

**Family & Children First Council of Huron County  
Meeting Agenda  
September 15, 2021  
Location: Huron County Board of Developmental Disabilities  
306 South Norwalk Rd. Norwalk, OH**



- Call to Order – 9:04am.

**Non-Voting Members:**

X (ZOOM)	Steve Burggraf, Family Life Counseling		Kristen Cardone, HC Mental Health and Addiction Services		Brad Cooley, Norwalk City Schools
	Dave Daniels, City of Norwalk Police Department		Mary Helton, Fisher-Titus Medical Center		Tim Hollinger, Huron County Public Health
	Lindsey Kimball, Parent Representative	X	Lenora Minor, HCDJFS		Chris Mushett, Huron County Juvenile Court (Designee)
X	Jeff Ritz, Willard City Schools	X	Carol Robinson, Early Intervention	X (ZOOM)	Lauren Robinson, Firelands Counseling and Recovery
X	Kari Smith, HC Board of DD		Natalie Trashsel, Department of Youth Services		Jennifer Tuttle, Parent Representative
X	Janice Warner, CAC EHR/Head Start	X	Julie Westcott, Parent Representative		Skip Wilde, Huron County Commissioner

**Non-Voting Members:**

	John/Bethany Chime, Clear Minds		Janet Cok, Willard Community Connectors	X	Jamie Gfell/Bethany Lewis, Nord Center
X (ZOOM)	Sandra Gordon	X	Ashley Morrow, HC MHAS		Angie Roth, Help Me Grow
X (ZOOM)	Sarah Simmons, ROY	X	Mary Valentine, HCDJFS		

**Staff:**

X	Yahoska Acosta, PRC Coordinator	X	Niki Cross, FCFC Director	X	Hailey Schnellinger, Prevention Specialist
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- Public Comment & Introductions
  - Hailey Schnellinger: Prevention Specialist (Huron County Prevention Coalition)
    - New prevention specialist for Huron County FCFC. Hailey graduated from BGSU with a Bachelor's in Social Work Degree and has her License in Social Work. Hailey is currently working on her Master of Social Work Degree from Ohio University.

- **Approval of Minutes: July 21, 2021 (Motion #1)**

Motion 1	To approve the July 21, 2021 Minutes		
Motion Made By:	Jeff Ritz	Seconded:	Lenora Minor

**Motion Approved.**

- Committee Updates
  - a. Service Coordination Management Team
    - No updates
  - b. Parent Advisory Committee
    - The idea is to meet quarterly.
    - Ask questions to parents with multi-system youth about their needs and concerns. Also, to obtain feedback from parents.
  - c. Executive Committee Report
    - **Financial Report Approval: July-August 2021 (SFY22) (Motion #2)**

Motion 2	To approve the Financial Report: July-August 2021 (SFY22)		
Motion Made By:	Lenora Minor	Seconded:	Jeff Ritz

Motion Approved.

- Director’s Report/Old Business

Motion 3	Shared Plan Approval		
Motion Made By:	N/A	Seconded:	N/A

**Motion Not Approved**

- a. Shared Plan
  - Huron County FCFC shared plan needs to be submitted by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021
    - Please see the “Shared Plan” to see the changes made.
  - The Shared Plan will need to be updated to reflect some changes and will need to be voted on after corrections are made. A special meeting may be held to be able to vote on the Shared Plan and submit.
- b. Wraparound Facilitator Position Update
  - In the process of interviewing to fill the Wraparound Facilitator position available.
  - 5 candidates have been interviewed, but HCFCFC is still accepting resumes.
  - Currently, HCFCFC is checking in with families that were receiving Wraparound Facilitation Services. HCDJFS is assisting with checking in with the families.
  - The Wraparound Facilitator maybe hired within a month.

- c. Grandparents Project
    - New support group for grandparents through Investing in Youth.
    - Grandparents were excited to share where they are, their thoughts and concerns.
    - This project is not strictly for Huron County residents.
  - d. Bullying Prevention Essay/Poster Contest underway
    - The Huron County Prevention Coalition is holding its “Bullying Prevention Essay/Poster Contest” for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row.
    - Last year, there were 3 school districts that were able to participate. This year, there are 7 districts participating thus far.
    - The idea of this contest is to promote bullying prevention awareness and increase youth participation.
    - The Contest will end September 30, 2021. There will a panel of judges pick the winners. The winners will have their poster display on a billboard in their community. There will also be gift cards for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in the 3 different grade categories.
    - There are no specific program/curriculum yet for bullying prevention. A program will be implemented in the upcoming year as it is part of the Strategic Plan.
  - e. Developmental Assets Framework (HCPC)
    - Focus for the 2021-2022 School Year.
  - f. Member Contributions
    - A letter will be mailed with an invoice for SFY22 on September 20, 2021. The funds will go towards less restrictive funds.
    - HCFCFC is requesting \$2,000 from its member agencies.
- Old Business
    - a. **Approval of the May-June 2021 (SFY21) Financial Report (Motion #4)**
      - Central Coordination amount to be changed to reflect correct amount – statement made by Kari Smith

