



Ohio Kinship and Adoption Navigator (OhioKAN) Development Project

Stakeholder Workgroup: Session 1 of 3

May 29, 2019 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES

Alicia Allen, ODJFS; Mimi Anglin, Adoptive Parent; Joe Atkinson, Montgomery County PCSA; Stephanie Beal, Kinnect; Roxana Bell, Kinnect; Carrie Block, ODJFS; Sandy Bryant, Dayton Children's Hospital; Nicole Caldwell, Guernsey County PCSA; Jamole Callahan, Kinnect; Beth Cardina, Summit County CASA/GAL Program; Rosalind Caro, Stark County PCSA; Carla Carpenter, ODJFS; Karen Carter, Fostering Hope; Brenda Cheatham, Fairhill Partners; Chelsea Cordonnier, Office of Children's Initiatives; Maridell Couture, Cuyahoga County DSAS; Kenneth Crookston, Stark County PCSA; Shannon Deinhart, Kinnect; Patrick Donovan, Muskingum County, PCSA; Dave Earley, Chrysalis Family Solutions; Elizabeth Edington, Catholic Social Services of Miami Valley; Quovadis Ellison, Kinship Caregiver; Destry Fallen, Dayton Children's Hospital; Stephanie Frantz, Madison County PCSA; Bob Friend, Kinnect; Tina Gaston, Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio; Cathy Ghering, ODJFS; Julie Gilbert, Butler County PCSA; Deborah Gnann, Adoptive Parent; Heather Gonzales King, Adult Adoptee; Jewell Good, Montgomery County PCSA; Kelley Gruber, Institute of Human Services; Heather Gutierrez, Kinship Caregiver; Tim Harless, Richland County PCSA; Shannon Harnichar, Homes for Kids; Bill Hobstetter, Beech Acres Parenting Center; Mike Kenney, Kinnect; Catherine Lachman, Integrated Services for Behavioral Health; Traci Marr, Hamilton County PCSA; Jaqueline McCray, Cuyahoga County PCSA; Karen McGormley, ODJFS; Kristine Monroe, ODJFS; Johnna Myers, Summit County PCSA; Betsie Norris, Adoption Network Cleveland; Kim Novak, Kinship Caregiver; Sue Nowlin, Lorain County Office on Aging; Alexandra Patsfall, Hamilton County PCSA; Bobbi Pederson, Adoptive Parent; Amy Reinhart, ODJFS; Karen Sauers, Highland County PCSA; Tara Shook, ODJFS; Wendy Spoerl, Ohio Adoption Planning Group; Lynette Stevens, Ohio Grandparent Kinship Coalition; Helene Stone, Lorain County Office on Aging; Cara Textoris, Kinnect; Sarah Tornichio, Institute of Human Services; Crystal Turner, Kinship Caregiver; Wendi Turner, Ohio Family Care Association; Mary Wachtel, PCSAO; Crystal Ward-Allen, Casey Family Programs; Jennifer Wikette, Beech Acres Parenting Center; Crystal Williams, ODJFS; Lindsay Williams, Ohio Children's Trust Fund; Trish Wilson, ODJFS; Louanne Zipfel, Clintonville Beechwold Community Resource Center

FACILITATORS

Jamole Calahan, Bob Friend, Mike Kenney, and Shannon Deinhart

Scribe: Cara Textoris

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Shannon Deinhart opened the meeting by welcoming workgroup members and discussing the overall purpose of the day's session.
- Carla Carpenter introduced the federal legislation driving the development of a statewide navigator program, the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), as well as the broader work being done around family permanency by the Ohio Family First Prevention Services Act Leadership Committee.

2. Setting the Context

- Jamole Callahan discussed the purposes and non-purposes of the meeting to set the stage for the day's work.
- Workgroup members introduced themselves by addressing the following:
 1. What is your connection to kinship and/or adoption?
 2. What are you hoping to contribute to the workgroup?

3. Design Approach and Subcommittee Expectations

- Mike Kenney introduced the workgroup members to the 5 phases of Kinnect's design work, which will drive the design process of OhioKAN:
 1. Assess
 2. Team
 3. Design
 4. Implement
 5. Evaluate
- The process of using an implementation science framework was discussed as to how the program will be developed, rolled out, and evaluated.
- Workgroup members were introduced to the 3 Stakeholder Subcommittees (WHAT, HOW, and WHO) and asked to choose their membership in a subcommittee based on their own reflection of where their talents and expertise might best fit.
- There was an acknowledgement that there is an urgency to this work and we need to take advantage of the time together as a larger committee, but also members will need to do "homework" between meetings to be prepared for discussions.

4. Research Review

- Shannon presented an overview of research conducted on national and local kinship navigator and post-adoption program models. Common programmatic components were examined. Stakeholders were encouraged to read and become familiar with the provided research summaries on these models for further background on framing, which will influence the framing of OhioKAN.
- Special attention was paid to Title IV-E requirements for a kinship navigator program to receive matching federal dollars at the state-level. The provided IV-E Crosswalk document was referenced for stakeholders.
- The evidence-base of the researched programs was reviewed for stakeholders, with special consideration being paid to Ohio's Kinship Supports Intervention (KSI) submission to the California Clearinghouse.
- The initial stakeholder survey results were reviewed, focusing on service needs identified by professionals and families; perceived availability of resources for adoptive and kinship families; and qualitative responses.

5. Subcommittee Breakout Session

- The larger workgroup broke into 3 subcommittees (WHAT, HOW, and WHO).
- See subcommittee meeting minutes for discussions held in individual sessions.

6. Report Out

- Bob Friend reviewed the findings from the subcommittees and held a discussion on what worked from this first Stakeholder Workgroup session, as well as what didn't work:
 - What worked: Allowed time for brainstorming and conversation; Recognition that workgroup is an impressive collection of experience and expertise; Appreciation of process.
 - What didn't work: Acknowledgement that we are missing the youth voice/perspective; Desire for larger workgroup to move towards a "YES/AND" perspective and away from a divide of kinship "versus" adoption (even though they are distinct populations, the children face similar trauma and have similar service issues/needs - all families should be supported).

7. Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting:

Monday, June 17, 2019 | 10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.
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