

# Perry County Family & Children First Council (FCFC)

# **Quarterly Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** October 14, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM

**Location:** Perry County Job & Family Services Opportunity Center **Meeting Called to Order:** 9:06 AM by Chairperson Amy Frame

## Welcome and Introductions

Chair Amy Frame welcomed all attendees. Introductions were made around the room. The following members and guests were present:

- Roger Birch-(Virtual)MHRSB
- David Couch-PCBDD
- Casey Coffey-Superintendent, New Lexington Schools
- Theressa Kane-Behavioral Health Choices, Inc.
- Ashley Reed-(Virtual) PCBDD, EI Coordinator
- Serena Dunn-(Virtual) Parent Representative
- Amy Frame-PCJFS
- Chase Bennett-Perry County Commissioner
- David VanCleave-(Virtual) DYS
- Mendra Hupp- PCJFS
- Lori Hollingshead-PCJFS
- Carla Stimmel-PCJFS
- David Kennedy-PCSO
- Misty White-PCJFS
- William Barker-PCSO
- Melanie Schott
- Caley Boyden-PCBDD
- John Wilson-BBBS of Licking and Perry Counties
- Kim Horn-COAD
- Helen Fulk-PCBDD
- Alex Miller-Aetna
- Tonya Steel

## **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Chase Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2025, Special Meeting, seconded by Theressa Kane.

Motion passed unanimously. The approved minutes will be posted to the FCFC website.

# **Quarter 1 Financial Report**

Lori Hollingshead, PCJFS Accountant, presented the financial report:

A detailed financial overview was provided for Quarter 1. Highlights included the status of key funding sources:

# 1. Kinship Care Connections

Application review and approval process ongoing

Current balance: \$1,333.00Noted that funds are low

# 2. OCBF - Operational Capacity Building Funds

Allocation: \$30,750.00

o Covers administrative expenses, audit costs, and background checks

#### 3. JFS "SSO" Fund Contribution

o Contribution: **\$57,351.76** 

Supports coordination and supplements OCBF funds

# 4. Family-Centered Services and Supports (FCSS)

Allocation: \$27,493.00

\$4,000 spent in Q1

Must be tied to a formal family service plan

## 5. Multi-System Youth (MSY) Capacity Funds

Annual allocation: \$3,600.00

Used to support administrative overflow

## 6. PCSA 12% MSY Portion

Rollover fund balance: \$11,447.52

Represents local match from PCSA for state MSY funds

# 7. Shared Plan Priority Incentive

Balance: \$16,784.37

o Tied to performance-based outcomes in the FCFC Shared Plan

## 8. Family Youth Voice Incentive

Balance: \$7,812.50

Supports authentic engagement of families and youth in FCFC processes

# Summary:

The balance in the FCFC Fund at the end of Fiscal Year 16 Quarter 1 was \$163.314.92. Admin Funds have been allocated in the same amount at \$30,750.00, and MSY Admin Funds of \$3600.00. FCSS Funds were allocated in the amount of \$27,493.00, and through Quarter 1 expended approximately \$4,000.00. Local pooled funds still have \$349.24 remaining.

#### Discussion:

There was concern about the number of "in-kind" hours not supported by any current funding sources. It was agreed that the FCFC Funding Overview should be posted to the website as a community resource.

#### Motion:

Casey Coffey moved to approve the Quarter 1 Financial Report, seconded by David Couch. The motion passed unanimously with no objections.

# **Early Intervention Report**

Presented by: Ashley Reed

- Ongoing discussion with Casey Coffey and NLSD regarding the addition of a Developmental Specialist
- A service coordinator is completing training and will assume responsibilities shortly

#### **Motions:**

Direct Grants Budget Approval

Motion by Chase Bennett, seconded by Theressa Kane Motion passed unanimously

 Approval of Interagency Agreement between FCFC and the Board of DD Motion by Theressa Kane, seconded by Serena Dunn Motion passed unanimously

# **Service Coordination Report**

Presented by: Amy Frame

- Current Active Cases: 8
- Services Provided:

Invoices received for gas reimbursement, respite care, in-home behavioral supports, and recreational items (e.g., pickleball set, art kits)

- Challenges Identified:
  - Underserving of community noted
  - Lack of documentation and outdated plans impacting funding approvals
  - Need for updated policies and streamlined processes
- Recommendations:
  - o Improved transparency in referrals and service coordination
  - o Hiring of a new coordinator to lead policy implementation and case follow-up
- Coordination Team Members: Katie, Stacey, Darlene, Roger, Kendra, Jenna
- **Service Coordination Meetings:** Not held since June; regular monthly meetings are recommended
- Respite Care Note:

Families receive \$70/day; background check required for providers

#### **Motion:**

Casey Coffey moved to table the Service Coordination Report until the January 2026 meeting to allow time for restructuring and onboarding a new coordinator, seconded by Chase Bennett. Motion passed unanimously.

#### 2025-2027 Shared Plan

Reviewed by: Alex Johnson, DCY Representative

- Recommended setting baseline data in Year 1
- Enhancements include:
  - Implementation of exit surveys
  - Website usage tracking
  - Improved family access to information
- Coordinator will monitor metrics; Council to review at each meeting
- Survey to include benchmarks (e.g. CANS assessment understanding for families)

#### **Motion:**

Theressa Kane moved to approve the Shared Plan with Benchmark Additions, seconded by David Couch. Motion passed unanimously.

## **FCFC Rebranding**

- Two logo samples were reviewed
- Motion to Approve Selected Logo (selected design on page 1):
   Motion by David Couch, seconded by Serena Dunn
   Motion passed unanimously
- Funding for rebranding and online improvements through January 2026 discussed

# **Motion:**

Chase Bennett moved to approve the use of funds for online improvements as part of the rebranding efforts, seconded by Casey Coffey

Motion passed unanimously

## **Next Steps:**

Casey Coffey expressed interest in partnering in January to develop brochures and additional materials for the rebranding campaign.

#### **FCFC Coordinator Contract Position**

- Proposal to partner with MVESC, New Lexington Schools, and JFS to braid grant funding
- Includes use of GRIT Grant toward salary
- Development of a full-time Coordinator position that also supports early identification
- MVESC would manage job posting and recruitment

#### Motion:

Theressa Kane moved to approve the collaborative hiring approach and full-time Coordinator position, seconded by Chase Bennett. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Co-Chair Nomination**

- David Couch announced retirement at the end of 2025
- Caley Boyden volunteered to serve as Co-Chair

Chair, Amy Frame formally closed the nominations.

## **Motion:**

Casey Coffey nominated Caley Boyden for Co-Chair, seconded by David Couch. Motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment** 

Motion to Adjourn: David Couch Meeting adjourned at: 10:19 AM

**Next Meeting** 

**Date:** January 20, 2026

**Time:** 9:00 AM

Location: PCJFS Opportunity Center