

**Ohio Commission on Fatherhood  
Minutes from the Meeting of Thursday, June 19, 2014**

<b>Attendance</b>	
<b>Commissioners</b>	<p> <b>Senator Bill Beagle</b>  <b>Representative Mike Ashford</b>  <b>Ms. Carri Brown</b>  <b>Mr. Chad Hibbs</b>  <b>Mr. John Hurley</b>  <b>Mr. Steven Killpack</b>  <b>Mr. Scott Neely</b>  <b>Mr. Tarik White</b>  <b>Representative Roland Winburn</b> </p>
<b>Designees of Commissioners</b>	<p> <b>Mr. Matthew Cunningham for Kara Bertke-Wente</b>  <b>Mr. Michael Falatach for Luis Vazquez</b> </p>
<b>Presenters</b>	<p> <b>Director Tracy J. Plouck, Ohio MHAS</b>  <b>Pastor Eugene Norris, Fame Fathers</b>  <b>Mr. Andrew Hackett, CEO Reentry Solutions</b>  <b>Dr. Brian Moore, Director of Passages</b> </p>
<b>Guests</b>	<p> <b>Kevin Conwell, Ward 9 Councilman (Cuyahoga)</b>  <b>Ryan Miday, The Centers for Families and Children</b>  <b>Portia Watkins, Legislative Assistant for Rep. Winburn</b> </p>
<b>OCF Staff</b>	<p> <b>Director Kimberly Dent</b>  <b>Ms. Monica Mahoney</b> </p>

<b>I. Call to Order &amp; Welcome New Commissioners</b>	
<b>10:00 to 10:15</b>	<b>Senator Bill Beagle</b>
<b>II. Fatherhood Initiatives at the Department of Mental Health &amp; Addiction Services</b>	
<b>10:15-11:00</b>	<b>Director Tracy J. Plouck</b>
Discussion	<p>Ohio MHAS Director Plouck presented a Power Point highlighting programs including a new parent-peer mentoring pilot project called, “Dad’s Matter”. The goal of the project is to identify and engage fathers in high need African American families with young children in order to improve kindergarten readiness and school success. Dad’s Matter mentors will coach fathers on the importance of reading and literacy, reaching out to and increase interactions between fathers and young children in community settings such as public libraries.</p> <p>OHMAS received a four-year federal grant called Engaging the New generation to Achieve Goals through Empowerment (ENGAGE) to develop a statewide system of care framework that coordinates and adapts policy, fiscal and administrative actions to support the successful transition of Ohio’s youth and young adults ages 14-21 with mental health challenges, co-occurring disorders and multi-system needs.</p> <p>Regarding Medicaid expansion and increased enrollment, an estimated \$70 million annually in local ADAMH board spending may be redirected to other critical service gaps such as housing, prevention, and peer services.</p> <p>Guest and former commissioner, Kevin Conwell expressed concern that \$70 million in Medicaid cuts hurts Cleveland’s poor. Director Plouck clarified that there was not a cut in Medicaid but rather, counties were given more control in how money is spent locally.</p> <p>Commissioner Carri Brown noted that in Fairfield County, because of Medicaid expansion they have been able to support children with severe mental disorders. As Medicaid covers more medical costs, counties can use funds for other critically needed services.</p> <p>Director Plouck’s Power Point Presentation was posted on OCF website following the meeting.</p>

