



Lorain County Children and Families First Council Budget and Finance Subcommittee

October 2, 2024

Attendees:

- Franco Gallo
- Barbara Tamas
- Dan Haight

Opening:

- The regular meeting of the Children and Families First Council Budget and Finance Subcommittee was called to order at 8:29 am on October 2, 2024 by Chelsea Freeman Yates.

Approval of Minutes

- Dan Haight motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Franco Gallo seconded the motion. The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Open Issues

1. Funding In
 - Children and Families First Council just received the check for FCSS funding
 - TANF funding for FS24 is at \$63,400.11. Council is currently billing about \$59,000 per month to TANF funding. This funding will end September 30th and will be renewed for FS25.
 - Council is bringin in \$1.2 million in revenue from all streams. Each year brings more funding and Council is being more cost effective by being more creative in using all revenue streams. The final payment from Children Services is currently pending. The final payment from the County Commissioners is also pending, but there has been no response to inquiries. Chelsea will reach out to Commissioner Riddell. All MOU's have been sent out for FS25. The MHARS board has sent their funding for FS25.
2. Current Contracts
 - All current contracts remain the same from the last budget meeting.
3. New/Old
 - Council continues to look for outreach opportunities. Lorain City Schools had to cancel the outreach event they had planned. However there are more events being planned. Council is sponsoring the Princess Ball put on by Children Services. Council is looking for new and creative ways to locate youth services that are not always in our orbit.
 - Council will be moving forward with starting Netsuite. The estimated cost in \$12,000 per year.
 - Council continues to work towards providing mini grants to hard to do preventative programs. Council is too small to provide these programs. There will be stipulations on which programs can be funded. It will also help collect county data. Franco Gallo expressed that there are many organizations interested in this type of funding. Dan Haight asked whether Council Members can apply for these mini grants. Chelsea Freeman Yates said this would be fine, but the Council Member would need to abstain from votes regarding the mini grant. Mini grants could be open to any non-profit organizations working with youth and childcare centers. Chelsea Freeman Yates will reach out to other agencies to determine how much effort is involved in administering mini grants.
 - Chelsea Freeman Yates solicited advice for how much money should be kept on hand. Dan Haight suggested that 90-120 days of cash on hand. This prevents Council from being spread too thin and

investing in programs that create losses. Barbara Tamas mentioned that Job and Family Services has 18 months cash on hand, but this is not the norm for other agencies.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was put up by Franco Gallo. This motion was seconded by Dan Haight. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 am.

Minutes submitted by: Jon Paul Filipkowski