Effective Practice Model for County FCFC
Core Function: Shared Accountability

Statute Requirements

Mandated membership.

Designation of an administrative agent who:

- **ensures all expenditures are handled in accordance with policies, procedures, and activities.**
- **files an annual budget.**
- **enters into agreements or enter into contracts with public or private entities on behalf of FCFC.**
- **sends notice of members absence.**
- **serves as appointing authority of FCFC employees.**

An annual report on the status of efforts to the governor and general assembly.

Apply for exemption waivers from any rules or interagency agreements.

ORC 121.37(B)(1)(a-n); (B)(5)(a-bii); (B)(1); (B)(3)(c); (B)(2)(e-g);(B)(4)(b)

Cross-System Principles

- **Shared resources, risks, and rewards**
- **Transparency**
- **Generative leadership**
- **Shared ownership**
- **Collaborative partnerships**
- **Common purpose**
- **Fiscal responsibility**
- **Community awareness**

Effective Practice Strategies

- **Diverse membership**
- **Clearly defined leadership and organizational structure articulated through bylaws, MOUs, and table of organization**
- **Establish bylaws that include:**
  - **process to identify members**
  - **meeting attendance**
  - **meeting notice, and frequency of meetings**
  - **meeting agenda and minutes**
  - **committees structure**
  - **designate an administrative agent through a nominating process**
  - **chair nominating process and term**
- **Meeting agendas are action-oriented and focused on outcomes**
- **Full-time FCFC Director with required skills; clear job description; and not mixed with other project or service positions**
- **Develop a business plan**
- **Develop a communication plan**
- **Members share FCFC infrastructure expenses**
- **Identify policies that create barriers and seek regulatory relief**
- **Promote FCFC throughout community and within agencies**

Outcomes

- **A solid collaborative infrastructure.**
- **Outcomes are achieved for the other core functions: Building Community Capacity; Coordinating Systems and Services; and Engaging and Empowering Families.**

Local Level Challenges & Barriers:

- Limited funding is provided from GRF to maintain the operations of the offices of county FCFCs ($20,000/year).
- The role and skills of the FCFC Coordinator/Director vary from county to county.
- Low public awareness of FCFCs.