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## Governing Board Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2025

### ATTENDEES:

Farnsworth, Jennifer	Parent Representative
Garrett, Adryanne	Hopewell Health Centers
Goddard, George	Washington County Behavioral Health Board
Hermann, David	Parent Representative
Lane, Josh	Washington County Health Department
Lee, Steven	Parent Representative
Neill, Tiffany	Washington County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Rauch, Dawn	Community Action Program of Wash./Morg. Co.'s
Stewart, Alice	Washington County PCSA
Warner, Heather	GoPacks
Warsinsky, Larkin	Southeastern Ohio Counseling Center
Werry, Tasha	Building Bridges to Careers
Davis, Cindy	FCF Council Director / HMG Contract Manager
Higgins, Jon	FCF Financial Officer / Office Manager

### ABSENT:

Bohlen, Amanda	Ohio State University Extension
Freimann, Flite	Washington County Dept. of Job & Family Services
Hellinger, Craig	Parent Representative
Miller, Kelly	Marietta/Belpre Health Department
Schaeffer, Mary	Marietta City Schools
Schenkel, Geoff	City of Marietta
Schilling, Charlie	Washington County Commissioner
Shipley, Rachel	Project Head Start
Starcher, Stephanie	Fort Frye Local Schools
VanCleave, David	Ohio Department of Youth Services

### GUESTS:

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 17, 2025 Governing Board Meeting Minutes were included in the emailing.

**No action - lack of quorum.**

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## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

September Financial Reports were included in the emailing. Jon Higgins passed around the Fiscal Paperwork binder for Council viewing. These reports were included in emailing.

Financial Reports include a Financial Report Summary for All Accounts, Financial Officer Summary and Reports for each account.

The Financial Officer Summary Report is a summary of items that stand out for the month with an explanation and include a summary of any Appropriations and Amended Certificates for the month.

Each report for expenditures includes the budget beginning balance; any changes in that account that would reflect with the resolutions; monthly expenses; year to date expenses; outstanding encumbrances and finally the ending available balance.

Each report for revenue includes beginning balance, any changes in that account that would reflect with amended certificates; monthly revenue; year to date revenue; and anticipated revenue to be received.

Other Fiscal Reports includes a detailed report of all expenses and revenue; copies of amended certificates and resolutions for that month.

**No action - lack of quorum.**

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Director's report was included in the emailing. Cindy reviewed points from the Director's report and the following handouts were included in the emailing: November No Wrong Door Lunch and Learn Flyer, No Wrong Door Partner Luncheon, C.O.P.E. Poverty Simulation Training Flyer, District 6 Fact Sheet, Ohio County Population changes, Early Intervention Service Coordination Quarterly Report, and Service Coordination/Wraparound Quarterly Report.

## **COMMITTEE / WORKGROUP REPORTS**

1. **NWD Cross-Systems Training Team** – The team met September 15th and the meeting notes were included in the emailing. They discussed previous Lunch and Learns, the Trauma-Informed Customer Service training video, Partner Luncheon and upcoming events.
2. **No other Committees wished to report.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **No other Old Business was discussed.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Vice Chair Appointment** – The Vice President position on Council is now vacant following Amanda Bohlen’s transition to Council President. George Goddard nominated Alice Stewart to fill the role.

**No action – lack of quorum. Executive Committee will meet to take action.**

2. **Request to close 11/28** – FCF has requested to close the office the day after Thanksgiving. Staff will use paid time off for this day.

**No action – lack of quorum. Executive Committee will meet to take action.**

3. **House Bill 96 – ORC Changes** - Ohio's House Bill 96 make several key changes ORC 121.37, impacting Family and Children First Councils. Parent Representatives may now be employed by an agency represented on the Council. Superintendents now can appoint a district-level administrative designee with decision-making authority. A board of county commissioners may decide not to establish or maintain a county family and children first council but must meet certain conditions. A handout summarizing these key highlights was included in the emailing. Also attached was Procedure Letter 37, which outlines the required conditions a county must meet before opting out of establishing or maintaining a Family and Children First Council.

4. **Bylaws Committee** – A Committee needs formed to update the Bylaws per HB 96 ORC changes to ORC 121.37. The highlights of changes were reviewed. George, Tiffany and Dawn volunteered for the subcommittee.

5. **2026 Meeting Calendar** – The 2026 Council Meeting Calendar was included in the emailing. Council will meet 10 times; the third Wednesday of the month during Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Sept, Oct and the first Wednesday in Aug and Dec. There will be no meetings in the month of July and November. Meetings will be held at the EOC.

**No action – lack of quorum. Executive Committee will meet to take action.**

6. **No other new business was discussed.**

## **SHARED PLAN REPORTING BY MEMBERS**

No Shared Plan reporting by members.

## **INFORMATION SHARING / PUBLIC COMMENT**

**George Goddard** – There is a proposed change to prevention rules that would remove the requirements that prevention providers be certified. Washington County Behavioral Health Board was awarded a \$5,000 grant award on bringing prevention providers together to evaluate the needs and develop plans around prevention. Hope this can begin in the spring.

**Tiffany Neill** – Washington County Board of Developmental Disabilities second PACE Talks session will be October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The board is partnering with the Sheriff's office with Safe Dispatch for clients. The board has a levy on the ballot November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Tasha Werry** – Building Bridges to Careers Family Career Fest is coming up November 6<sup>th</sup>. Tasha is still looking for presenters for the Noon Rotary.

**Josh Lane** – Flu Shot season has started and the County Health Department has already held two drive thru shot clinics.

**Dawn Rauch** – The Veteran's Suicide Prevention Program has ended but they still have the Supportive Services for Veteran Families. WIC has a new director, Teresa Covey.

**Jennifer Farnsworth** – The Marietta Community Foundation sent out an email on the Hardship Program and is now accepting requests by referral only for that program. Previously families applied for funding directly themselves.

**David Hermann** – Spring Registration is coming up and if you're an eligible Ohio resident, you may qualify for WSCO's Free College program and complete your degree tuition-free.

**Heather Warner** – GoPacks has many workshops coming up. GoPacks Savings Cards available for purchase. AmeriCorp workers are not currently working due to the government shut down.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

**Next meeting:** December 3, 2025 @ 1:30 pm, 204 Davis Ave., EOC

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Prepared by:  
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Council Chair  
Amanda Bohlen