

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Date of Meeting: June 11, 2018

Members Present: Chair Deanna West-Torrence, Vice Chair Renee Bessick, Secretary Dr. Michelle Kowalski (3:54), Jim Kulig, Richard Grega, Pat Heydinger

Members Excused: Treasurer Jason Murray, Pam Siegenthaler, Stacy Jackson-Johnson

Members Absent:

Others Present: Patty Harrelson, Nikki Harless, Chris Zuercher, Kevin Goshe, Tim Harless, Marsha Coleman, Gina Nennig-Henry, Recording Secretary Amy Gosser

Others Absent:

The regular monthly Board meeting was held on Monday, June 11, 2018, in the Board Conference Room at Richland County Children Services Board. Chair West-Torrence called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. of Board members present and representing a quorum.

NEW HIRE INTRODUCTIONS

Zuercher introduced the latest Agency new hires, Gina Nennig-Henry and Cassandra Ganzhorn. Nennig-Henry (JD) graduated from the University of Akron law school and started as an Agency attorney on 5.29.2018. Ganzhorn (MSW LSW) just graduated from Ohio State and started on Terrie Sgro-Perdue's Ongoing casework team on 5.31.2018. The Board introduced themselves and welcomed both Nennig-Henry and Ganzhorn to the Agency. Nennig-Henry and Ganzhorn left the meeting at this point.

AGENDA

Harrelson requested that the Community Stakeholder Survey discussion be moved to the July Board meeting.

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

MINI-TRAINING

Director of Community Outreach and Programming Tim Harless gave the Board a brief synopsis of his recent trip to Chicago to attend the Annie E. Casey meeting for purposes of discussing the elimination of the waivers on September 30, 2019. Other waiver states were present at the meeting as well. Harless informed them that we wanted the waivers to be extended, but that we have been given no guidance regarding this to date. After the meeting

we were given the option to create guidance ourselves to give to the federal government on prevention services. The State of Ohio has already sent our recommendations on what the guidance should look like. We submitted our current kinship and FTM strategies. When the waivers are eliminated, funding will be limited to a 2-week stay for kids and nurses will need to be available 24-hours, in addition to other changes in the standards for congregate care. Reimbursement will also be capped at 50%. The teaching homes model is great, but these homes will no longer be reimbursable. They cannot be called a foster placement due to Ohio rule and must be called a residential facility. Reimbursement used to be unlimited for residential placements, but it is now restricted to a 10-day stay, or up to 30-days with court approval. Harless conducted a workshop with Colorado while he was in Chicago in addition to a national webinar. Harless has been trying to encourage ODJFS for six months to take action, but they keep waiting for federal guidance. The State is not doing much to help at this point, but PCSAO is trying to do what they can. The cost will be borne by the counties, not the State. The definition of candidacy is being looked at as well, because terms such as 'imminent risk' are not properly defined. They seem to want to limit the number of kids who come into care. The idea of reaching out to celebrities or well-known personalities to act as champions for our cause was discussed. Harless has tried to contact Shannon and Sterling Sharpe (former NFL players) to see if they could come here to speak about kinship since they were raised by their great-grandmother, but he has not yet received a response.

MINUTES

On a motion by Kulig, seconded by Bessick, the Board unanimously approved the May 14, 2018 Board meeting minutes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director's Report and Comments

Harrelson reported on the Open Table event. This will be held at NECIC (134 N. Main Street) from 8:30-10:30 on Friday (6/15). RCCS is providing the breakfast and lunch for this event. A training regarding the Open Table concept will be held in the afternoon for individuals interested in sitting at a table. This is a support system of 6-8 people who can meet with area youth and rally around them. NECIC is a CDC and they are already working with individuals in the community. They are aligned with 22 local churches, approximately 50 trained mentors, and roughly 70 interested seniors. All of these people have expressed an interest in participating in this. The founder of Open Table, Jon Katov, will arrive Thursday and Deanna will show him around the community. Kulig asked for an update on the Stoffer lawsuit. Former employee Michael Stoffer implied that he had an oral contract (which is against our policy) with Lori Feeney and Nicole Foulks stating that he would always be on call. He implied that he was entitled to stand-by pay. Kulig also asked about the 106 youth in paid placement. This is not broken down into regular foster care versus residential care. Harrelson will break this down further for the July report. The new teaching home should be up and running by August. Mr. Casto is trying to separate from the Ohio Teaching Network in order to form his own network. Coleman left the meeting at this point (4:27 p.m.)

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

Executive Committee Report

No report at this time.

Finance Director Report

February Finance Report

Goshe distributed and reported on the May 2018 Final Financial Report regarding the revenues and expenditures. This included a beginning balance of \$7,606,281.19, \$639,185.54 in revenue, and \$822,481.58 in expenses with an ending balance of \$7,422,985.15. The ending fund balance reflects 70.6% or 8.5 months of the 2018 budget.

Goshe received word from the Auditor's office on June 7th that the books are balanced, so this is a final report (with no changes). West-Torrence asked why purchased services are 27.4% lower than budgeted. A lot of this is due to the kinship legal contract not being used as much as in the past. We had also budgeted for some consultations that have not been used yet.

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

Finance Committee Report

No report at this time.

Levy Committee Report

No report at this time.

Personnel Committee Report

Resolution 06-11-18-01: Resolution To Create Two (2) Support Positions

The Personnel Committee met to discuss the creation of two (2) additional support positions within the Agency. Funding for these two positions will come from the elimination of a Supervisor of Administrative Services position later this year, following the retirement of the individual in that position.

On a motion by Grega, seconded by Bessick, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Board Personnel Committee to approve the creation of two (2) additional support positions within the Agency by roll call vote and signature.

Services and Program Report

No report at this time.

BILLS

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:36 p.m., Chair West-Torrence recommended an Executive Session. On a motion by Grega, 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, in addition to discussion for considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing. At that time, each Board member responded as follows: Kulig, "yes"; Grega, "yes"; Bessick, "yes"; Kowalski, "yes"; West-Torrence, "yes"; and Heydinger, "yes." The Board asked Harrelson to stay.

On a motion by Grega, seconded by Heydinger, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session at 5:01 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Grega, seconded by Bessick, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Deanna West-Torrence, Chair

Amy Gosser, Recording Secretary