

Ohio Commission on Fatherhood
Minutes from the Meeting of Thursday, February 14, 2019

Attendance	
Commissioners	<p>Mr. Scott Neely Deputy Director Kara Bertke-Wente Director Susan Brown Mr. Mike Davis Mr. William Dodson Mr. Chad Hibbs Ms. Allison Glasgow Mr. Joseph Hill Mr. James Jackson Dr. Randy Leite, PhD Director Ann Ream Mr. Socrates Tuch, Esq. Mr. Tarik White</p>
Presenters	<p>(GLCAP) Great Lakes Community Action Partnership Mr. George Dupey, Mr. Joel Burg, Ms. Ragan Claypool</p> <p>Ms. Monica Mahoney, Ohio Commission on Fatherhood</p>
Guests	<p>Anthony Slosser, Community Father Shawn Crable, Early Childhood, Outreach and Parent Education (ECRC), Supervisor/Stark County Traci Bell-Thomas, (ODM) Ohio Dept. of Medicaid Kevin Conwell, Cleveland City Council Robert Cummings Eugene Miller Fred Points, Jewish Family Services, Consultant Andre Rogers, Beech Acres/CAA, Family Peer Support, Fatherhood Prog. Bruce Finnell, Beech Acres/CAA, Fatherhood Program Melissa Starr Scott Pierce, (CUL) Columbus Urban League, Prog. Coord. Father2Father Karla Poole, Central Ohio PLTI, Site Coordinator Juan Bass, Central Ohio PLTI, staff Juan Palomo – Guest Father with GLCAP- 24/7 dads program Ashiko Hudson, (AFC) Action for Children Bilal Akram, Code M Magazine, CEO/President, Cleveland, OH</p>
OCF Staff	<p>Director Kimberly Dent Ms. Monica Mahoney, Program Manager Ms. Terri Simons, Administrative Professional 4</p>

I. Call to Order & Welcome New Commissioner	
10:00-10:05	Mr. Scott Neely
II. Approval of November 15, 2018 Minutes	
10:05-10:10	Scott Neely
Mr. Scott Neely started the meeting at 10:00 am by welcoming everyone. Mr. Neely asked for a motion of the November 15, 2018 minutes be approved. Mr. Socrates Tuch motioned for the minutes to be approved and Mr. Randy Leite second the approval.	
III. Welcome ODYS New Commissioner	
10:10-10:15	Mr. James Jackson, Program Administrator II, Ohio Dept. of Youth Services, Cleveland, OH

Mr. Neely welcomed our newly appointed commissioner, James Jackson who is representing the director of Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS). Mr. Jackson is a Program Administrator at ODYS and he has 23 years of experience working with the juvenile offender population. He provides oversight and quality assurance for the Bureau of Parole’s supervision model, “Effective Practices in Community Supervision” (EPICS). He facilitates re-entry staffing’s for Cuyahoga County youth who face challenges when they return to the community. He also manages the Ohio Department of Youth Services’ Tattoo Removal grant. For more information about Mr. James Jackson, please go to our website: <https://fatherhood.ohio.gov/Our-Commission/Meet-our-Commissioners/>

IV. Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP) (formally known WSOS)	
10:15 -11:00	Ragan Claypool, George Dupey and Joel

Ms. Ragan Claypool, Administrator at Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP) provided an overview of the history of GLCAP. Formerly known as WSOS, GLCAP has been serving the community in Northwest Ohio for over 50 years. George Dupey, the program manager for GLCAP’s fatherhood program talked about the services his program provides. One of the main focuses of their fatherhood program is assisting fathers with employment. Many fathers they serve are formerly incarcerated and face barriers obtaining and retaining jobs. GLCAP serves approximately two thirds of the incarcerated fathers in Wood, Ottawa, Sandusky and Seneca Counties.

Juan Paloma, a father who completed GLCAP’s fatherhood program, spoke about his experiences. Mr. Paloma explained how GLCAP helped him and his family obtain food, housing, mentorship, job training, and personal development. He has two boys that he is raising them with the children’s mother. Mr. Paloma credits Mr. Dupey with helping him negotiate traumatic phases (death in family, job loss) in his life. Thanks to GLCAP Mr. Paloma has become a better father, role-model, listener, and co-parent to his children by communicating with them in a positive way. For additional information, please review GLCAP’s Power Point presentation on the OCF website.

Joel Burg is a case worker and career coach at GLCAP for the past 12 years. Mr. Burg facilitates fatherhood classes at the campus of Bowling Green State University. Fathers who complete the 24/7 Dads program receive certificates of completion which helps them find employment. The men who

attended and completed the class also receive new work boots. Mr. Burg shared a video created by one of the fathers who completed the fatherhood program.

