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CUCF's vision is to become a council that efficiently works together to serve the Union County community - keeping families safe, strong, and intact.

CUCF January Vision Meeting Summary

January 15th, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Attendees: Sue Ware, Jason Orcena, Adam Negley, Vanessa Humphrey, Nieca Nowels, Melissa Ebling, Holly Novak, Makayla Braeshear, Halle DuMoulin-Camella, Jennifer Rigano, Jackie Fewings, Kimberly Bridges, Marcie Barhosrt, Alisha Owens, Wendy Donovan, Jamie Harris, Nicole Gerty, Jennifer Gross, Sharon Thibodeau, Katie Bock, Emma Howard, Andy Johnson, Justin Ufferman, Judge Rick Roger, Jerome Shapiro, Danielle Mendiola, Kathryn Tummino, Melinda Moreno

- **Call to Order** – Negley 2:00-2:05pm
 - CUCF Vision Statement
 - Introduce today's agenda and goals
 - Welcome Nieca Nowels from Marysville Public Library

- **Large Group Discussion** – Nowels 2:05-2:25pm
 - What services does Union County currently have for children and families?

- **Small Group Discussion** – Nowels 2:25-2:35pm
 - Count off and move to break out rooms
 - Discussion Questions:
 - What services do we want to focus on improving? 2:35-2:45pm
Rank Top 5
 - What services gaps exist and are within CUCF's vision and means to address? 2:45-2:55pm
Rank Top 5

- **Large Group Share** – Nowels
 - Return to main Conference Room 2:55-3:00pm
 - Share group findings 3:00-3:20pm
 - Look for commonalities and trends 3:20-3:59pm

- **Adjourn** 4:00pm

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, February 19th, 2025 from 2:00-3:00pm
 Conference Room- Mental Health and Recovery Board of Union County
 131 N Main St., Marysville

Child and Family Services Available in Union County

Children & Families

- LEADS HeadStart: center based preschool ages 3-5, Early HeadStart ages birth-3 in home visiting
- HelpMeGrow- home visiting for pregnant mothers and early intervention for birth-3
- WIC- pregnant mothers and children up to age 5, food assistance, postpartum support and breastfeeding
- CUCF- early childhood family peer support, SC, WA and FPS, FPS trainings
- Action for Children- Triple P parent education, OAR parent reunification group, children care services
- Family representatives- lived experience
- Big Brothers Big Sisters- one to one mentoring ages 6 to high school graduation, college and career prep
- Buckeye Community School- alternative approach to school
- North Union- drivers education (in car with bus driver), internal food pantry, DARE, partnership with local businesses for career tech and internships

County Agencies

- Juvenile court- not direct service provider, serves juveniles and families to ensure safety and welfare, skill development, to call on other services to support youth
- Board of DD- service coordination for all ages (EI to adult services), funding and advocacy
- MHRBUC- not a director service provider, fund programs through grants and state/federal fund, collect data, grants that support early childhood and school aged youth mental health
 - Project Aware- liaison between schools and services (Tier1-3), school navigation and school social work, connection prevention services to schools
- Health Dept- inspect sewage systems, eyeglasses, prescriptions, primary care, care seats
- Human Services- child support, work force programs (teens and young adults), UCATS transportation, public assistance
 - Senior Services
 - Children's Services- protective measures to link parents with resources
- OHMAS- support by directional communication to counties mental health boards

Mental Health

- NAMI Mid Ohio- serves families and peers with families with mental health and addictions, support groups
- WINGS- family peer support for Marysville and Fairbanks, help families (caregivers) with youth who experience mental and behavioral health
- Maryhaven- community behavioral health (IOP, crisis, out-patient, crisis, school navigators, etc.)

Community Programs

- Bridges Community Action Partnership- emergency services (water, electric, gas and propane), food and personal needs pantry, home repairs
- Hope Center- emergency services (food, utilities, mobile market), homework help centers and life skills, mentoring
- Marysville Library- programs for all ages, story time, senior chair yoga, warming hours, notary

Small Group Question 1:

2:35-2:45pm

Services We Want to Focus on Improving

Group 1:

- Access to MH programs: waitlist and level of care
- Lack of education in post-partum
- Housing opportunities
- Transportation
- Support for transition age youth

Group 2:

- Post-partem support and education
- Remove barriers to participation (transportation, child care)
- Youth and peer support
- CUCF as source of referral, facilitator connections

Group 3:

- Lunch Buddy program (Logan), expand mentorship to high-risk youth
- Crisis services, stay local
- Early Childhood parent respite
- Reduce out of home placements

Group 4:

- Quality and knowledge of MRSS
- Life skills in schools
- Provider collaboration
- Early childhood collaboration

Group 5:

- Increase in MH providers and locations
- Increase family engagement for prevention
- Barriers to affordable childcare
- Increased support for immigrant families

Group 6:

- HeadStart and Early Head Start promotion
- Post-partem support and education
- Connection to community and services for parents



Small Group Question 2:

2:45-2:55pm

Service Gaps CUCF can Support

Group 1:

Develop service team and resources for youth, bring services to family

Group 2:

Gap in outreach capacity of peer support and services

Recognition of complexity of systems and translating into plain terms for families to understand

Group 3:

Broader community focus, prevention not crisis

Respite- short and long term

Basic needs (Maslow's hierarchy), impact crisis situation

Coordinate after-school and homework programs, not based on income or need

Autism- MRSS response and parent support

Group 4:

Respite and foster care

Transition age youth living space

In-home therapy

Group 5:

Cohesive resource list for families

Physical and mental health care in northern part of county

Need of care repairs and transportation

Group 6:

Collaborating between entities

Trends

Transitioning youth into adulthood

Pregnancy and early childhood

Connections and prevention services for families

Collaboration between agencies

