

Ohio Commission on Fatherhood
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 12, 2019

Attendance	
Commissioners	Director Susan Brown Senator Dave Burke Senator Hearcel Craig Dr. G. Mike Davis Mr. Joseph Hill Mr. James Jackson Ms. Sarah LaTourette Mr. Randy Leite Director Scott Neely Director Ann Ream Rep. J. Todd Smith Mr. Socrates Tuch, Esq. Mr. Tarik White
Presenters	Dr. Solveig Spjeldnes, Ohio University, Dept. of Social Work Mr. Daniel Kloepfer, Ohio University, Dept. of Social Work Ms. Jennifer Shadik, Ohio University, Dept. of Social Work Superintendent Paolo DeMaria, Ohio Dept. of Education
Guests	Frank Williams, Exec. Dir. Man2Man Fatherhood Program Charles Harrison, Facilitator, Williams Challenge, Man2Man Fatherhood Program Dr. Solveig Spjeldnes, Ohio University, Dept. of Social Work Mr. Daniel Kloepfer, Ohio University Ms. Jennifer Shadik, Ohio University Superintendent Paolo DeMaria, Ohio Dept. of Education Amir Saleem, R&R Innovation Center (Partner) Chip Weiant, GOFBI – Board Member Duane Floro Reginald Hayes, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio Tia Ramey, GOFBI Deputy Director (designee for Exec. Dir. Michele Reynolds) Darryl Jones – Leg. Aide to Rep. Terrence Upchurch Traci Bell-Thomas, Infant Mortality Project Manager, Ohio Dept. of Medicaid Margaret Simmons, Legislative Aide, Office of Senator Craig Jacob Dowling, Legislative Aide, Office of Senator Burke Chelsea Cordonnier, Associate, Governor’s Office Carla Carvalho, Legislative Aide, State Rep. Thomas West Office Matthew Cunningham, Chief of Bureau of Technical Assistance & Support (for Assistant Director Kara Bertke-Wente) Laura Gilmore, Personal (Family Consultant) Andrea Dingess, GOFBCI Admin Staff Kent Ring, Intern for Rep. Thomas West Carla Stokes, Transformational Life Coach, Personal Life Coach, Facilitator

OCF Staff	Kimberly Dent, Executive Director Ms. Monica Mahoney, Program Manager Ms. Terri Simons, Administrative Professional 4
I. Call to Order & Welcome	
10:00-10:05	Director Scott Neely
Director Scott Neely began the meeting at 10:00 am.	
II. Introduction/Welcome	
10:05-10:10	Director Scott Neely
Director Neely welcomed everyone to the commission meeting and asked the visitors to introduce themselves.	
III. Approval of July 11, 2019 Minutes and Kim Dent's Salary Increase	
10:10-10:20	Director Scott Neely
The minutes were approved as submitted with no changes. Mr. Socrates Tuch motioned to approve the minutes and Dr. Mike Davis motioned to second the approval of the minutes. Commission Chair Scott Neely introduced a vote to increase Executive Director Kimberly Dent's salary. The salary was approved by first motion Mr. Joseph Hill and second motion Dr. Mike Davis. The OCF Commissioners unanimously approved the salary increase.	
IV. State Fatherhood Summit 2020	
10:20 – 10:25	Exec. Director Kimberly Dent and Commissioner Joseph Hill

Director Dent discussed the State Fatherhood Summit which is planned for May 20-21, 2020. Commissioner Joseph Hill is the Summit Chairperson and Ann Ream is the Fiscal Chairperson. As in previous years, OCF will partner with Ohio Practitioners' Network for Fathers and Families (OPNFF) to offer the Summit.

The State Fatherhood Summit structure will be as follows:

Day 1: OPNFF will offer a certification training for fatherhood 70-80 practitioners during the day and there will be a celebration of fathers in the evening. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages may be served.

Day 2: 8 Breakout Sessions:

1. Trauma
2. Mental Health and Addiction
3. Ohio County Fatherhood Mobilization Project
4. Faith-based
5. Poverty – to Self Sufficiency
6. Child Protective Services
7. Infant Mortality
8. Incarcerated parents

Venues:

Director Dent and Harold Howard, President of OPNFF, have visited the venues for the summit. The **Ohio University Conference Center** in Dublin, Ohio which commissioner Randy Leite offered at no charge to the commission, was visited and it was a very nice facility; however, Ohio University Conference Center was unable to hold 200 attendees.

The **Crowne Plaza Hotel** and the **Quest Conference Center** were also visited. The Quest did not have the conference room space available on our date to accommodate the 200 people. They were hosting another agency on the same dates as our conference which made it very limited. The **Crowne Plaza Hotel** was available on our Summit Dates. The Crowne Plaza Hotel has the entire meeting room space available, hotel rooms, onsite restaurant, and can accommodate more than 200 attendees.

