

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Date of Meeting: July 9, 2018

Members Present: Chair Deanna West-Torrence, Vice Chair Renee Bessick, Treasurer Jason Murray, Jim Kulig, Pam Siegenthaler, Stacy Jackson-Johnson

Members Excused: Secretary Dr. Michelle Kowalski, Richard Grega, Pat Heydinger

Members Absent:

Others Present: Patty Harrelson, Nikki Harless, Chris Zuercher, Kevin Goshe, Marsha Coleman, Secretary Amy Gosser

Others Absent:

The regular monthly Board meeting was held on Monday, July 9, 2018, in the Board Conference Room at Richland County Children Services Board. Chair West-Torrence called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. of Board members present and representing a quorum.

NEW HIRE INTRODUCTIONS

Zuercher stated that there is one Agency new hire (caseworker Brandi Matern) but she is in Columbus at CORE training right now. Two additional caseworkers (Jacquelynn Timmerman and Donald Newton) are scheduled to start this Thursday. All three new workers will be on Terrie Sgro-Perdue's Ongoing team.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Siegenthaler asked about the waiver situation. Harrelson stated that Ohio may elect to take a two-year extension on part of it (Protect OH). If they do not, our Finance department will have to bill under the traditional IV-E plan again starting October 1, 2019. Finance is preparing for this now, but our private placement entities will not be ready for this change by October 1, 2019. It affects not only our network but every other entity in Ohio as well. If Ohio doesn't receive an extension of the waiver, we will potentially have to pay for placements and not receive any federal reimbursement dollars back for them.

On a motion by Kulig, seconded by Bessick, the Board unanimously approved the June 11, 2018 Board meeting minutes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director's Report and Comments

Harrelson reported on three grammatical/spelling errors in her Board Report. In part b of section I, bullet point vii should say "Jon Katov was here for an introduction to Open Table..." In part d of section I, Dean Norman Jones's name was spelled incorrectly under bullet point iv. In part b of section VI, a statement at the end of the third paragraph should read "to finalize our renewal recommendations for the board..." These changes will be corrected as specified.

West-Torrence asked about the children who are AWOL. These are youth in our custody who have run away for one reason or other. We register these individuals with the police and with a national search agency as well. Kulig appreciates having this section broken down further.

Bessick temporarily assumed the role of Board Chair at this point during the meeting while West-Torrence discussed the Open Table event through the capacity of her role at NECIC. Cleveland is currently the first and only Open Table site in Ohio. West-Torrence and Jon Katov presented this concept to the Leadership Unlimited class at their final outing. Katov has piloted this model in several different areas, but NECIC will be his first CDC (Community Development Corporation) partnership. Katov conducted a community leaders' forum in the morning on 6.15.2018 and training for interested table participants in the afternoon. West-Torrence thinks that this concept will work well in Richland County. The goal is to be able to launch 10 tables in the first year. Kulig and West-Torrence spoke with the Ada Ford Foundation, and those representatives encouraged them to narrow the scope of this program's reach. There are 5-7 adults at each table with one child. The outcome is to build relationships for young adults within the community. They commit to one-hour per week having a meal together, and the commitment is for one year. Participants pay \$120 a year to the organization (plus meal costs). About 90% of the table participants in other areas to date have still maintained a relationship with the youth beyond the year commitment. Open Table provides all of the necessary training for participants.

Kulig asked about the union. There has been considerable difficulty in helping employees to understand this process. Some of them refuse to conduct their own research on the subject and instead rely on hearsay and gossip for their information.

Harrelson stated that our rising healthcare costs are a frightening reality. The possibility of joining with another public entity was discussed in order to increase our pool. Even one individual hitting stop-loss could be detrimental to us financially.

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

Executive Committee Report

No report at this time.

Finance Director Report

June Finance Report

Goshe distributed and reported on the June 2018 Final Financial Report regarding the revenues and expenditures. This included a beginning balance of \$7,422,985.15, \$657,253.40 in revenue, and \$744,082.05 in expenses with an ending balance of \$7,336,156.50. The ending fund balance reflects 69.7% or 8.4 months of the 2018 budget.

Revenue is up to 51% of budgeted revenue (so we are 1% higher than we budgeted). We received an unexpected payment of \$41,098 from the State Child Protection Allocation. Total operating expenditures for the year were 4.6% lower than budgeted. Siegenthaler asked if there was anything on the expenses section that was worrisome to Goshe, and he stated that there are currently no surprises in this area. A question regarding the Parental Support line was raised. This revenue comes from payments we receive from Child Support when we have custody of children. Child Support collects this money for us from the biological parents.

On a motion by Murray, seconded by Kulig, the Board unanimously accepted the June 2018 Final Financial Report.

Finance Committee Report

No report at this time.

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 meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 1, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. to review the second quarter PQI report.

BILLS

Payment of Agency Bills - On a motion by Siegenthaler, seconded by Jackson-Johnson, the Board unanimously approved payment by signature of the Agency bills.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not convene an Executive Session on this date.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Jackson-Johnson, seconded by Bessick, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Deanna West-Torrence, Chair

Amy Gosser, Recording Secretary