



Lorain County Children and Families First Council Budget and Finance Subcommittee

Attendees:

- Chelsea Freeman-Yates
- Franco Gallo
- Christopher Cabot
- Jon Paul Filipkowski
- Tammy Taylor

Opening:

- The regular meeting of the Children and Families First Council Budget and Finance Subcommittee was called to order at 8:32 am on April 2, 2025 by Chelsea Freeman-Yates.

Approval of Minutes:

- Meeting minutes from January 7th were approved by Franco Gallo

Open Issues:

1. Chelsea Freeman-Yates gave a quick overview of the Council Budget and Finance Subcommittee to Christopher Cabot as this is his first meeting.
2. Chelsea shared on screen the Income and Expense Statement for all accounts. We have started using Quickbooks and are loading our backlog. We will have a different report view for the next subcommittee meeting. Looking at the report you can see that that in September and October 2024 where we received MSY money. We do spend money for salaries but also spending money on sponsorships, events and professional development. Flex funds can also be used for paying for a child to go into residential placement. In January 2024 our opening balance was \$1,303,189 and we are closing out February 2025 at \$1,606,513 which is good.
3. Funding In
 - MISC FUNDS
 - i. We really haven't touched our Service Coordination Incentive funds much and have a balance of \$3,924 left
 - ii. Youth Leadership Funds have not been touched and are still at \$7,812
 - iii. We will be receiving \$16,748 for the Shared Plan Incentive funds (not deposited yet) but that will be going to the new respite program in Lorain County that the Respite Workgroup is working on
 - iv. FCSS Misc Funds has a balance of \$16,880
 - ANNUAL ALLOCATIONS
 - i. The FCSS FSY25 funds are at \$14,000. We have requested more money and were awarded \$11,000 for the first time
 - ii. The OCBF FSY25 balance is at \$22,512.39. We will be paying for some of the Kids Summit and some items are being purchased already for this event.
 - iii. TANF (title) funding has a balance of \$156,936.89. This money comes from Job and Family Services. These funds will be exhausted by June 2025 and we requested extending our contract for an additional \$158,000
 - iv. MSY CPS 13% FSY25 from Children Services has a balance of \$78,000



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- v. El Admin FSY25 has a balance of \$28,533.27
 - vi. El Outreach FSY25 still has \$6,432. This year we are sponsoring the Crocker Kids events which has hundreds of Lorain County families that go to it. There should be a lot of exposure through this event
 - vii. All of these funds except TANF need to be exhausted by June 30, 2025.
 - o POOLED FUNDING
 - i. We are waiting on a \$40,000 check from Lorain County Public Health. Mark stated that he was going to have his board approve it and it would be the final payment for FSY25
 - ii. We are going to discuss what our pooled funding requests are for FSY26. Chelsea is recommending \$40,000 from all funders
 - o CURRENT CONTRACTS
 - i. Open Contracts
 - 1. Child Care Resource Center
 - 2. Catholic Charities
 - 3. Neighborhood Alliance
 - 4. Plan of Safe Care
 - 5. Family Support Specialist (which is funding coming to us)
4. New/Old
- o Increase outreach and sponsorships
 - i. Lorain County Kids Summit original budget was \$40,000 and we are hoping to keep around \$42,000. Lorain County Public Health has an intern that is helping with some of the tasks. This has not been decided if it will be an inaugural event.
 - ii. Lorain County Truancy Workgroup – We are hoping to have the Truancy Tool Kit done by the end May 2025. Chelsea would like to budget \$10,000 for the prevention/education budget program for marketing.
 - iii. LCCFFC Mini Grant has sent out and the full council will review. The drafts were reviewed by the prosecuting office and they were happy with them. We will pick three (3) items from the Shared Plan and market the mini grant. We will close at the end of September 2025 and vote on who to award to in October 2025. The winners will have until June 30, 2026 to expend the funds. LCCFFC will require pre and post data from the winners on the programs.
 - iv. The Annual LCCFFC Family Event – Chelsea will be meeting with Mayor Kevin Corcoran today to discuss. Mayor Brubaker of Elyria was originally contacted but kept rescheduling. We are looking at doing a family fall event at the end of September or October.
 - v. We have started working with Quickbooks and loading prior information.

Next Meeting:

- The next meetings are scheduled for July 9th, 2025 @ 8:30 am, October 8th, 2025 @ 8:30 am and January 14th, 2026 @ 8:30 am

Comments/tasks assigned:

- None



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Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 am by Chelsea Freeman-Yates

Minutes submitted by: Tammy Taylor