

## GCDJFS Family Services Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: 3/1/22 at 12:30 pm

Meeting location: Greene County Department of Job & Family Services

### In attendance:

Beth Rubin, Director  
Leslie Bates  
Karl Colon  
Pam Hamer

John LaRock  
Brent Lewis  
Nicole Marvin  
Lillian McCree

Greta McKenzie  
Rebecca Supinger  
Catherine Wolf

The meeting was called to order.

### Review and Approval of Minutes

Copies of the minutes from the 12/7/21 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Catherine Wolf moved to approve the minutes. Brent Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### Membership Updates

Applications for renewed membership will be sent soon to those with terms expiring at the end of June. Susan Lopez will be retiring from the Committee after nearly 15 years of dedicated service.

### Agency Updates

Amy McKinney, administrator of the workforce development division (Ohio Means Jobs), presented on the RESEA program. RESEA stands for Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment. It is an early intervention service provided to Unemployment Insurance recipients. This federal program used to be administered by the state and was shifted to counties in 2021. The goal is to connect individuals to re-employment services and resources. Required recipients will lose their benefits if they don't participate. The agency's experience with the program has been positive.

Public Assistance statistics were distributed. The Ohio Department of Medicaid continues to prepare for the unwinding of the public health emergency (PHE) and subsequent eligibility reviews. SNAP pandemic supplements are also expected to cease this year. Medicaid managed care options are changing, with open enrollment occurring later this year. Counties are eager to hear more about OhioRISE and care coordination for multi-system youth with complex needs.

Child Support is in the process of finalizing 2022 IV-D contracts with required county partners (Clerk of Courts, Domestic Relations Court, Juvenile Court, and Prosecuting Attorney).

Children Services is anticipating Ohio START implementation this spring. A new assistant prosecutor representing the agency in Children Services filings came on board. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, which will include the annual pinwheel partners campaign, art contest, and community awards. The annual Blue Ribbon breakfast is delayed until 2023.

Updated unemployment figures as of December 2021 are 2.7% in Greene County (compared to 3.4% for Ohio and 3.7% for the US). All sectors continue to experience labor challenges.

### Partner Updates

United Way's Strong Families program was discussed.

The ESC foster care liaison network is hosting a summit on April 6<sup>th</sup> targeted at school district foster care liaisons, counselors, caseworkers, and other professionals. See Lillian McCree for more information. The schedule for Positive Parenting sessions in March is available. The Early Childhood Mental Health group has deployed “We Care” bags to first responders, medical professionals, and others.

The group discussed difficulties in finding sufficient childcare.

Greene County Public Health reports that COVID-19 stats are trending down. Friday vaccination clinics are still available, as well as some in-home vaccinations. Early Intervention is seeing an increase in referrals.

MHRB, Public Health, ESC, Greene County Public Library, and others (FCF, JFS) are partnering on a 6-part “Disconnect to Connect” series to highlight the effects of digital technology on mental health and child development.

CASA training is scheduled for April-May. Juvenile Court has submitted applications for technology grants to help improve access to services.

Family and Children First is seeing an increase in families’ complex needs.

Greene County Public Library has distributed an enormous number of COVID-19 tests. The Fairborn library’s tutoring program has gained a lot of attention, and the system is seeking expansion across the county.

OSU Extension reports that 4-H enrollment is underway, and they are seeing an increase this year. Family and Consumer Sciences is providing a variety of educational seminars to groups in Greene County. Master gardeners are active.

Greene County Board of Development Disabilities is participating in a community project to make local trails more accessible. Social groups are back up and running. Speech therapy needs have increased.

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 6/7/22 at 12:30pm at the Greene Co. Dept. of Job & Family Services.**