fund

Ohio's Prevent Child Abuse America Chapter

Representative Andrea White
Chair

Lindsay Williams
Executive Director

Ohio Children's Trust Fund Board Meeting Minutes June 17, 2021

Board Members Present:

Representative Andrea White
Holly Kastan
Grace Kolliesuah (Director Lori Criss)
Jennifer Justice
Kimberly Jordan
Bobbi Krabill (Director Stephanie McCloud)
Jeff Van Deusen (Director Matt Damschroeder)
Nicole Vitale
Dr. Angel Rhodes
Dr. Kynetta McFarlane

Board Members Absent:

Senator Tina Maharath
Senator Stephanie Kunze
Megan Wanczyk
Representative Janine Boyd

Staff Present:

Lindsay Williams, Executive Director
Nicole Sillaman, Chief of Fiscal and Program Planning
Eric Gonzalez, Program Manager
Maggie Sanders, Program Manager
Renee Whitfield, Program Manager
Diettra Engram, Program Manager
Jasmine Hall, Administrative Professional

Guests:

Denise Pleska, Senior Staff Attorney for ODJFS
Linda Holmstrand, Eastern Regional Coordinator
Nancy Cunningham, Central Ohio Regional Coordinator
Carol Murray, Southwest Regional Coordinator
Shadi Houshyar – Senior Associate, CSSP
Michelle Johnson-Motoyama – Associate Professor, OSU

Welcome & Roll Call

Vice Chair Jennifer Justice called the Ohio Children's Trust Fund (OCTF) Board Meeting to order at 10:04 am on June 17, 2021 with a quorum. Jennifer Justice introduced Dr. Kynetta McFarlane as a newly reappointed OCTF Board Member. Dr. Kynetta reintroduced herself to Board members, with Board members also introducing themselves to Dr. McFarlane.

Chairman Updates

Vice Chair Justice provided a brief update on the Biennial Operating Budget process, stating that finalization of the budget is slated for June 30, 2021. The OCTF ORC Review Committee submitted

several changes to both the House and the Senate for inclusion in the budget, along with an increase for federal spending authority. After review of the changes, legislative leaders advised the OCTF to seek a standalone bill for the ORC revisions, however the Senate did include an appropriation increase in their version of the budget. Additional information on ORC Review Committee work will be forthcoming over the summer, and any Board members interested in serving on the committee may contact Eric Gonzalez or Director Williams. OCTF, along with ODJFS, successfully submitted OAC rules effective July 1, 2021. Vice Chair Justice thanked Kim Jordan and the Committee for their hard work on the OAC rules.

Jennifer Justice also advised the Board that in-person public meetings are to resume after July 1, 2021 as there was no extension on the virtual meeting provision. OCTF will update the Board should the provision change and will share the location of future Board meetings once the venue is secured.

Old Business

Minutes

Jennifer Justice gave pause for review and asked for any questions or revisions to the April 20, 2021 Board meeting minutes. Kimberly Jordan motioned for the minutes to be approved. Grace Kolliesuah seconded the motion. Hearing no questions, revisions, or objections to the minutes as submitted, Jennifer Justice stated the minutes were approved.

Program Committee Updates

Prevention Program Submissions

Director Lindsay Williams presented on behalf of the Program Committee Chair, and shared with the Board two prevention programs submitted for review from the Great Lakes Region:

- Connect: An Attachment-based Program for Parents and Caregivers
- PAX Tools with Families of Promise (a local case management program)

Director Williams presented information on each of the Prevention Programs listed above. Program Committee's recommendation was to take no action on these programs until additional information could be gathered. The Committee asked OCTF to seek additional information about the Connect program to help inform the question of whether or not OCTF can or should fund behavioral treatment programs targeting youth with more severe behavioral/mental health needs. This is becoming a recurring funding request as regional prevention councils have begun requesting more funding for treatment services for youth and/or families. Program Committee also asked for more information to determine if the program is best suited for OhioMHAS to fund, if not already funded, and if the program is Medicaid reimbursable. Program Committee recommended working with OhioMHAS to get more information on PAX Tools and to determine if OhioMHAS is currently funding this program as well.

Vice Chair Jennifer Justice asked for any questions or comments on taking no action on the proposed prevention program submissions until further information has been gathered. Kimberly Jordan asked for clarification on whether we are stating that Great Lakes cannot continue to explore these programs or stating that the Board needs more information on these programs before they are approved/included.

Director Williams clarified that the Board would take no action and continue to explore these programs to get more information in terms of where they are being funded elsewhere in the state, and if Connect is Medicaid reimbursable, which means that they cannot be included in the Great

Lakes prevention plan as it currently stands. However, in the future if these questions are satisfied and programs are deemed allowable, the Great Lakes region may amend their prevention plan to include the programs for resubmission to the Board.

