

## **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Date of Meeting: September 8, 2025

Members Present: Vice Chair Jerry Snay, Treasurer Bill Hope, Randy Pore, Judy Forney, Bennie Allen

Members Absent: Chair Jim Nicholson, Secretary Mary Stentz, Pat Heydinger, Fred Schuster

Others Present: Tara Lautzenhiser, Nicole Foulks, Kevin Goshe, Drew Miller, Sarah Soliday, La'Shaun Reuer, Recording Secretary Amy Hackedorn

Others Absent:

The regular monthly Board meeting was held on Monday, September 8, 2025, in the Board Conference Room at Richland County Children Services. Vice Chair Jerry Snay (serving as Board Chair) called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. of Board members present and representing a quorum.

### **AGENDA**

On a motion by Hope, seconded by Allen, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented by all Board members in attendance.

### **MINUTES**

On a motion by Forney, seconded by Pore, the Board unanimously approved the August 11, 2025, regular Board meeting minutes.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Lautzenhiser commented on all of the news coverage we experienced in the month of August. She acknowledged Hackedorn's contributions to these interviews through the provision of our drug test data. Lautzenhiser and Foulks met with representatives from Juvenile Court in the month of September to discuss rising placement costs, especially pertaining to delinquencies. The State is hoping to cap the residential facility costs where some of our teens are placed and also find other ways of getting them out of the system faster. We would like to come up with more creative solutions for ways to handle court-involved youth, as opposed to just being given custody of them. Magistrate Cannon stated that we can file contempt charges against the parents, but this is a multi-tiered process with separate orders being issued. There was some discussion about how to put more pressure back on the parents of these kids, possibly by charging them with neglect. The plan is for RCCS to have another meeting with Juvenile Court, Child Support, the Prosecutor's Office, and local law enforcement entities in order to discuss possible ways to proceed moving forward.

Lautzenhiser and Goshe met with Andrew Keller and Cliff Mears regarding Akron Children's Hospital representatives coming here to set up a clinic for the CAC. Lautzenhiser prepared a written request for the Commissioners, asking for permission to allow ACH to use a portion of our facility at 731 Scholl Road. Senator Mark Romanchuk is working on getting funding transferred to RCCS for CAC usage.

The RCCS Staff Picnic was held in the month of August. Staff members were able to throw a ‘pie’ (i.e. a paper plate full of whipped cream) in the face of administrative members for a fee, along with various other pay-to-play games. All of the money raised will go toward the Staff Holiday Party this year.

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

### **Executive Committee Report**

No report at this time.

### **Finance Director Report**

#### **August Finance Report**

Finance Director Kevin Goshe distributed and reported on the August 2025 Final Financial Report regarding the revenues and expenditures. This included a beginning balance of \$7,411,302.61, \$2,477,151.88 in revenue, and \$1,161,854.43 in expenses with an ending balance of \$8,726,600.06. The ending fund balance reflects 61.9% or about 7.4 months of the 2025 budget.

Goshe stated that total revenue was 11.9% higher than budgeted and total expenses were 4.8% lower than budgeted at the end of August. The main sources of revenue for August included receipt of the second real estate tax settlement of 2025 in the amount of \$1,479,940.38 and receipt of the second Public Utilities Property Tax payment in the amount of \$342,612.42. All expense lines were lower than budgeted at the end of August except for the Placement line (which was 5.1% higher than budgeted). There were no new contracts signed in the month of August.

Hope asked if we get any financial benefit from the Rover Pipeline. Goshe stated that whatever they pay is included in the Public Utilities Property Tax payment amount. Goshe also reminded everyone that we are approved for a dollar amount and not a percentage, so the increase in real estate property taxes does not affect the amount that we receive from our local levies. We do not receive more money. There was further discussion regarding how the grassroots movement to eliminate property tax in Ohio would affect RCCS, other local government entities, schools, etc.

On a motion by Hope, seconded by Forney, the Board unanimously accepted the August 2025 Final Finance report.

### **Finance Committee Report**

No report at this time. Hope reminded everyone that the next Board Budget & Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9/23/25, at 8:30 a.m.

### **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 Pore, the Board unanimously approved payment by signature of the Agency bills.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Allen, seconded by Pore, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jerry Snay, RCCS Board Vice Chair

Amy Hackedorn, Recording Secretary