

# Athens County Family Services Planning Committee

**MS Teams Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 2, 2021**  
**2:30pm – 3:30pm**

## *Our Agenda for February 2, 2021:*

1. Welcome- **ATTENDED:** Deanna Bragg, Keith Wiens, Brandie Pierce, Cindy Boyd, Kelly Hatas, Melissa Walker, Peggy Lee, Jean Demosky, Susan Douglas. **ABSENT:** Arian Smedley (resigned), Laurie McKnight. A quorum was established. Jean thanked Brandie and Cindy for their participation on the committee and accepted their resignations. Jean welcomed Deanna as Brandie's replacement and mentioned she had been appointed by the commissioners 2/2/21. Deanna comes from ACDJFS childcare unit. We have two more spots open and Jean asked for offline candidate ideas.
2. Review of our role and possible meeting topics – **Jean went over some of the ORC 5101.46 highlights of the committee's role.**
  - a. PROPOSED meeting schedule for the next year—**these dates were accepted and the 2:30pm timeslot also works. Jean will schedule the rest of the year.**
    - i. **2/2/21**
    - ii. **4/27/21**
    - iii. **8/24/21**
    - iv. **11/30/21**
3. Title XX Plan Approval Jean had pre-sent the Title XX Plan in place, and Susan presented the proposed changes to the current ACDJFS Title XX Plan. JFS CFO Tracy Helber (who could not attend) proposed the following changes:
  - Add travel under Services Without Regard to Income.
  - Add Common Resource application to the Determination of Title XX Eligibility section.

### **Estimated Profile Updates:**

- **Housing services- 200 people, \$140,000 under services without regard to income.**
- **Legal services- 100 people, \$150,000 under services for free.**
- **Transportation- 400 people, \$50,000 under services without regard to income**

**Kelly asked about congregate meals, and there was a discussion of Meals on Wheels and some other possibilities for expanding food services. We explained how Operation Full Belly [http://jfs.athenoh.org/news\\_detail\\_T2\\_R63.php](http://jfs.athenoh.org/news_detail_T2_R63.php) works and that our Transportation Services unit does home delivery of the OFB bags for people without transportation. Keith Wiens made the motion to approve the changes and Deanna Bragg seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**

4. New Business
  - a. Review of Agency Stats Jean reviewed some of the most recently available agency stats and noted they have not been updated since COVID. Kelly asked if there were some more recent SNAP or OWF stats and Jean will try to get them.

OWF: <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/5107>

PRC: <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/5108>

Child Daycare: <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/5104>

Title XX: <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/5101.46>

- b. Programming Updates Attached is the Senior Emergency Assistance program flyer ACDJFS is currently running in Title XX. We have \$40K (\$10K from an Athens County Foundation grant) to serve 80 customers over 60. Jean gave some Back TO School Bash stats and hopes for a successful 2021 event. Other agency updates: ACDJFS Child Care program is participating in a pilot for In-Home Aides. CSEA now has an app that allows families to see case balances and other account info  
[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.csea.mobile&hl=en\\_US&gl=US](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.csea.mobile&hl=en_US&gl=US).  
HAPCAP <https://happcap.org/> is working on offering more home mortgage assistance programming as well as rent and utility relief programming. Peggy talked about SEOLS <https://www.seols.org/> role in the eviction moratorium. She also asked about some billing issues regarding Gloucester Water and Kelly said HAPCAP will look into it. Melissa said ACCS has a few caseworker positions open, discussed the challenges of monitoring safely under pandemic restrictions, and shared some info about the Christmas Tree project and Responsible Path Forward  
<https://www.athenschildrenservices.com/>
- c. Ideas Throughout the updates, members had suggestions about how we can reach more people and expand focused outreach efforts.

5. Adjourn With no further discussion, Kelly Hatas moved to adjourn and Peggy Lee seconded. All were in favor. The next meeting will be 4/27/21 2:30pm.