

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Ordinance No. O2018-0007

Sponsored by: County Executive Budish	An Ordinance establishing the Division of Children and Family Services Advisory Board pursuant to O.R.C. 5153.05 by enacting Section 205.10 of the Cuyahoga County Code, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
Co-sponsored by: Councilmembers Simon, Houser and Conwell	

WHEREAS, Section 3.09(2) of the Cuyahoga County Charter provides for the power of Cuyahoga County Council “to establish departments, and divisions and sections within departments, under the supervision of the County Executive, and such boards, agencies, commissions, and authorities, in addition to or as part of those provided for in this Charter, as the Council determines to be necessary for the efficient administration of the County”; and,

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 2.03(2) of the County Charter empowers the County Executive to appoint members of such boards, subject to confirmation by County Council; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County entity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. Chapter 205 of the Cuyahoga County Code, which provides for County boards, is hereby amended to enact Section 205.10 as follows:

- A. The Division of Children and Family Services Advisory Board (“DCFS Board”) is hereby established pursuant to O.R.C. 5153.05 as an “advisory committee on children services” and shall be comprised of up to ten members who shall provide independent perspective and feedback to the County and the Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services (“DCFS”) leadership. The DCFS Board shall also serve as a link between the Board and the community it serves. The DCFS Board is advisory in nature only and shall not have any decision-making authority over DCFS or the County.

- B. Members of the DCFS Board must be appointed by the County Executive subject to confirmation by Cuyahoga County Council. Appointments to the DCFS Board shall be for a term of four years.
- C. The DCFS Board shall elect its own chairperson and adopt bylaws.
- D. The DCFS Board shall seek to further the cooperation and collaboration between the Division of Children and Family Services and other child care agencies in Cuyahoga County, and render advice to the Division on policy matters pertaining to the provisions of services to children and families. The DCFS Board shall also study the effectiveness and need for services to children and families in Cuyahoga County and encourage the gathering of information about the same population.
- E. Members of the DCFS Board shall consist of organizations and client populations who obtain services through the Division. The DCFS Board shall also have among its members, individuals that have demonstrated knowledge in programs for children, such as persons from the medical community, law enforcement, educational community and parent groups.
- F. The DCFS Board shall provide regular updates to the County Executive and the County Council Health, Human Services & Aging Committee.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County and the reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Ms. Brown, the foregoing Ordinance was duly enacted.

Yeas: Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown, Houser, Simon, Baker, Tuma, Gallagher and Brady

Nays: None

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: May 29, 2018

Committee(s) Assigned: Health, Human Services & Aging

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