Motion 4	May-June 2021 (SFY21) Financial Report Approval		
Motion Made By:	Kari Smith	Seconded:	Lenora Minor

**Motion approved.**

**b. Service Coordination Mechanism Approval (Motion #5)**

Motion 5	Service Coordination Mechanism Approval		
Motion Made By:	Jeff Ritz	Seconded:	Kari Smith

- New Business
  - a. Agency Updates
    - Huron County Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services (MHAS)

- MHAS has closed on a recovery house for women. The recovery house will be located on Adam St. in Norwalk, Ohio. The house needs some renovations before it can be officially open. The recovery house will be able to house 8 women.
- MHAS continues to provide outreach throughout the community.
- There will be a Recovery Walk on September 25, 2021 at the Norwalk Reservoir. This will be the first annual recovery walk in Huron County to promote mental health, substance use and that there is hope.
  - a. The idea is to host the event in different communities each year.
- MHAS is currently hiring an Office and Fiscal Manager.
- Huron County Frontline Worker Week of Appreciation is September 21 – 26.
- MHAS continues to work on identifying the needs in the community and voicing that there is help and hope.
- Willard City School District
  - The schools have a COVID-19 mask mandate and are continuously trying to move forward.
- Huron County Early Intervention
  - Early Intervention has new eligibility criteria. Clients diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome are eligible for early intervention services.
- Nord Center
  - The Center experienced a decreased number of reports during the month of August.
  - Problematic Sexual Behaviors Program
    - a. This program is for individuals ages 7-12 who demonstrate sexually acting out behaviors. The program is offered to individuals not charged with crimes since it focuses on addressing the needs.
    - b. The program is currently being offered in Lorain County, but will accept referrals for Huron County Residents. The Center will be open to providing the services in Huron County if there is a demand.
- Huron County Board of Developmental Disability
  - Direct Support Professional Recognition Week.
  - The Board has been experiencing extreme crisis with staffing for Direct Support Professionals.
- Community Action Commission (CAC)
  - They are currently experiencing staffing shortage.
  - Rental assistance available as well as other assistance for the community.
  - They are experiencing some challenges related to COVID-19.
  - Please contact Dave Harris for social services assistance in Huron County. His email is [dharris@cacehr.org](mailto:dharris@cacehr.org) and phone number is (419)-668-4285.
  - For up-to-date information, please visit the CAC website at <https://www.cacehr.org/>

- Reach Out Youth (ROY)
  - ROY has an influx of mentors in Willard and is currently recruiting female mentees in Willard, Ohio.
  - ROY is currently working on the Holidays Giving Tree and will be going up Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021
    - a. Please reach out to Sarah Simmons if you would like to sponsor a kid.
- Firelands Counseling and Recovery
  - Day treatment for adults will be offered soon in the County. This program will be 3 days per week for 3 hours daily.
    - a. Firelands is able to provide transportation for their clients in Huron County.
  - Firelands has hired more employees and children are able to be seen faster.
- Family Life Counseling
  - They are currently hiring additional staff members.
  - They have hired 3 new counselors in different community to meet clients' demand.
  - School-based program has gained additional staff to meet demand.

b. Discussion

- Finding different opportunities for youths in the County. It will be beneficial for youths to participate in healthy after-school activities.
  - It is important to think outside of the box
    - a. Example – Drone Racing League. It could potentially be considered an extracurricular activity. There could be sponsors to donate drones.
    - b. Reach Our Youth can provide up to can provide up to \$500 to kids that participate in extracurricular activities through the program. This is offered to all the kids enrolled in ROY whether they have a mentor or not. The funds were provided by Huron County Mental Health and Addiction Services.
    - c. Council Chair can reach out to Tim Hollinger to see if there is monetary assistance available.
- It would be preferred to choose a program for the County that can be used across all school districts. Olweaus is a great Bullying Prevention and Evidence-Based Program, however, it can be expensive. There will need to be a set number of districts who would like to participate, and it could include school districts outside the County to decrease the cost. Each school will be able to set up their own plan using the Olweaus Framework, or have it done by Olweaus but the cost will increase. Participating School Districts will need to be committed to the material.
  - At Willard City School Districts, students have lessons every two weeks for about 15 minutes.
  - There may only be two trainers in the area: Ricky Branham and Ben Chaffee.

- **Adjourn (Motion #6)**

Motion 6	Meeting Adjourn Approval		
Motion Made By:	Kari Smith	Seconded:	Jeff Ritz

**Motion Approved.**

**Next FCFC Meeting: November 17th @ 9:00 AM  
Location: Huron County Board of DD**