Holly suggested that OCTF touch-base with the Center for Family Safety and Healing as they use PAX Tools, and referenced the program as evidence-based. Director Williams agreed, and the Board agreed to take no action on the prevention program submissions.

SFY 2022 Revised Regional Prevention Plans

Director Williams gave the process overview, format and budget for the Regional Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Plans, highlighting Board authority to approve, deny, or require Regional councils to revise and submit amended plans to the Board, along with denial or reduction of council funding. The OCTF Board Program Committee reviewed the three Regional Prevention Plans that were required to make revisions based on the Board recommendations to their originally submitted prevention plans. Director Williams presented each of these Region's Prevention Plan strategy details and considerations:

- Central Ohio Region (3 Strategies)

The Central Ohio Region has addressed the OCTF Board's concerns across all three strategies (CompDrug technical assistance and measurable objectives, Triple P Level 1 Removal, and SACWIS data sharing agreement with NCH executed), including the addition of the Theory of Change. The Program Committee recommendation is to approve the Central Ohio Region's revised Prevention Plan.

Vice Chair Jennifer Justice asked for any questions or comments on the Central Ohio Region's revised Prevention Plan. Hearing no questions or comments, Vice Chair Jennifer Justice called for a motion to approve the revised Central Ohio Prevention Plan. Grace Kolliesuah motioned, and Jeff Van Deusen seconded the motion. The board approved the motion.

- Great Lakes Ohio Region (1 Strategy)

The Great Lakes Region has addressed the OCTF Board's concerns with their strategy (removed refresher course, removed mismatched populations) and revised the list of programs to include First Five Years, Family Wellness and Stewards of Children. The Program Committee recommendation is to approve the Great Lakes Region's revised Prevention Plan.

Vice Chair Jennifer Justice asked for any questions or comments on the Great Lakes Ohio revised Prevention Plan. Hearing no questions or comments, Vice Chair Jennifer Justice called for a motion to approve the revised Great Lakes Ohio Prevention Plan. Angel Rhodes motioned, and Dr. Kynetta McFarlane seconded the motion. The board approved the motion.

- Southwest Ohio Region (1 Strategy)

The Southwest Region has addressed the OCTF Board's concerns with their strategy (I&R service removal and funds shifted to expand target populations of young parents and low-income families). The Program Committee recommendation is to approve the Southwest Region's revised Prevention Plan.

Vice Chair Jennifer Justice asked for any questions or comments on the Southwest Ohio revised Prevention Plan. Hearing no questions or comments, Vice Chair Jennifer Justice called for a motion to approve the revised Southwest Ohio Prevention Plan. Grace Kolliesuah motioned, and Angel Rhodes seconded the motion. The board approved the motion.

Statewide Applications

Director Williams informed the Board that OCTF received 4 applications by the June 7, 2021 Statewide Grant deadline, one of which did not submit a required section of the application and was not reviewed (ONCAC). Applications from the following organizations were reviewed:

- Butler County Educational Service Center, on behalf of the Butler County FCFC – Pause for Parents, Play for Kids Program - \$74,986.00

OCTF review team considerations are that the proposal is the only respite service currently funded by the OCTF, and further information regarding the holiday shoppe is needed, but recommends approval upon receipt of satisfactory information.

- The Children’s Home of Cincinnati (TCH) – Resilient Children and Families Program (RCFP) - \$75,000.00

OCTF review team considerations are that this service and its expansion are currently successful and meets a unique need in the state through a strategy well-aligned with OCTF, with recommendation of approval.

- University Hospitals Rainbow Babies – Attachment Vitamins - \$75,000.00

OCTF review team considerations are that this service meets a unique need in the state through a strategy well-aligned with OCTF, noting that the program is new, and replicable if successful. The OCTF review team recommended approval of funding.

Holly expressed her excitement to see focus on early intervention with the statewide applications, and the importance of intervening as early as possible.

Vice Chair Jennifer Justice asked for any questions or comments on the three Statewide applications. Hearing no questions or comments, Vice Chair Jennifer Justice called for a motion to approve the three Statewide applications. Kimberly Jordan motioned, and Holly Kastan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion.

Regional Prevention Council Updates

Regional Prevention Coordinator Applications

Director Williams updated the Board on Regional Coordinating Entities for Eastern, Southeast, and Southwest Ohio Regions. OCTF worked with ODJFS, OCA to begin reach outs to potential entities to submit a condensed proposal for the opportunities, and have received 5 proposals (inclusive of total costs):

- Eastern Ohio Regional Prevention Coordinator
 - Appalachian Children Coalition (ACC) - \$460,245.00
 - Nationwide Children’s Hospital - \$139,653.80

Director Williams gave an overview of both organization's background information and proposal details/required staffing.

