

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Date of Meeting: April 9, 2018

Members Present: Vice Chair Renee Bessick, Secretary Dr. Michelle Kowalski, Jim Kulig, Richard Grega, Pam Siegenthaler, Pat Heydinger, Stacy Jackson-Johnson, Treasurer Jason Murray (3:36 p.m.)

Members Excused: Chair Deanna West-Torrence

Members Absent:

Others Present: Patty Harrelson, Nikki Harless, Chris Zuercher, Kevin Goshe, Tiffany Rouse, Recording Secretary Amy Gosser

Others Absent:

The regular monthly Board meeting was held on Monday, April 9, 2018, in the Board Conference Room at Richland County Children Services Board. Vice Chair Bessick called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. of Board members present and representing a quorum.

AGENDA

There is need for an Executive Session during this Board meeting, so that item will be added to the agenda.

On a motion by Siegenthaler, seconded by Kulig, the Board unanimously approved the revised agenda by all Board members in attendance.

MINUTES

Siegenthaler asked for an update on the Annie E. Casey trip mentioned on page 2 of the March Board minutes. Harrelson confirmed that Director of Community Outreach and Programming Tim Harless will travel to Chicago at the end of April to attend this meeting.

On a motion by Murray, seconded by Siegenthaler, the Board unanimously approved the March 12, 2018 Board meeting minutes.

MINI-TRAINING

Harrelson briefly discussed the results of the recent community stakeholder survey. One of the things that she found most interesting when comparing this to the 2014 survey was how similar they both are. The overall perception of the Agency has not changed much. Kulig

stated that the S&P Committee looked at this in February at their last meeting. He requested that Board members keep in mind how valuable this information is as they read through the results, and he stated that Harrelson and other key staff members deserve a lot of credit for getting this done. This will be evaluated in greater detail at the May Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director's Report and Comments

Harless stated that the WMFD interview on Friday regarding Child Abuse Prevention Month went well. Kulig mentioned that he saw an interview Tim Harless gave recently and stated that Harless did extremely well also. Harrelson discussed the teaching homes concept. Derek Casto is moving here to open a teaching home within Richland County. Casto's brother is nearby and could potentially provide respite services when necessary. Teaching homes utilize a network which brings a therapist into the home (as opposed to making kids go to a mental health facility for treatment) and there are crisis services available. The other major difference between a typical residential facility and a teaching home is that the monitors live in the home on-site with the kids. The hope and goal in utilizing a teaching home nearby is to transition kids home quicker since the birth parents can theoretically interact with their children easier (due to their close proximity). Kulig asked if there is any update on the Healing Hearts project. Harrelson stated that DeWayne Lee has decided to move forward with plans for adult transitional mental health services as opposed to a youth facility. Siegenthaler asked for clarification on South by Southwest. This is a creative gathering for entrepreneurs down in Texas. The Richland County Foundation sent about 12-13 people from Richland County to the event so that they could get ideas to bring back to the community. Murray asked about poor participation in levy activities. Harrelson stated that there will always be a small group of employees who will be motivated to help while the majority do not. All of our jobs depend on this, however. Harrelson also included the 2018-2019 goals for the Agency with her report.

On a motion by Kulig, seconded by Murray, the Board unanimously accepted the Executive Director's report.

Executive Committee Report

No report at this time.

Finance Director Report

March Finance Report

Goshe distributed and reported on the March 2018 Final Financial Report regarding the revenues and expenditures. This included a beginning balance of \$6,491,977.49, \$635,077.52 in revenue, and \$912,914.95 in expenses with an ending balance of

\$6,214,140.06. The ending fund balance reflects 59.1% or 7.1 months of the 2018 budget.

Revenue will be back up in May because we will receive the first property tax payment in April. We will receive two payments this year and one next year for TPP (Tangible Personal Property) tax, but then this funding source will go away. March was a three-pay month, which explains why expenses are so high. We finished about 1.9% under budget for the year in expenses. Siegenthaler asked how much we dropped last year in the fund balance. We finished last year at approximately \$7.2 million.

On a motion by Kowalski, seconded by Grega, the Board unanimously accepted the March 2018 Final Financial Report.

Finance Committee Report

Resolution 04-09-18-01: Putting a Replacement Levy on the Ballot

The Finance Committee discussed the merits of a renewal vs. replacement levy at their last meeting. A 1-mill replacement levy will take the current values of homes (versus being based on 1999 levels). Our funding keeps decreasing and it is not expected to go back up any time soon. The state of Ohio can ask for an extension of Protect OH funds, but it is unclear whether it will. A lot of changes are occurring at the federal level that will affect us going forward. We have twice as many kids in care at five (5) times the amount of expense, and the current levels of support from the state and federal governments are not likely to continue. Another factor that impacts this is the \$526,000 contract that we traditionally receive from JFS. If we cannot hit Random Moments, we do not receive that money. This contract is also not guaranteed going forward, as it is contingent upon the availability of JFS funds and the will of the JFS director. Although the current JFS director has a history of sharing their funding with us, her successor (when that time comes) may not be.

On a motion by Murray, seconded by Siegenthaler, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Board Finance Committee to place a 1-mill replacement levy on the upcoming ballot by roll call vote and signature.

Levy Committee Report

No report at this time.

Personnel Committee Report

No report at this time.

Services and Program Report

No report at this time. The next Committee meeting will be held on May 1, 2018.

BILLS

Payment of Agency Bills - On a motion by Kowalski, seconded by Grega, the Board unanimously approved payment by signature of the Agency bills.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:46 p.m., Vice Chair Bessick recommended an Executive Session. On a motion by Murray, seconded by Heydinger, the Board voted unanimously to move into Executive Session by roll call vote in order to prepare for, conduct, or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. At that time, each Board member responded as follows: Kulig, "yes"; Bessick, "yes"; Heydinger, "yes"; Grega, "yes"; Siegenthaler, "yes"; Murray, "yes"; Jackson-Johnson, "yes"; and Kowalski, "yes." The Board asked Harrelson, Harless, Goshe, Zuercher, and Gosser to stay.

On a motion by Siegenthaler, seconded by Grega, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session at 5:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Grega, seconded by Jackson-Johnson, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Renee Bessick, Vice Chair

Amy Gosser, Recording Secretary