

## Marion County Children & Families Commission

September 26, 2019 Meeting

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

555 Court St NE, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

**Commission Members Present:** ~~Patrice Altenhofen~~, Phil Blea, Sue Bloom, George Burke, ~~Paige Clarkson~~, Jayne Downing, Troy Gregg, Lisa Harnisch, ~~Sheriff Joe Kast~~, Levi Herrera-Lopez, Stacy Lake, ~~Kim Lemman~~, ~~Pete McCallum~~, Honorable Cheryl Pellegrini (by phone), Allan Pollock, Eric Richards, Jim Seymour, Sam Skillern, Shaney Starr, and Commissioner Colm Willis

**Guests-** Lt. Kevin Karvandi, Marion County Sheriff's Office; Shemaina Miller, Mountain West; Chris Pineda, Mountain West; Rob Schoepper, SKSD McKay High School; Tricia Ratliff, Community Action Agency HOME Youth Resource Center; Josh Graves, Catholic Community Services; Mark Chein, OSU Extensions

**Staff Present:** Tamra Goettsch, Melinda Hautala, Heather Johnson  
Meeting Summary Notes by Heather Johnson

### Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm. Welcome and introductions were made.

### Approval of August 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting Summary Notes

Eric motioned to approve. Stacy seconded the motion. All were in favor to accept the meeting summary notes.  
**Motion passed.**

### Outward Mindset Exercise

Shemaina Miller led the group in an exercise called Start the Right Way. She asked everyone to list all the things they were thinking and/or feeling going into today's meeting with an Inward Mindset and from an Outward Mindset. A collaborative list was made.

Inward (Unhelpful)	Outward (Helpful)
Focus is elsewhere	How can my/our organizations help children/families
Not sure of personal impact	What are our hidden resources/assets
Fail to engage	We are a room of barrier busters and problem solvers
Meeting to get something instead of give something	Hungry for possibilities
Worried about image	Listen and be present
Not listening	Welcome new people
Silos	Promote diversity of people and thought
Self-focused instead of problem-focused	Being Curious
Low energy	Hidden Resources/assets
Here because of obligation	Let's go! Get something done

At the end of the exercise, Shemaina asked that each person keep this exercise in mind not only through this meeting as it is a helpful tool to stay outward and helpful.

## HOPE ALIVE

### **East Salem Project**

Shaney explained that the CFC Steering Committee discussed at their most recent meeting about how the commission can wrap around the project that the Boys and Girls Club is working on. Shaney mentioned that this project is not just for the Boys and Girls Club but that it is for our community and the families in this area. The needs of the community surrounding the project area align with many organizations in the commission if not all. Data collection has already started for this area; however, collecting more data from all the organizations at the table about how they interact with the same neighborhood and really understanding what these neighborhoods need, it could really help create the framework for a project that infuses hope and the Outward Mindset. Because this will be a long term project, there is opportunity to do other work that parallels this project.

Sue gave a short background of their project. The Epping family plans to gift the property to the Boys and Girls Club, which is located across from Winema Campus the first of 2020. In September 2018, Mid Valley Council of Governments completed a needs assessment for Boys and Girls Club that looked at challenges within the schools, such as high density youth populations, attendance, and low performing schools. That assessment was then overlaid with available after school services. What this showed were high need, large student populations, and not a lot after school programs throughout the Salem Keizer area. Within the one mile radius of the Epping property, there are nearly 3,700 school-age youth. The intent is to build a 25,000 square foot facility that would service first graders through seniors in high school. This facility would also include a space for a law enforcement officer to complete their paperwork and spend time with the kids. This is aimed to demonstrate law enforcement as partners, advocates, and supporters of safe and happy environments.

### **Neighborhood Project and Data**

At the Steering Committee meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>, the committee brainstormed about what data their individual organizations could start to compile that might assist in moving the project forward. Individuals shared their thoughts from that meeting and discussions ensued. It was stressed that while the Boys & Girls Club was the catalyst for the discussion within the Steering Committee, this is not about the Boys & Girls Club. This project is about the community and what the needs are.

The key points collected during the discussion can be found at the end of the meeting summary notes.

**Shaney asked that between now and the next meeting on October 17, everyone think about the following:**

- **Who is missing from the table?**
- **What do we want to measure?**
- **What do we want to see as a result of this project?**

### **Mountain West Video – Breaking through Barriers to Graduation: McKay High School changes student’s lives**

Chris Pineda shared a video about Jacqueline Tista, a student at McKay High School who lives in the heart of the area of the Boys & Girls Club project. This video shared some of the challenges that Jacqueline faced that put

her at risk of not graduating and how McKay has transformed their approach to helping students like her graduate. This video can be found at: <https://youtu.be/Z3C3MMxUOCc>

### **Announcements**

Levi shared that the radio station they have been working on is now live on 98.3 FM from 10 am – 6 pm.

Lisa shared that they are engaging in a process in the Early Learning community to look at what is needed in the community that relates to preschool programs. The next couple of months will help influence the decisions on funding allocations from the state for the Student Success Act. She requested a short amount of time at the October or November CFC meeting to give some more detail and get input.

Phil shared that Ursela Whiteshield will sharing with Marion County Health Department staff details about apps, outreach events and supports that are available to the community regarding the aftermath of suicide. Phil invited the commission members to attend; First Baptist Church on September 30<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm**

**The next Children and Families Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am.**

## East Salem Project Discussion Highlights

### What does “being a powerful influence/agency for good” look like?

- Establish baseline data
- Services – new adjusted
- Identify timeline
- Equal buy-in by all
- Identify what each partner wants through this project (\*send out to all)

### Values

- Find wrap-around resources & connect
- Partner with other organizations
- Relationships with target area
- Engage families

### Data

- HOPE Survey
- Transportation ridership
- Free/reduced lunch
- Juvenile department served families
- Homelessness – youth/families
- Suicide
- Faith community
- Threat/lockdown
- Domestic violence
- County/city law enforcement data points
- DHS – Self-Sufficiency, foster care homes & stats
- WIC/Health services
- High density & multi-family housing
- Family- and center-based child care settings
- Demographics – what/how to access services – culturally specific
- SNAP Ed – community education from OSU Extension

### Other thoughts & information

- Approximately 3 acres
- Who has workers in the area
- Possibly use CCS relationship with George Washington University to bring data together
- Possibly partner with OSE to create map and research and better understand underlying data
- Full Circle – focus on transportation and safety concerns