V.	Grantee Snap Shot Presentation
11:00-11:25	Monica Mahoney, OCF

ETO System and Data Grantee Snapshot presentation by Ms. Monica Mahoney

Monica Mahoney, the Program Administrator at OCF shared a data snap shot of PowerPoint presentation that highlighted some of the things that the seven OCF grantees have achieved to date. All of the data shared is recorded by the grantees in the online case management system, Efforts to Outcomes (ETO). ETO allows the data recorded to be accessed immediately which allows Ms. Mahoney to easily monitor and track the grantees’ efforts. ETO also allows the creating of reports which show aggregate data and performance trends.

The data Ms. Mahoney shared regarded:

- Enrollment: five of the seven grantees are required to serve 200 fathers per year in multiple counties and two must serve 100 fathers per year in a single county. All seven programs are on track to meet or exceed their annual service goals
- Class Completions: The majority of fathers served enroll in fatherhood classes that meet for several weeks and use an evidence-based fatherhood curriculum. The classes are typically offered in 1-2 hour sessions over several weeks. 445 fathers have completed at least 80% of the classes in the cohort
- Employment: 109 participants have been placed in jobs; the average hours worked per week is 37; and the average hourly wage is \$11.
- Father-Child Relationships: 16 fathers obtained a new court order regarding access, visitation or custody; 90 Reported increased contact with their children; and 223 Reported Improved communication with their children.

Director Dent stated that OCF is sharing data collected in ETO with researchers at Ohio University who are being funded by Fatherhood Research and Practice Network (FRPN) to analyze the data and draft a report. FRPN was interested in working with Ohio because the OCF grantees will have served over 2,000 between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2019. According to Jessica Pearson of FRPN, that is normally the quantity that multiple states serve. Commissioner Randy Leite commended OCF on the quantity and quality of data OCF is collecting using ETO.

Commissioner Scott Neely asked whether ETO allows the grantees and OCF to run the reports in real-time? According to Ms. Mahoney, reports can be run by her or the grantees at any time. The grantees can only access their individual program’s database and all identifying personal information such as client names and SSNs does not appear in the reports. According to Director Dent, OCF grantees are not required to run income eligibility tests before providing services to fathers.

VI.	Executive Director's Report
11:25 – 11:45	Kimberly Dent

Director Dent shared her Executive Director's Report, which is posted on the OCF website. Some of the highlights included: The State Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Report, OCPIM (Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality) changes, and work with various programs to address Infant Mortality. Kim attended the Good Plus Foundation Conference, sponsored by the Ascend, Mrs. Jessica Seinfeld and her husband Jerry Seinfeld. Please see the Executive Director's Report for additional information.

Director Dent also attended a Fatherhood/Policy discussion in D.C., sponsored by Health and Human Services/Administration for Children and Families/Office of Family Assistance. Some of the topics included, the fact that the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood is the only state agency codified in state law, funded by TANF (Temporary Aid to Needy Families) and fully staffed. Attendees were interested in how Ohio accomplishes this and what is required to be successful (20 years in existence). HHS (Health and Human Services/ACF (Administration for Children and Families), in an Information Memorandum, requested states to do more with father engagement in programs like head start, family assistance, child support, etc. Several national organizations have asked Director Dent to speak about the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood program because they are interested in starting one in their state. One state official interested in hearing more about the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood was an Idaho Senator.

Kim provided information on the four counties (Morgan, Ross, Scioto and Warren) currently under contract to complete the Ohio County Fatherhood Mobilization Initiative. There are currently 24 counties that have completed the training and received \$10,000 seed funding to mobilize Fatherhood in their respective counties. By June 30, 2019, 28 counties will have completed the training. The goal is to complete all 88 counties or all counties interested in receiving the training and funding. OCF plans to move forward with the 15 counties that communicated an interest and are currently "in the hopper."

Rob Pierson, Stark County Child Support Director, will attend and present at the May Commission Meeting to advise the Commissioners on how their county spent the \$10,000 seed funding under the Ohio County Fatherhood Mobilization project.

Kim stated in year 2020, the Commission must sponsor a State Fatherhood Summit because its mandated that OCF provides a state Fatherhood Summit once every four years. The last summit was held May 2016. OCF partners with OPNFF (Ohio Practitioner' Network for Fathers and Families) to assist with funding costs of the summit by paying for items like conference food, which is an allowable TANF cost.

VII.	Announcements and New Business
11:45-12:00	Mr. Scott Neely

Scott: 2 Announcements: 1.) An upcoming Hope Workshop. 2.) Asked everyone to read Jeanette Walls book. Any commissioner that would like to attend the Hope Workshop, please let him know. He provided a flyer about the "Hope Workshop" held on Feb. 25, 2019 at 11am – 1 pm. At the Hyatt Regency Columbus, OH. 350 N. High St. Cols, Ohio.

The next Commission Meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 10:00 AM.**

Kim stated the May Agenda topics will include:

- Selection of officers/elections and adding people to the Committees.
- There are three Committees: Fiscal, Executive and Summit.
- Please let us know if you would like to be a part of the Committee (Summit Committee - Conference)

VIII.	Adjourn
12:00	Meeting Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at Noon