

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Date of Meeting: July 10, 2023

Members Present: Chair Pat Heydinger, Vice Chair Nicole Blakley, Secretary Jim Nicholson, Bill Hope, Judy Forney, Mary Stentz, Bennie Allen-Stanford, Randy Pore

Members Excused: Treasurer Jason Murray

Members Absent:

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

Others Absent:

The regular monthly Board meeting was held on Monday, July 10, 2023, in the Board Conference Room at Richland County Children Services. Heydinger called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. of Board members present and representing a quorum.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

On a motion by Hope, seconded by Allen-Stanford, the Board unanimously approved the June 12, 2023, regular Board meeting minutes as presented.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Harless commented on her meeting with Dr. Steven Burggraf and his team at Family Life Counseling. Our FSS workers usually supervise Agency-related visits here between children and their families, but Family Life Counseling also has a program for supervised visitation at their facility on Marion Avenue. They offer counseling and evening hours as part of their visitation program, so many of our clients and the court would prefer to have their visits occur there. We would assess the family dynamic here at the Agency first to make sure it isn't a volatile situation before allowing an offsite visit to take place. Both meetings with the Commissioners that Harless and Goshe attended went well. The next step is for the Commissioners to file our Resolution to Proceed with the Board of Elections, who then sends the ballot language information to the Secretary of State's office. If it is approved by the Secretary of State, then we are permitted to put our levy on the November ballot. Heydinger asked about the meeting Harless and Foulks attended with individuals from the OSU campus regarding students who are receiving financial aid for scholarships but who are also homeless. OSU applied for a grant through the Ada Ford Foundation in order to provide housing for students in that situation. All of the students they are currently concerned about are over the age of 18 and did not age out of foster care, so there is not much

we can do to help in these specific instances. If they had aged out of foster care, however, they may have been eligible for additional financial benefits and/or housing assistance through State funding.

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

Executive Committee Report

No report at this time.

Finance Director Report

June Finance Report

Goshe distributed and reported on the June 2023 Final Financial Report regarding the revenues and expenditures. This included a beginning balance of \$9,587,810.83, \$690,486.78 in revenue, and \$1,181,323.06 in expenses with an ending balance of \$9,096,974.55. The ending fund balance reflects 67.6% or about 8.1 months of the 2023 budget.

Goshe stated that revenue for the year was 1.3% higher than budgeted and expenses for the year were 7.6% lower than budgeted at the end of June. Heydinger asked why the Purchased Services line was 24.8% lower than budgeted at the end of June. Goshe stated that we will need to send 10% of our Multi-System Youth grant money to the Youth & Family Council pooled fund once we receive that total, but that has not yet been received. We also budgeted for a contracted law enforcement position within the Agency which has not yet been filled.

On a motion by Nicholson, seconded by Allen-Stanford, the Board unanimously accepted the June 2023 Final Financial Report.

Vehicle Disposal Proposal

Goshe stated that we currently have a fleet of 24 Agency vehicles, and on average we only use 14 on a daily basis. Four of the vehicles must be parked outside since there are only 20 spots in the garage, so Goshe does not see the need to keep any more than 20 vehicles on hand. If the Board approves, RCCS administration would like to seek permission from the Richland County Board of Commissioners to sell four (4) of the 2013 Ford Focus sedans in our fleet via GovDeals.com. Since the vehicles are technically county property, the Commissioners could also elect to redistribute some/all of the vehicles to other county agencies if they are needed elsewhere. Heydinger asked how many vehicles we typically replace per year. Goshe believes we have 7-8 sedans on the schedule for replacement in 2023. However, the Board will need to decide at a later date as part of budgetary discussions whether the 7-8 slated for replacement this year will be replaced with the same number of sedans or a different combination of larger vehicles (vans, SUV's, etc.) or less sedans total. The four that Goshe would like to dispose of right now are all 2013 Ford Focus sedans with over 96,000 miles on them. As long as the Commissioners do not want to reallocate the vehicles elsewhere, our Agency will receive any money obtained from their sale on GovDeals.com.

On a motion by Nicholson, seconded by Hope, the Board unanimously approved allowing RCCS administration to dispose of the four identified Agency vehicles in whatever manner decided upon by the Richland County Commissioners.

Finance Committee Report

No report at this time.

Personnel Committee Report

No report at this time.

Services and Program Report

No report at this time. This Committee will need to meet in July to discuss data from the first 6 months of 2023.

BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Nicholson, seconded by Stentz, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Pat Heydinger, RCCS Board Chair
Amy Hackedorn, Recording Secretary