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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

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FROM: STEPHEN FARIS, WRITE IN CANDIDATE FOR U.S. SENATE (OHIO)

SUBJECT: Ohio Counties' MOUs and Screening Guidelines for Addressing Child Sexual Abuse

Ref: (a) Ohio DCY, 2025, *Ohio Child Protective Services Screening Guidelines* (b) S. Faris, 2025, *Assessing Ohio CPS Screening Guidelines*, writeinfaris.com/2025-sexabuse

- 1. By December 31, 2025, the second biennial county memorandum of understanding (MOU) for addressing child abuse is to be reviewed, updated, signed by partners, and approved by resolution.
- 2. The MOU is governed by state and federal laws and regulations and identifies county public children services agencies (PCSAs) as lead agencies providing screening services using Ref (a).
- 3. The Screening Guidelines in Ref (a) were independently assessed in Ref (b) with current PCSA worker manuals that are not updated to reflect the 2023 Ohio Revised Code definition of abused child as including victims of disseminating materials or performances that are harmful to juveniles.
- 4. The Screening Guidelines promote highly concerning screen-in and screen-out example referrals of child sexual abuse. Referrals involving child pornography would seem to have very high barriers of acceptance while those involving rape may be refused. These examples are promoted statewide.
- 5. The Screening Guidelines and county MOUs should be very carefully reviewed by all partners to avoid unwitting approval of screening that places all Ohio children at risk of sexual abuse.
- 6. Please contact me by email with any questions or concerns. I can also be reached at 330-715-5777.

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