Perry County Family & Children First Council Special Meeting March 20, 2025

Attendance:

Present:

Roger Birch, Mental Health Recovery Services Board

Lesa Garey, Perry County Health Department Designee

David Couch, Perry County Board of DD Superintendent, Council Vice Chair

Casey Coffey, Superintendent, New Lexington Schools

Angie Gussler, Superintendent, Northern Local Schools

Theressa Kane, Director, Perry Behavioral Health Choices, Inc.

Ashley Reed, Children's Director, Perry County Board of DD (EI/HMG)

Theresa Moore, Parent Representative

Linda Williams, Parent Representative

Serena Dunn, Parent Representative

Amy Frame, Perry County Job & Family Services, Council Chair

Misty White, School Outreach Supervisor, Perry JFS

Ashley Jones, Human Resources, Perry JFS

Kendra Warthman, FCFC Council Coordinator

Absent:

Chase Bennett, Perry County
Commissioner

Trent Thompson, Mayor, Village of New Lexington

David VanCleave, DYS Representative

Chris DeLamatre, Director, Perry County Head Start/HAPCAP

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The meeting was called to order at 8:17am by Council Chair Amy Frame. A motion was made by David Couch to enter into Executive Session inviting in Ashley Jones and Misty White. The motion was seconded by Angie Gussler. By raise of hands, a roll call vote was conducted. At 8:19am the Council entered into Executive Session.

At 9:20am, Executive Session was exited and Council returned to Open Meeting.

Kendra Warthman joined the meeting at this time and was given the floor. Kendra stated that what has been occurring is disturbing. She referred to a meeting held on February 11, 2025 and stated that she felt attacked. She stated that she felt a lack of support at the January Quarterly Council Meeting because Amy Frame made a statement about the meeting being well organized by Misty White. When asked by Amy Frame what could have been done differently to support her and what support looks like to her she stated that she would like to be told she is doing a good job. David Couch referenced an email sent by Kendra Warthman which contained a statement regarding her intent to retire within a year or the two emails that she had sent to Council. Kendra confirmed that it was her intention to retire in February of 2026 and that she did not share the emails with her employer in advance of them being sent to Council.

A motion was made by Theressa Kane to amend the administrative agreement to remove the section of the agreement pertaining to joint administrative agent and council personnel management. The motion was seconded by Lesa Garey. There was discussion about the ability to make this change and the motion was tabled.

A motion was then made by Theressa Kane to amend the administrative agreement and return the coordinator position to a contracted position with the Council and not employment with Perry County Job & Family Services (Administrative Agent). The motion was seconded by Roger Birch. During the discussion, Kendra was asked if she would agree to return to a contracted position and she stated, yes, because her take home pay and taxes would be more beneficial as a contracted employee. It was agreed that this motion would be tabled and added to the agenda of the next meeting to conduct research on the motion prior to a vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40am with a motion by David Couch.



FCFC COUNCIL MEETING

Location: Perry County Job and

Family Services

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Date:

March 20, 2025

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