Audio/Visual:

Director Dent and Harold Howard also visited the two Audio Visual Companies. Bartha was used in the past for our conferences. Hughie's is what Crowne Plaza Hotel typically uses for their conferences and special events. Director Dent and Mr. Howard spoke to both vendors inquiring if they were available and able to handle our requested sound and video recording of all plenary sessions and breakout sessions at the Summit. Both vendors agreed that they could accommodate our requests.

Catered Food:

OPNFF will pay for the food. There will be no charge for vendor tables.

Plenary Session Update: Director Kimberly Dent said she contacted Jessica and Jerry Seinfeld's team member from the Good+ Foundation to come to the Summit or they may send a video. Director Kimberly Dent stated that she contacted someone at Mayor Ginther's Office who has connection with LeBron James' best friend to find out if he is available in May 2020, or if he could send us a video. We have approved two keynote speakers: Chris Brown and Ken Braswell. The Fatherhood and Government Plenary Session will consist of State Department Directors and Legislators.

V. Ohio University, Dept. of Social Work, College of Health Sciences and Professions

10:25-10:55

Dr. Solveig Spjeldnes, Mr. Daniel Kloepfer, Dr. Jennifer Shadik

Dr. Solveig Spjeldnes and staff discussed the Fatherhood Programs and the Key Study Findings Ohio University. They collected data from July 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019 from 7 grantee programs funded by the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. They gave an overview of the types of data collected from our Fatherhood grantee programs.

The Ohio University team discussed the survey instruments used: Intake demographics survey, domestic violence screening, pre and post-tests, and exit surveys. Fathers who represent 70 Counties voluntarily participated in the programming and survey completion. Number of fathers enrolled in the Fatherhood Program were: 1,454 and 737 fathers completed all survey instruments. They provided several types of data such as the barriers fathers have when trying to improve themselves or their families. The flexibility of staff work schedules is important, many fathers they serve require evening and weekend visits. Barriers to complete the fatherhood program and attendance scheduling conflicts occurred due to transportation. The effectiveness of the Fatherhood Program showed how each father and child was impacted with positive outcomes by participating in the Fatherhood program. For more information about the Ohio University report, please visit our website: <https://fatherhood.ohio.gov/Our-Commission/Commission-Meetings#90966-2019>

VI. Dept. of Education, Superintendent Paolo DeMaria

10:55 -11:20

Superintendent Paolo DeMaria

Superintendent Paolo DeMaria discussed the Vision and Goals of the Department of Education and how it will affect the whole child at the center of this plan. He stated that Ohio has 1.7 million school children to teach. They created a Strategic Plan that will develop state-level education policies and promote high-quality education practices across the state. The **Three Core Principles, Four Learning domains and 10 priority strategies** work together to enable a high-functioning, responsive preK-12 system that ensures each child is challenged to discover and learn, be prepared to pursue a fulfilling post-high school path, and empowered to become a resilient, lifelong learner who contributes to society. The goal is to increase annually, the percentage of its high school graduates who, one year after graduation, are enrolled and succeeding in a post-high school career-technical education program, apprenticeship and/or a two-year or four-year college program. Superintendent DeMaria distributed the **#EachChildOurFuture** chart which discussed how the target reflects the “whole child” and the student should go through the life cycle of learning strategies to achieve a great education. Superintendent DeMaria stated the School State Report Cards were released September 12, 2019. Northeast Ohio is working closely with the Urban League of Greater Cleveland and is also teaching the Strategic Plan.

Superintendent DeMaria discussed the **Four Learning Domains** that teachers will use to assess the student’s abilities and improve the skills that are needed: 1) Foundational Knowledge and Skills, 2) Well-Rounded Content, 3) Leadership and Reasoning, 4) Social-Emotional Learning. He stated the Dept. of Education has **Three Core Principles** that they view are important: **Equity, Partnerships, and Quality Schools** which means the Community is investing in the child. He also discussed the **10 Priority Strategies** is a guide for students, parents, partners, and the education system to work together to support the whole child. You can read more about on our OCF Fatherhood website:

<https://fatherhood.ohio.gov/Our-Commission/Commission-Meetings#90966-2019>.

