

## GCDJFS Family Services Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: 6/1/21 at 12:30 pm

Meeting location: Greene County Department of Job & Family Services (via Teams)

### In attendance:

Beth Rubin, Director	Pam Hamer	Lillian McCree
Leslie Bates	Brent Lewis	Greta McKenzie
Dustin Booher	Susan Lopez	Catherine Wolf
Karl Colon	Nicole Marvin	

The meeting was called to order.

### Review and Approval of Minutes

Copies of the minutes from the 3/2/21 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Brent Lewis moved to approve the minutes. Pam Hamer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### Membership Updates

Karl Colon and John LaRock have been reappointed to 3-year terms beginning 7/1/21. New members Nicole Marvin and Lillian McCree have been appointed to 3-year terms beginning 7/1/21.

### Agency Updates

The annual audit is in process. Two employees retired at the end of May. Recruitment is underway to fill several vacancies. One piece of state legislation currently pending seeks to address perceived fraud issues in public assistance. This misperception is the result of identity theft in the unemployment insurance area. Counties are awaiting the finalized state budget.

The Title XX public hearing was held on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the plan has been submitted to ODJFS. As in the past, the plan states that the funding will be used for the Adult Protective Services and Protective Children Services programs.

Every two years, the agency must review and submit the county's Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) Plan to ODJFS. Biennial renewals are due this October. This is part of the agency's TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) program, which is also used for the administration of the OWF cash assistance program and Publicly Funded Child Care program. Each county writes its own PRC Plan (within federal and state guidelines) designed to address emergent needs of families to prevent the need for ongoing public assistance, retain employment, and support self-sufficiency. Changes to the plan may be made at any time with the director's signature. The biennial review must be approved by the Board of County Commissioners, certifying that the agency has complied with Chapter 5108 of the Ohio Revised Code by either providing a 30-day public comment period or by having the county Family Services Planning Committee review the plan. Draft updates to the plan will be e-mailed to the Committee prior to the next meeting.

Public Assistance statistics were distributed. SNAP households continue to receive pandemic supplements; this may end soon. The agency is anticipating an increase in processing Medicaid work when the public health emergency ends (no date yet). PRC has seen a decrease in applications due to available pandemic funding from other resources. Contracts with Greene CATS and the Xenia Adult Recreation and Services Center for NET Medicaid transportation will be extended for another year.

Child Support is in an amnesty period for driver's license suspensions. Later this month, ODJFS will conduct a review of the agency's safeguarding of Federal Tax Information (FTI). This occurs every few years.

In Children Services, training and planning for the Ohio START program is in process. The agency's foster care licensing review is finishing up. April was Child Abuse Prevention Month. While the Blue Ribbon Breakfast had to be postponed again, the Child Advocate Awards and annual art contest went forward. May was National Foster Care Month with a theme of "Foster Care as a Support to Families, Not a Substitute for Parents". No event was held this year. Foster parent recruitment efforts continue, including some advertising.

Updated unemployment figures as of April 2021 are 3.9% in Greene County (compared to 4.7% for Ohio and 5.7% for the US). OhioMeansJobs Greene County recently partnered with Clark County and the Dayton Development Coalition for a virtual job fair. State partners located at the OMJ Center are anticipated to return to the office soon.

#### Partner Updates

Greene County Public Library is promoting the summer reading program and shifting more activities to in-person as safely as possible.

Help Me Grow referrals for May were slightly down. Collaboration and outreach between Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health and Early Intervention continues. Greene County Public Health offers vaccination clinics in various parts of the community.

Family and Children First is transitioning back to in-person parenting classes. Funding cuts in state grants are impacting capacity at the Visitation Center.

CASA conducted virtual training in combination with some in-person training for 9 new volunteers. There are currently 44 volunteers. CASA is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> year in Greene County. Funding cuts in federal grants are impacting capacity.

Greene County Council on Aging is holding its annual yard sale on June 4<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 4pm. Support groups and many presentations are in-person now, including *Medicare 101* and *Memory Loss, Dementia, and Alzheimer's Disease*.

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9/7/21 at 12:30pm at the Greene Co. Dept. of Job & Family Services.**