



**Ohio Children's Trust Fund
Board Meeting Minutes
May 31, 2018**

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Davis (Director Lance Himes)
David Frash (Director Cynthia C. Dungey)
Jennifer Justice
Grace Kolliesuah (Director Tracy Plouck)
Senator Stephanie Kunze
Representative Sarah LaTourette
Dr. Kathi Makoroff
Diana Starkey

Board Members Absent:

Representative Janine Boyd
Christina Hudak
Senator Cecil Thomas

Staff Present:

Kristen Rost, Executive Director
Eric Campfield, Program Manager
Nicole Sillaman, Program Manager

Guests:

Linette Alexander, Senior Staff Attorney for ODJFS
Ciara Price, Senior Legislative Aide, Representative Sarah LaTourette

Chairman Sarah LaTourette called the Ohio Children's Trust Fund (OCTF) Board Meeting to order at 10:11am on May 31, 2018. A quorum of members was not present.

April PSA and Everyday Hero Awardee Nomination Videos

The April Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month PSA and Everyday Hero Awardee Nomination videos were played for the Board, as well as a report on the success of various awareness campaigns in April 2018. The OCTF shared that the hero theme will continue in April 2019 and that the regional feedback has been positive thus far.

Chairman's Update

Chair LaTourette informed the Board that Ron Reese and Carrie Baker have resigned and that Jennifer Justice has been appointed. The Chairman also informed the Board that the Executive Director, Kristen Rost, would be leaving the Trust Fund as well on June 6, 2018. The Chairman expressed her gratitude to new and exiting Board members and staff.

The Chairman also informed the Board that Controlling Board approved a request to transfer spending authority from SFY 2018 to SFY 2019, providing a new spending authority for SFY 2019 of \$10 million in state funds and \$2 million in federal funds.

In addition, the Trust Fund will convene the Program Committee and seek a Vice Chair at the September meeting.

Old Business

Minutes

With a quorum now established, Chairman LaTourette asked for any additions or revisions to the February 15, 2018 board meeting minutes. Hearing no additions or revisions, the Chairman called for a roll call vote on approving the February 15, 2018 board meeting minutes as written. The board approved the minutes as written.

Finance Committee and SFY 2018 Budget Update and SFY 2019 Operating Budget and Spending Plan

Treasurer Diana Starkey reviewed the SFY 2018 Operating Budget revenues and expenditures, noting that the Trust Fund is mostly on track with revenues. Expenditures are less than budgeted due to various factors, including regional model services beginning late and staffing being under anticipated levels.

Treasurer Starkey reviewed the SFY 2019 Spending Plan and SFY 2019 Operating Budget, noting that most amounts reflect the SFY 2018 Operating Budget, with some consideration given to the regional model. Chairman LaTourette moved to approve the SFY 2019 Spending Plan to be submitted to the Office of Budget and Management. Diana Starkey seconded. The Board approved the motion.

OCTF Regionalization Prevention Plan Review and Approval

Director Rost, Nicole Sillaman, and Eric Campfield provided updates for each region, including the amount of funds originally requested for SFY 2019, the amount of funds being carried over from SFY 2018, vendor progress, SFY 2019 strategy requests, and prioritization of funding requests, as requested by the Board. All applications were received by March 1st, per OCTF guidelines, and all prioritizations were received by May 18th.

Central Ohio

Director Rost noted that Central Ohio was awarded approximately \$1,100,000 in SFY 2017-2018 to implement a pilot program based in part on the Maternal Opiate Medical Supports project to provide supplemental care coordination to boost parental substance abuse services, implement evidence-based or promising child abuse and child neglect prevention programs for families at high risk of substance abuse, and to evaluate these services for effectiveness and to monitor whether participants enter the child welfare system.

Director Rost explained that the region will continue these strategies and discussed the progress of the programs thus far. In addition, Director Rost explained that funding requests for SFY 2019 reflect carryover services from SFY 2018. Director Rost also briefly discussed the region's parent leadership and outreach plans and explained that the region will need additional funds above the amount requested as the funding requested will not provide sufficient monetary support for the

proposed activities. Director Rost noted that the total amount requested from the Central Ohio region for SFY 2019 is \$279,924.50.

David Frash inquired as to when services are expected to begin and Director Rost responded that the progress reported thus far is from March 30, 2018, the date of the most recent quarterly report, but that services have begun in all strategies.

Eastern Ohio

Nicole Sillaman stated that the Eastern Ohio Council was awarded \$433,938.83 in SFY 2017-2018 to foster the increase of high quality childcare and early education by providing training and assistance and to provide mentoring services to children and/or adolescents.