Questions	<p>Regarding ENGAGE, Senator Beagle asked whether the grant only pays for infrastructure. Director Plouck responded, yes, that the grant does not fund the creation of new services but rather focuses on integrating wrap around services that a patients needs from multi-systems so they can be served more effectively.</p> <p>Director Dent asked when the ENGAGE grant was received. Director Plouck said it was received October 2013 and it is a four-year grant.</p> <p>Chairman Beagle asked whether the redirection of Medicaid funding is a local decision. Director Plouck responded, yes, and said that in the Mid-Biennium Budget \$50 million was appropriated this year and next year to address program gaps. Of that, \$5 million is earmarked for sober in community housing and \$4.4 million for drug courts.</p>
<b>III. OCF Grantee Fame Fathers</b>	
11:00-11:20	Pastor Eugene Norris
Discussion	<p>Fame Fathers is one of the six current grantees selected for funding by OCF. They serve fathers in Northeast Ohio in Summit, Stark, Mahoning, Trumbull and Cuyahoga Counties. Pastor Eugene Norris, CEO, spoke about the history and services provided by Fame Fathers. Fame fathers developed a new Mobile App that can be downloaded. Commissioner Scott Neely thanked Pastor Norris for his work with incarcerated fathers.</p> <p>Fame Fathers Power Point Presentation and information about the Mobile App were posted on OCF website following the meeting.</p>
<b>IV. Approval of April 17th Minutes</b>	
11:20-11:22	
Discussion	The minutes from April 17 were approved as submitted.
<b>V. Debrief on Fatherhood Summit</b>	
11:22-11:35	Dr. Brian Moore Director Kimberly Dent
Discussion	<p>Dr. Brian Moore, President of OPNF, provided a summary of the May 21-22 Ohio Fatherhood Summit held in Columbus and sponsored jointly by OPNFF and OCF. The theme of the summit was, "Compassion, Connectivity, Celebration." The summit included over 40 presenters and over 300 people attend. The summit was a great success. The majority of the evaluations praised OPNFF and OCF for collaborating and felt the summit was stronger because of their partnership. Dr. Moore and OPNFF will consider whether future summits should continue to be statewide events or held in different regions of Ohio.</p> <p>Director Dent noted that the OCF statute ORC 5101.342 only requires OCF to hold a fatherhood summit once every four years. By collaborating with OPNFF perhaps OCF could hold summits more often.</p>

<b>VI. Action Items</b>	
<b>11:35-11:40</b>	<b>Carri Brown</b>
Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Visit OHMAS' website;</li> <li>2. Download Fame Fathers new Mobile App; and</li> <li>3. Consider ideas for future fatherhood summits</li> </ol>
<b>VII. Responsible Fatherhood Grants</b>	
<b>11:40-11:47</b>	<b>Director Kimberly Dent</b>
Discussion	<p>Director Dent provided a written report summarizing OCF staff's activities from May to June 2104 as well as a report of the 26 programs funded for "June is responsible Fatherhood Month". Both reports were posted on the OCF website following the meeting.</p> <p>Director Dent announced the newly elected OCF officers  Chairman- Senator Bill Beagle  Vice Chair- Steve Killpack  Secretary- Carri Brown</p>
<b>VIII. Announcements &amp; New Business</b>	
<b>11:47-12:00</b>	
	<p>Commissioner Steve Killpack announced that the Federal Fatherhood Research &amp; Practice Network (FRPN), on which he serves, recently announced funding opportunity for a fatherhood evaluations grant. FRPN is providing three years of funding, up to \$100,000 for proposals to support rigorous evaluation of fatherhood programs. Letters of Interest are due July 30th</p> <p>Director Dent attended the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual International Fatherhood Conference that was held in Memphis Tennessee, June 2-6. The conference organizers approached Director Dent and asked if Ohio would be interested in hosting the 2016 conference. Senator Beagle suggested we contact the Ohio Visitors Convention Bureau to help develop a coordinated effort and present Ohio in the best light.</p> <p>Commissioner Winburn suggested that we add an additional hour at the end of a future commission meeting to discuss the international and Ohio fatherhood summit. He noted that national speakers have to be booked far in advance and it was not too soon to begin planning for 2016.</p> <p>Director Dent said she would follow up with the conference planners to find out what criteria they use when selecting conference locations. Commissioner Carri Brown suggested we draft a letter expressing Ohio's interest in hosting a future conference.</p>
<b>X. Adjournment</b>	
<b>12:00</b>	<b>Next meeting Thursday September 25, 2014</b>