

Greetings Ohio Council on Family Relations Members,

Hope all of you are having a good as well as enjoyable summer. This newsletter will update you on the OHCFR June Advisory Board Meeting. There was considerable old business, which we addressed including ways to increase our treasury, the blog page, and updates from various committees and some new business. We also spent considerable time reviewing the by-laws.

- ❑ As you may remember from previous newsletters, our OHCFR's funds are linked to the number of NCFR members from Ohio. We receive a \$5.00 rebate for each NCFR member living in Ohio. Because our membership has been dwindling, the board members recommended that we suspend funding presentation awards for the NCFR annual conference for the present time. The board has also been checking on ways to increase our revenue so that we could sponsor a state conference or webinar. Among the proposals that we have explored are registering for Amazon Smile which provides a percentage of one's purchase price for non-profits when purchasers designate a specific non-profit group. OHCFR comes under the umbrella of NCFR with respect to our non-profit status. We are checking to determine if we use the NCFR tax-exempt number if the Amazon Smile money will be credited to NCFR or OHCFR. We are also checking regarding the cost and type of paperwork needed to pursue non-profit status in the state of Ohio. More in future months as we gather information.

- ❑ Courtney Walsh, a student member of the Advisory Board, has been maintaining a blog for OHCFR. The format was revamped to align with NCFR's blog. Currently there is a resources tab that will list local, state and national resources regarding families. Courtney would appreciate help in identifying resources that OHCFR members and CFLEs use and the content area of these resources. Her email is courtney.walsh625@gmail.com. In the future, we hope to spotlight OHCFR members on the blog.

- ❑ Board members shared four pieces of old business.
 - ✓ Patrice Powers-Barker reported that the Family & Consumer Sciences' Social Media Campaign is still in the planning stage of how to use the information which was gathered.
 - ✓ Audrey Kraynak shared a chart based on information collected from the Needs Assessment Survey regarding continuing professional development topics and cross-referenced by the ten content areas of academic knowledge/skills required for certification by NCFR.
 - ✓ The board discussed recognizing professionals who are advocating for families with a non-monetary award. Criteria will be developed with the hope that we can recognize this person at future state events.
 - ✓ The Strategic Planning Committee will meet again during the NCFR conference to continue developing a strategic plan for OHCFR.

- ❑ New business:
 - ✓ Maureen Blankemeyer reported on BillTrack 50, which allows interested persons to monitor the status of legislation by state or nationally.

- ✓ Carmen, Katie and Patrice shared information about a Planning Wheel that they have developed and will present at the NCFR conference. This planning wheel is intended for practitioners as well as students to use.
- ✓ The board will have a phone conference meeting sometime in October.

- We were saddened by the news of Joan Jurich's death in late May. Joan had assumed the duties of President of OHCFR in January 2016 but, due to her health, resigned from the board in late March. Joan earned a Ph.D. from Purdue University and was subsequently hired as a professor by the Department of Child Development and Family Studies where she was a faculty member from 1986 to 2001. In 2008, Joan joined the faculty of the Department of Social and Public Health at Ohio University where she served as a faculty member under March 2016. She is survived by her family, husband, Austin Babrow, and children, Fran and Peter Babrow, as well as her mother, Clara, and brothers, Peter and Steven Jurich. Donations to honor Joan may be made in her name in care of the Joan Jurich Scholarship for Excellence in Engaged Learning, c/o The Ohio University Foundation, PO Box 869, Athens, Ohio 45701 (online at ohio.edu/give (noting the Joan Jurich scholarship as the gift designation), or in care of Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 1500 Rosecrans Ave, Suite 200, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 or Planned Parenthood Federation of America, 123 William St., 10th Floor, New York, NY 10038. Joan's professionalism and contributions to the OHCFR Advisory Board will be missed.

- Carmen Irving assumed the duties of the presidency upon Joan's resignation. Thus, in the fall, we will need to elect a president-elect to fill that vacancy among the board's officers as well as elect several members to the advisory board. A call for nominations will be sent to all members in September/October so that new board members can attend the December Advisory Board meeting.

- The board spent considerable time reviewing proposed changes to the by-laws so that they align with the model from NCFR. An email survey that will provide a comparison of the previous by-laws and the proposed revision of each section will be sent to all members for your approval. *Be sure to vote on these changes.* The bylaws state that members must be notified of the changes 30 days prior to voting on these changes.

Audrey Kraynak, Past President