

Meeting Highlights and Action Plan

Topic/ Presenter	Key Points	Action Items <i>Including Responsible Party/Timeline if applicable</i>
Attendance	Gina Burke (FCFC), Carole Cowles (FYI), Sandy Miller (CCCHD), Rebecca Swearingen (FYI), Nikki Stefanow (FYI), Danielle Raines (HMG NFP), Marcy Ivory (REACH), Vince Carter (CCCHD), Jasmin Gonzalez (Project Woman), Emily Parsons (Project Woman), Emily Shaffer (CCCHD WIC), Helaina LeCaptain (CCCHD), Caroline Quelette (CCCHD), Lori Lambert (CCCHD), Rani Masser (PRC), Dorline Lucien (CCCHD), Isabel Hysing (WIC), Victoria Smitson (WIC), Shelby Lowe (CAC), Hope Garcia (SRMC), Ja-Lynn Stowers (RHC), Sean Walton Sr. (MV Headstart Fatherhood Champion Program), Rachelle Smith (Caresource), Thomas McGrath (DJFS), AnnMarie Schmersal (Start Strong, CCCHD), Gracie Hemphill (CCCHD), Carolyn Young (SRMC)	
Meeting start and stop time	3:00, 4:15pm	
Mission and Vision and centering moment, approval of November/ December minutes	3:00-3:05 AnnMarie reviewed the mission and vision of Start Strong and a minute for centering/ wellness. Sandy Miller motioned for approval of NOV/ DEC 2024 minutes and Rebecca Swearingen second.	
Extended roundtable introductions and updates	Carolyn Young, SRMC introduced Hope Garcia, new Assistant Chief Nursing Officer at Mercy, who shared details about the upcoming Baby Fair community event on March 8th and initiatives to enhance breastfeeding support, including a new outpatient space for mothers. In the outpatient space, lactation counselors will see patients for free. Also adding breastfeeding to childbirth classes and increasing promotion of childbirth classes. Gina Burke, FCFC, reported there is room available for more service coordination referrals via Care Star program. (email with information on referrals sent to Start Strong members on 1/24/25) Carole Cowles, FYI, shared Parenting Network FYI has a group for new parents that meets the last Tuesday of every month to provide education and support. Also, FYI has committed to see any new parent the day they call. Parenting Network provides support group, peer support, education, breastfeeding support all for FREE.	

Emily Parsons reported Project Woman shelter has been busier than usual. They now have a site in Urbana which is almost ready to open.

Jasmane Gonzales introduced herself to the group and serves as an empowerment specialist and helps run support groups at Project Woman.

Emily Shaffer, WIC has hired a new Breastfeeding Supervisor, Isabel, a new peer helper and a new dietician. They continue to serve a large population including many immigrants. Goal to see new moms within 10 days and any new client within 20 days.

Helaina LeCaptain, CCCHD epidemiologist, reported next YBS survey cycle is beginning

Rani Masser, PRC reported the hiring of Josh Taylor as Fatherhood Coordinator. PRC saw approximately 200 men in 2024. They are also getting Translate Live and participate in the local food voucher program.

Lori Lambert, CCCHD EC, reported SRMC Birthing Center social worker is helping distribute Pack – N- Plays. Help Me Grow still has a wait list. Head start has some openings.

Vince Carter, CCCHD, reported Minority Health Fair will be on April 26, 2025, at Hayward Middle School.

Marcy Ivory, Mercy REACH, shared information on upcoming substance cessation programs. Most referrals come from PRC, there is a referral built into the hospital's electronic medical record. REACH continues to explore ways to connect and decrease barriers.

Danielle Raines, HMG NFP, program is full and open to adding resources, works closely with GRADS program, continue to see a high incidence of teen pregnancy and many of these teen parents are opting for an alternative virtual school option.

Nikki Stefanow, FYI, site will host a Community Health Assessment focus group session on 2/19/25.

Rebecca Swearingen, FYI has two sites in Springfield, one in New Carlisle, one in Fairborn. They use Bright Course curriculum (same as PRC) for classes, provides group classes including online options. They provide childcare for parents attending classes and they have mentorship programs.

Caroline Quelette, CCCHD reported more lead safe classes are being offered for contractors.

Sandy Miller, CCCHD, reported immunization appointments are available at Sexual Health and Wellness clinic in Sunset Village. She also oversees the CMH program, and they are in need of another nurse to do home visits. They have seen 220 cases of elevated lead levels, 79 of those were in Haitian immigrant population. Testing availability on-site at WIC has been successful and is offered on Tuesdays for kids of expectant mothers. Primary Care Providers should be testing for lead at 1yo and 2yo.

Shelby Lowe (CAC) reported CAC event will be April 17, 2025, and will focus on gun violence. The intended audience is community agencies. April is child abuse prevention month. CAC continues to provide Erin's Law training which is an annual requirement. The Human Trafficking Taskforce is revamping.

Ja-Lynn Stowers, RHC, reported more staff are car seat certified, and they can see non-patients for car seat distribution and installation.

Sean Walton Sr, Miami Valley HeadStart Fatherhood Champion gave an overview of his program and offered to share any informational flyer through his network if the flyer can be sent to him in JPEG format.