

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Date of Meeting: January 8, 2018

Members Present: Chair Deanna West-Torrence, Vice Chair Renee Bessick, Jim Kulig, Pam Siegenthaler, Richard Grega, Pat Heydinger, Secretary Dr. Michelle Kowalski (3:42)

Members Excused: Treasurer Jason Murray, Stacy Jackson-Johnson

Members Absent:

Others Present: Patty Harrelson, Nikki Harless, Kevin Goshe, Tiffany Rouse, Evadyne Troyer, Alex Yoder, Recording Secretary Amy Gosser

Others Absent: Chris Zuercher

The regular monthly Board meeting was held on Monday, January 8, 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

Troyer introduced the most recent Agency new hire. Caseworker Alex Yoder (BA) started on Charity Hamler's Ongoing team on 1.2.2018. The Board introduced themselves and welcomed Yoder to the Agency. Yoder and Troyer left the meeting at this point.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

On a motion by Kulig, seconded by Siegenthaler, the Board unanimously approved the December 11, 2017 Board meeting minutes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director's Report and Comments

Harrelson reported on her upcoming meeting with Joe Trolan, DeWayne Lee, and Maja-lisa Anderson Lee regarding the Healing Hearts organization. This is scheduled to occur on 1/19/18, and Harrelson will update the Board on the details of that conversation at the February Board meeting. Judge Cockley has filed a motion to reconsider. We filed three more writs on three more cases, so the Supreme Court will look at this. Attorney Edith

Gilliland will need to file by Friday of this week. Harrelson updated Heydinger on the history of the Agency's relationship with the D.R. Court.

The number of kids in care is up, primarily due to parental drug usage. There have been a lot of cocaine-positive drug tests lately. Relatives are also often positive, so finding an appropriate caregiver can sometimes be difficult. The kids themselves usually have serious behavioral issues, which further compounds the difficulty of finding a placement. On January 25th, a consultant named Mark Freado is going to meet with strategic individuals from the community and from within the Agency to discuss ways to recruit and retain foster parents in Richland County.

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

Executive Committee Report

2018 Board Committees

In the RCCS Board bylaws, the Executive Committee is composed of the Board officers and committee chairs. However, the presence of five or more members at any meeting creates a quorum, and thus a public meeting. The proposal is to amend the bylaws and adjust membership in the Executive Committee to only the officers, with committee chairs and other individuals invited as appropriate. An amendment will be presented at the February Board meeting.

On a motion by Grega, seconded by Kulig, the Board unanimously accepted the 2018 Board committees as proposed.

Finance Director Report

Finance Report

Goshe distributed and reported on the December 2017 Preliminary Financial Report regarding the revenues and expenditures.

Siegenthaler asked about the decrease of \$100,000 in the levy income amount. About \$78,000 of this can be attributed to the TPP tax decrease. We will see a decrease of \$78,000 in 2018 as well. ProtectOH funding was higher than budgeted, and federal funds in total were up as well. This will be discussed further at the next ProtectOH meeting on 1.23.2018.

The Board must vote on the December 2017 Financial Report next month, as Goshe has not yet received confirmation from the Auditor's office that the books are balanced.

Resolution 01-08-18-01: Authorization to Sign Auditor Documents

Resolution 01-08-18-01 was proposed for purposes of authorizing specific agency staff to perform the various functions necessary to process payroll, pay bills, and be the point of contact to the Auditor's office.

On a motion by Bessick, seconded by Kowalski, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 01-08-18-01 by roll call vote and signature.

Finance Committee Report

No report at this time.

Levy Committee Report

No report at this time.

Personnel Committee Report

No report at this time. The policies within the Substitute Care manual have been sent to the State and are currently being reviewed. They will be distributed to staff and foster parents once the review is complete.

Services and Program Report

No report at this time. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 7th.

BILLS

Payment of Agency Bills - On a motion by Bessick, seconded by Grega, 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 Grega, seconded by Kulig, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Deanna West-Torrence, Chair

Amy Gosser, Recording Secretary