- Southeast Ohio Regional Prevention Coordinator
 - Appalachian Children Coalition (ACC) - \$460,245.00
 - Nationwide Children's Hospital - \$224,776.20

Director Williams gave an overview of both organization's background information and proposal details/required staffing; ACC had similar requirements for Eastern as with their Southeast proposal.

- Southwest Ohio Regional Prevention Coordinator
 - Butler County Educational Service Center (BCESC) - \$233,381.00 (to be negotiated as administrative costs exceed 10%; mileage exceeds state rate).

Director Williams gave an overview of the organization's background information and proposal details/required staffing. It is noteworthy that BCESC is the fiscal agent for Butler County FCFC, who currently has a statewide agreement with OCTF, and BCESC is a current and potential renewed vendor for the Southwest Ohio region through the regional prevention plan. As long as OCTF is serving as procurer for vendors and the Board votes on this opportunity, there would be no conflict and minimal lapse in service for SFY 2022.

There were discussions pertaining to the costs for ACC's Eastern and Southeast Coordinator proposals, and regardless of the outcome of the proposals, the OCTF would like to engage them as future partners for other work within those regions of the state. Angel Rhodes, who served on the proposal review team, expressed concern of OCTF staff taking on coordinating role should the Board forgo the option to vote for the presented organizations; also, to return with another outreach effort may prove to be more difficult. Dr. Rhodes also reiterated engaging ACC as a future partner, but the costs presented by the organization were stated to not be sustainable and were much more than current partners across regions.

Holly Kastan requested clarification on options prior to the voting on the proposal, revolving around discrepancies and staffing constraints. Bobbi Krabill added that it makes sense to continue with the regional model and concerns are not with the entities themselves, but costs and capacity.

Vice Chair Jennifer Justice asked for any further questions or comments on the Coordinating entity proposals. Hearing no questions or comments, Vice Chair Jennifer Justice called for a motion to approve Nationwide Children's Hospital for the Eastern and Southeast Regions. Holly Kastan motioned, and Kimberly Jordan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion.

Vice Chair Jennifer Justice called for a motion to approve Butler County ESC for the Southwest Region. Bobbi Krabill motioned, and Kimberly Jordan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion.

Central Ohio Regional Application – Lindsey Queen

Director Williams reminded the Board of their authority regarding appointment of At-Large prevention specialists. The Central Ohio Region approved Lindsey Queen to serve on the Central Ohio Regional Prevention Council at the May 18th council meeting.

Vice Chair Jennifer Justice asked for any questions or comments on the Central Ohio Regional Application for Lindsey Queen. Hearing no questions or comments, Vice Chair Jennifer Justice called for a motion to approve Lindsey Queen's application. Holly Kastan motioned, and Angel Rhodes seconded the motion. The board approved the motion.

Finance Committee Update

SFY 2021 Budget Update

Nicole Sillaman informed the Board of the SFY 2021 Operating Budget and gave an overview of OCTF's current financial standing. OCTF is on track to exceed expectations on revenues as of 5/31/2021. OCTF is also on track for expenses as of 5/31/2021 for several projects, with anticipation of complete spend-down for awareness and marketing initiatives. OCTF expects \$500,000-\$1,000,000 unexpended grant funds due to COVID impacts across other initiatives. The Projection of Sustainability of Current Levels of Funding with CBCAP Stimulus Funds is currently trending positive, with the ability of OCTF to carry-over unexpended funds to following SFYs. Further budget details can be found in the Board Portal.

CBCAP American Rescue Plan Act Funds

Nicole Sillaman gave an update of the American Rescue Plan Act that was passed on March 11, 2021, with OCTF receiving approximately \$8,598,720. The OCTF is waiting for appropriations to be approved at an increased level. Additionally, with this Act, the 20% match requirement and 70/30 leveraged funds formula required under current law are waived.

Program instructions were released to states on May 5, 2021 and outlined information for allowable use of the funding as well as provided guidance related to priorities that states should address. The two priorities are:

- Advancing racial equity and support for underserved communities in Prevention and Child Welfare Programs.
- Intersection of poverty and child welfare

The CBCAP Stimulus Proposal provided in the Board Portal details the expansion of existing services, updated to included innovation, such as increased funding for regional and state prevention services and grants, human trafficking prevention programming, trainings for professionals and service providers, ongoing work with the Child Well-Being Data Dashboard, concrete supports and statewide awareness efforts and marketing campaign.