Ms. Sillaman explained that the Council is proposing the same two strategies for SFY 2019, in addition to a new strategy to develop and implement a universal prevention awareness campaign. The funds will be used for procurement of a marketing consultant and for development of the campaign. Ms. Sillaman explained that the region will continue to implement the outreach plan and parent leadership plan as presented. Ms. Sillaman also stated that the total amount of funding for the region to sustain current services and to begin development of the new strategy is \$324,222.56.

Great Lakes Ohio

Eric Campfield explained that the Great Lakes Ohio Council was awarded \$816,100 in SFY 2017-2018 to foster parental resiliency, to build and maintain social support networks, and to provide an awareness campaign normalizing disruptive child behavior.

Mr. Campfield stated that the council will continue these strategies in SFY 2019, along with their parent leadership and outreach plans. Mr. Campfield explained that, due to carryover contracts from SFY 2018, the funding requested for SFY 2019 will be used later in the year and that the essential amount of funding required to continue services and expand some services is \$401,867.92.

Grace Kolliesuah asked whether the Great Lakes Region was evaluating their services, similar to the way Central Ohio is evaluating their services. Ms. Kolliesuah noted that a lot of funding is being requested, but no outcomes have been realized. Director Rost provided that outcomes are submitted through quarterly reports and that the coordinating entities are tasked with evaluating programs for effectiveness. Director Rost noted that third-party evaluators are likely needed for each region, but that only two regions have invested their service dollars in third party evaluators.

Northeast Ohio

Eric Campfield explained that the Northeast Ohio Council received \$794,500 in SFY 2017-2018 to firmly embed the Strengthening Families Framework in early care and education settings, to strengthen the protective factors in parents and children, and to provide home visiting to WIC participating parents of children aged 3-5 in Columbiana, Mahoning, and Trumbull counties.

Mr. Campfield explained that the Northeast Ohio Council is proposing to continue these three strategies in SFY 2019, but that additional funding for strategy three is not necessary, as vendors were not yet under contract and \$100,000 remained for two counties. Mr. Campfield explained

that, for strategy one, the vendor was proposing a program called Growing Sounds as part of its services. The Board discussed removing this from the plan and reducing the essential amount to \$300,000 for strategy one. Mr. Campfield explained that, with that change, the council would require \$480,058.90 for essential services.

Northwest Ohio

Nicole Sillaman stated that the Northwest Ohio Council received \$684,575 in SFY 2017-2018 to implement an awareness campaign targeting families impacted by substance abuse, provide trauma-informed consultations in early childhood settings, and to provide parenting support and education for vulnerable and isolated families.

Ms. Sillaman stated that the Council will continue their current strategies in SFY 2019, including their parent leadership and outreach plans. Ms. Sillaman explained that the funding request from the Council reflects carryover contracts that provided no-cost extensions. The Board discussed reducing the awareness campaign and the trauma consultation strategy and increasing the parent support and education strategy, to provide services in all counties and to expand services. Ms. Sillaman explained that, with these shifts, the council will need \$667,675 to maintain current services and to expand strategy three.

Treasurer Starkey noted that the numbers served as of March 30, 2018 were low and asked whether the Council will be able to serve additional people and expend the additional funds requested. Ms. Sillaman explained that the funding reflects the gap in services from the end of the current contracts until the end of SFY 2019 and that there is a clear need in the region. Ms. Sillaman also informed the Board that the coordinating entity is able to execute contracts relatively quickly and will be able to establish agreements once funding is available.

Southeast Ohio

Director Rost discussed the issues present in the Southeast Ohio Region regarding the fact that no services have been implemented in the region to date. Director Rost explained that several conversations have occurred between Ohio University and the Ohio Children's Trust Fund in an attempt to address this ongoing concern. Director Rost noted that Ohio University has many strengths, but that subcontracting with service providers is a multi-layered process with many bureaucracies, and has been an ongoing challenge.

Nicole Sillaman explained that, given no services have been implemented, most of the \$428,025 awarded in SFY 2017-2018 to strengthen parenting skills to promote healthy child development, to promote children's healthy social and emotional development, and to provide a universal awareness campaign would be carried over into SFY 2019. Ms. Sillaman explained that the same strategies will be implemented in SFY 2019, with an additional amount needed to sustain these strategies of \$258,825.

Ms. Sillaman also noted that the parent leadership plan included a component that is a recognized need, but that does not align with child abuse and neglect prevention. Representative LaTourette suggested requesting a revised parent leadership plan from the region that did not include IEP advocacy.

