

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Date of Meeting: February 12, 2024

Members Present: Chair Nicole Blakley, Vice Chair Jim Nicholson, Treasurer Bill Hope, Secretary Mary Stentz, Bennie Allen, Jerry Snay

Members Excused: Judy Forney, Randy Pore, Pat Heydinger

Members Absent:

Others Present: Nikki Harless, Nicole Foulks, Kevin Goshe, Sarah Soliday, Recording Secretary Amy Hackedorn

Others Absent: La'Shaun Reuer

The regular monthly Board meeting was held on Monday, February 12, 2024, in the Board Conference Room at Richland County Children Services. Chair Blakley called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. of Board members present and representing a quorum.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

On a motion by Allen, seconded by Hope, the Board unanimously approved the January 8, 2024, regular Board meeting minutes as presented.

INTRODUCTIONS

The Board members and RCCS staff present introduced themselves to Jerry Snay and welcomed him to the Board. Snay explained that he currently teaches OPOTA (Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy) classes at Stark State College in Canton, OH and also serves as the police chief of the Village of Mifflin.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Harless informed the Board that she met with Michele Giess (Executive Director of Richland Newhope) regarding construction of Sterkel Community Park. Giess asked if RCCS would like to help fund a pathway between our Agency and the new park for our staff and clients to use. Goshe will discuss this further at the next Board Budget & Finance Committee meeting. The park is expected to open this fall. Harless updated the Board on the CAC (Child Advocacy Center) development progress. She is currently working on getting a new MOU signed with all of the relevant entities. Project completion is still at least 6-9 months out for this because the facility being utilized needs updates such as soundproofing, electronic

interview equipment, etc. The name of the CAC will be ‘Richland County Champions for Children’ and its mission will be: “To provide family-centered, safe and coordinated care that is committed to reducing trauma and fostering hope and healing for every child we serve.” Family Life Counseling has agreed to provide mental health services at the CAC, and RCCS will provide forensic interview staff. It will be under a 501(c)(3).

On a motion by Nicholson, seconded by Hope, the Board unanimously accepted the Executive Director’s report.

Executive Committee Report

Blakley informed the Board that the Executive Committee met prior to this meeting to discuss policy.

Finance Director Report

December Finance Report

Goshe distributed and reported on the December 2023 Final Financial Report regarding the revenues and expenditures. This included a beginning balance of \$9,127,429.03, \$1,100,955.85 in revenue, and \$1,265,165.25 in expenses with an ending balance of \$8,963,219.63. The ending fund balance reflects 66.6% or about 8.0 months of the 2023 budget.

Goshe stated that revenue was 4.1% higher than budgeted and expenses were 11.6% lower than budgeted at the end of December 2023. We finished the year in the black by \$44,937.03.

On a motion by Nicholson, seconded by Hope, the Board unanimously accepted the December 2023 Final Financial Report.

January Finance Report

Goshe distributed and reported on the January 2024 Final Financial Report regarding the revenues and expenditures. This included a beginning balance of \$8,963,219.63, \$476,955.63 in revenue, and \$950,258.64 in expenses with an ending balance of \$8,489,916.62. The ending fund balance reflects 59.2% or about 7.1 months of the 2024 budget.

Goshe stated that revenue was 4.2% lower than budgeted at the end of January, although that is a typical occurrence every year until the first real estate tax payment is received (usually sometime in April).

On a motion by Hope, seconded by Snay, the Board unanimously accepted the January 2024 Final Financial Report.

Resolution 02-12-24-01: Reclassifying a Position

Resolution 02-12-24-01 was proposed for purposes of reclassifying one (1) vacant Support position to one (1) Paralegal position on Agency Pay Range 2.

On a motion by Nicholson, seconded by Hope, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 02-12-24-01 by roll call vote and signature.

Finance Committee Report

No report at this time. This committee is scheduled to meet and will report out to the full Board at the March Board meeting.

Personnel Committee Report

No report at this time.

Services and Program Report

No report at this time.

BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Nicholson, seconded by Hope, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nicole Blakley, RCCS Board Chair
Amy Hackedorn, Recording Secretary