New services that OCTF plans to implement under the CBCAP Stimulus proposal includes primary prevention funding to child advocacy centers, Triple P Positive Parenting Program Online Services, and special projects and initiatives to include child sexual abuse prevention, infant mortality prevention and safe sleep, as well as pre-petition legal representation.

Vice Chair Jennifer Justice asked for any questions or comments on the American Rescue Plan Act CBCAP Stimulus Funding Proposal. Hearing no questions or comments, Vice Chair Jennifer Justice called for a motion to approve the American Rescue Plan Act CBCAP Stimulus Funding Proposal. Kimberly Jordan motioned, and Grace Kolliesuah seconded the motion. The board approved the motion.

Proposed SFY 2022 Budget

Nicole shared with the Board a snapshot of the proposed SFY 2022 Operating Budget, directing Board members to the Board Portal for the full line-item budget. Director Williams noted the increase in agreements for the next fiscal year, and that OCTF is working with ODJFS for potential staffing increase.

Vice Chair Jennifer Justice asked for any questions or comments on the Proposed SFY 2022 Operating Budget. Hearing no questions or comments, Vice Chair Jennifer Justice called for a motion to approve the Proposed SFY 2022 Operating Budget. Dr. Kynetta McFarlane motioned, and Grace Kolliesuah seconded the motion. The board approved the motion.

Treasurer Vacancy

Jennifer Justice informed the Board that there is a Treasurer vacancy, which also serves as Finance Committee Chair, and opened it up for volunteers. Dr. Kynetta McFarlane volunteered to serve as Treasurer. Vice Chair Jennifer Justice called for a motion to approve. Angel Rhodes motioned, and Grace Kolliesuah seconded the motion. The board approved the motion.

Strategic Planning Priority Focus Areas

Jennifer Justice turned the meeting over to Shadi Houshyar with the Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP). Shadi briefly introduced her team and discussed Priority Areas and their objectives for the OCTF Strategic Plan, Strategic Plan timeline, as well as the Logic Model. The 2022-2027 Strategic Plan contains six priorities (in no particular order of importance):

- Priority One. Bring Together System-Wide Partners to Develop a Vision for Prevention in Ohio
- Priority Two. Focus on Enhancing Organizational Capacity, Efficiency, and Effectiveness
- Priority Three. Set an Intentional Commitment to Race Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Priority Four. Meaningfully Support Families in their Homes and Communities
- Priority Five. Increase OCTF Visibility and Impact
- Priority Six. Promote Meaningful Parent Leadership in Regional Prevention Councils

Director Williams and Shadi Houshyar shared with the Board the potential three vision statements that the OCTF is considering for incorporation into the Strategic Plan. Holly Kastan suggested the possibility of an organizational vision statement, inclusive of what would be unique to the Trust Fund and speaks to the organization. Representative White stated that she liked the second option as well, but more detail could be added. Michelle Johnson-Motoyama reminded the Board to consider the importance of looking at the mission (“how-to”) and the vision (“end-state”) together. OCTF will revisit the vision statement at the September 15th Board Meeting. Board Members were also invited to participate in a Vision Statement session to be held prior to the end of June 2021.

Vice Chair Jennifer Justice asked for any questions or comments on the Strategic Planning Priority Areas. Hearing no questions or comments, Vice Chair Jennifer Justice called for a motion to approve Strategic Planning Priority Areas. Angel Rhodes motioned, and Kimberly Jordan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion.

Other Business

Director Williams mentioned prior to the conclusion of the Board Meeting, the ED Report contains further information on PCAA CBCAP funding.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the Vice Chair adjourned the June 17, 2021 OCTF Board meeting at 12:05 pm. The next Board meeting will be held on September 15, 2021.

Handouts:

OCTF Board Meeting Agenda – June 17, 2021

OCTF PowerPoint Presentation – June 17, 2021

OCTF Board Draft Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2021

Dr. Kynetta McFarlane - Bio

SFY 2021 Operating Budget

Proposed SFY 2022 Budget

ARPA CBCAP Funding Proposal

Regional Service Report

OCTF Child Abuse Prevention Program Review Form

OCTF Child Abuse Prevention Program Review Form Instructions

Prevention Programs

- PAX Tools
- Connect

Statewide Applications

Coordinating Entity Mini Proposals

Updated Prevention Plans

Central Ohio Regional Application – Lindsay Queen Strategic Plan and Logic Model

Operational Plan Draft

PCAA CAPTA Managers Amendment

HB 485 Fact Sheet

Executive Director's Report

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