Southwest Ohio

Nicole Sillaman explained that the Southwest Ohio Region had a slow start, but was beginning to pick up momentum. Ms. Sillaman stated that the region received \$883,800 in SFY 2017-2018 to provide a global awareness campaign of child abuse and neglect prevention that reaches both vulnerable populations and general members of the community, build the capacity of parents and caregivers to have nurturing and responsive caregiving relationships with children, train professionals in childcare providing organizations to support parents'/ caregivers' ability to parent effectively, and to provide instruction in social skills and emotional regulation to at-risk children.

Ms. Sillaman explained that, in SFY 2019, the Council is requesting to continue funding strategies one and three (provide a global awareness campaign of child abuse and neglect prevention that reaches both vulnerable populations and general members of the community and train professionals in the childcare providing organizations to support parents'/caregivers' ability to parent effectively) and to eliminate strategies two and four (build the capacity of parents and caregivers to have nurturing and responsive caregiving relationships with children and to provide instruction in social skills and emotional regulation to at-risk children). Ms. Sillaman explained that the Council is requesting to add two new strategies in their place, to utilize the Kinship Navigator program to provide prevention services for kinship caregivers and the children in their care and to evaluate the effectiveness of this service.

Ms. Sillaman explained that in order to sustain these services and to continue the parent leadership and outreach plans, the region will need \$870,406.00.

Western Ohio

Nicole Sillaman explained that the Western Ohio Council received \$741,390 in SFY 2017-2018 to provide parent education and support and to promote children's social-emotional development.

Ms. Sillaman stated that the council is proposing to continue these strategies in SFY 2019, and to add a strategy to provide trauma informed care training, as well as a strategy to conduct a trauma informed public education campaign. Ms. Sillaman explained that the strategy to provide trauma informed care training to the region was the result of the council's work with mental health and developmental disabilities and that the request was small, but will cover all 13 counties. It was discussed that the trauma informed public education campaign should be something that the Trust Fund implements rather than being implemented by a regional council. This strategy was not recommended for funding.

Ms. Sillaman stated that to fund the recommended requests, the council will need \$582,377.

Chairman LaTourette asked if there were any questions. David Frash asked if there was money in the budget to cover these essential requests. Director Rost explained that, due to funds being returned to the Trust Fund, the additional \$350,000 in funding should not be a problem.

Representative LaTourette motioned to approve the prevention plans as discussed, with the exception of requesting that Southeast Ohio resubmit a Parent Leadership Plan that is in alignment with child abuse and neglect prevention. Diana Starkey seconded. The Board approved the motion.

Statewide Application and Child Advocacy Center Start-Up Funds

Director Rost noted that these items can be reviewed at the September meeting, in recognition of the amount of time expended on the regional model.

CBCAP FFY 2018 Application Priorities

Director Rost and Nicole Sillaman reviewed the federal funding priorities with the Board and provided that any changes the Board would like to make, they would need to make now as the application is due June 4, 2018. Representative LaTourette moved to approve the CBCAP application funding priorities for submission to the Children's Bureau on June 4th. Senator Kunze seconded. The Board approved the motion.

Human Trafficking Collaborative of Lorain County

Nicole Sillaman and Director Rost informed the Board that a concerned citizen had brought concerns about the Human Trafficking Collaborative of Lorain County, human trafficking mini-grant awardee, to Trust Fund staff. After investigating further, the Trust Fund was told by the Ohio Attorney General's Office that the Human Trafficking Collaborative of Lorain County is under investigation and no further comment could be provided. Jennifer Davis moved to revoke the funding award. Grace Kolliesuah seconded. The Board approved the motion.

Other Business

No other business was proposed by the Board. As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chairman LaTourette adjourned the May 31, 2018 OCTF Board meeting at 12:10pm.

Handouts:

OCTF Board Meeting Agenda – May 31, 2018

OCTF PowerPoint Presentation – May 31, 2018

Jennifer Justice Bio

OCTF Board Draft Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2018

SFY 2018 Income Statement

SFY 2018 OCTF Operating Budget

OCTF Prevention Plan Summaries

SFY 2019 Regional Council Prioritization and Justification

SFY 2019 Regional Council Prioritization Overview

SFY 2019 Operating Budget

SFY 2019 Spending Plan

Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center Application

Canopy Child Advocacy Center Start-up Application

Human Trafficking Collaborative of Lorain County's State Auditor's Letter of Good Standing

Executive Director's Report

PCAA Summary Report Form for Building Capacity