VII.	Grantee Update/Single County RFGA
11:20-11:35	Ms. Monica Mahoney, OCF Program Manager
<p>Ms. Mahoney provided an update on the new five grantees whose contracts started this state fiscal year. OCF issued a new RFGA to fund comprehensive fatherhood programs serving more than one county. Action for Children, ForeverDads, Early Child Resource Center, Passages, and Talbert House. Each program must serve at least 200 fathers per year and will receive \$130,000 per year. \$55,000 of their compensation will be based on performance. OCF has issued another RFGA (implementation grants) to fund programs that serve one county. They are only required to serve 100 fathers. Each program will receive \$75,000 dollars each year. The goal is to fund counties that do not have robust fatherhood programs so that OCF can have a broader impact in Ohio. The RFGA deadline is September 30, 2019 by 3:00 p.m. Monica provided the 2019-2021 Grantee Map.</p>	
VIII.	Executive Director's Report
11:40-11:50	Exec. Director Kimberly Dent
<p>Director Dent discussed the Executive Director's Report and highlighted the following topics. She met with the OCF Commission Executive Committee to discuss plans for providing resources toward various early intervention and prevention programs funded by the additional funds provided to the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood in the SFY20-21 Biennial Budget.</p> <p>Central State University Talk Radio Interview (WCSU Talk to Me): OCF Executive Director participated on a Talk Radio show recorded at Central State University. Other participants included Harold Howard, Director of the Community Care Service Line at the Talbert House and president of Ohio Practitioners' Network for Fathers and Families and Mr. Michael Newsom, Montgomery County Fatherhood Coordinator. The one hour talk radio show focused on various aspects of Fatherhood from myths, to realities, policy, and services.</p> <p>Phone Conference/Meeting with Ms. Vicki Turetsky: Director Dent participated in a part-two interview with former Commissioner of OCSE (Federal Office of Child Support), Vicki Turetsky. Ms. Turetsky, as contracted by the Good Plus Foundation, developed a "white paper" regarding "make sense" Child Support policies and practices. These policies and practices will be presented to OCSE in hopes to spark dialogue that will address how the Child Support program can better support families holistically by relieving some of the requirements that become barriers to low income non-custodial parents and hinder their relationships with their children.</p> <p>Meeting with Dads2B Phase 2 Pilot Outcomes with David Fluellen and Twinkle Schottke: Director Dent met with David Fluellen and Twinkle Schottke with Moms2B/Dads2B regarding the possibility of funding a pilot project that will focus on infant outcomes. OCF funded a program with Moms2B and Mr. David Fluellen as a practitioner with the Columbus Urban League. The pilot project provided outcomes that measured expectant and new dads' knowledge and attitude behaviors. OCF Executive Director discussed the pilot project with the ODJFS office of Contracts and Acquisitions and OFA's fiscal staff.</p> <p>Program Return on Investment (PROI): Director Dent attended the PROI training session hosted by Pathways, Brothers United Fatherhood program in Toledo. Ms. Bernice Smoot with Saint Wall Street</p>	

presented the organizations database that provides projected economic and societal return on investment based on dosages of programming. Brothers United will be working on a sustainability plan as a grantee of the Healthy Marriage Responsible Fatherhood HHS/ACF funding.

Meeting with Angela Harris to discuss possible pilot project – No Kidding Ohio (NKO): Director Dent met with Angela Harris with Fairfield County’s TeenWorks. OCF Executive Director was interested in funding NKO in various middle schools as a premature Fatherhood prevention project and measure various outcomes of student knowledge and attitudes. ODJFS owns the NKO Curriculum, which was developed in OWD and replicated from a Texas program.

Fatherhood meeting with OSU Staff Madeline McIntyre/Athletic Director Eugene Smith: Director Dent met with staff from the Ohio State University’s Athletic Department as requested by Athletic Director Gene Smith. There has been an increase of student athletes becoming mothers and fathers. OSU Athletic Director Gene Smith is interested in services provided by OCF.

IX.	Announcements and New Business
11:55 – 12:00	Director Scott Neely
<p>There were four announcements.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Director Dent discussed two Fatherhood Trainings coming up in October and November 2019. Mr. Erik Vecere of National Fatherhood Initiative will be teaching 24/7 Dads Fatherhood Curriculum training on October 28-29, 2019 in Columbus at the Ohio University Conference Center in Dublin, OH. He will also conduct a 1-day training on “Understanding Domestic Violence” on October 30, 2019 for Grantee Funded Programs. 2. Mr. Calvin Williams will be teaching “On My Shoulders” Fatherhood Curriculum training Nov. 13-15, 2019 at the Ohio University Conference Center, Dublin, OH. 3. Commissioner Joseph Hill stated OMHAS is having a conference: UMADAOP – United Mental Addiction and Outreach Programs Conference on Sept. 11-13, 2019 in Toledo, Ohio at Radisson Hotel. 4. The 2020 Commission Meeting dates will be voted on during the November 14, 2019 Meeting. <p>The next Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Riffe Building, 31st Floor, Conference Room South A.</p>	
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Meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon	