

**SUMMIT COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JULY 24, 2018 MEETING MINUTES**

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Executive Team</u>
✓ Anna Arvay, Chair	✓ Montrella Jackson	✓ Julie Barnes
_____ Anne Connell-Freund, Vice-Chair	✓ Beth Kuckuck	✓ Amy Davidson
✓ GinaKaye Maddox, Secretary	_____ Keith Malick	✓ Darin Kearns
✓ Omar Banks	_____ Diane Miller-Dawson	✓ Valarie Nash
_____ Pastor Luther Cooper	✓ Katie Stoyhoff	✓ Katerina Papas
✓ Nancy Holland		

Staff Present: Dawn Boudrie, Jonathon Hart, Robert King, Sushila Moore, Beth Lowe- Recording Secretary

Others Present: Tom Lavery

Call to Order and Roll Call

Ms. Arvay called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Arvay requested a motion to approve the minutes of June 26, 2018. Ms. Jackson moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Mrs. Stoyhoff. The motion carried.

Public Comment

Mr. Lavery addressed the Board regarding agency policies and procedures.

Committee Reports

Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC)

Ms. Kuckuck, Committee Chair, reported that in lieu of the July CAC meeting, the committee participated in the agency's Social Service In-Service Day on July 19 by serving lunch to agency caseworkers and contributing gift cards for giveaways. The day provided Social Service staff a variety of workshops along with a light breakfast, lunch, giveaways, and fellowship.

Resources Committee

On behalf of the Committee Vice-Chair Mr. Malick, Ms. Arvay reported that the committee met today and approved the minutes of June 26, 2018 and the July 17, 2018 Special Resources Committee meeting. The meeting then adjourned to Executive Session to discuss the County opioid lawsuit. After Executive Session, the committee heard a financial statement report from Mr. Kearns. As part of the Resources Committee report, Mr. Kearns provided a summary of the financial statement report to the full Board.

Ms. Arvay introduced **Resolution 07-2018-24/B** authorizing the SCCS Executive Director to submit a Budget Appropriation to the Social Services Advisory Board (SSAB) and Summit County Council for the 2019 Budget in the amount of \$52,716,976. Mr. Banks made a motion to approve; seconded by Ms. Maddox. The motion carried. Resolution approved.

Resolution 07-2018-24/C

Authorization to contract with Lamar Companies to provide community outreach and education through billboard advertising in an amount which may be less than, but shall not exceed \$30,000. Ms. Holland made a motion to approve; seconded by Ms. Maddox. The motion carried. Resolution approved.

Resolution 07-2018-24/D

Authorization to contract with Brennan, Manna & Diamond, LLC and Motley Rice LLC to provide representation to SCCS, with a contingency fee arrangement, in the case captioned "In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation," Case No. 1:17-CV-2804, in the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division and to execute any documents which are necessary to secure such representation. Such authorization is subject to SCCS, the County of Summit, Brennan, Manna & Diamond, LLC and Motley Rice LLC entering into an acceptable Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with regard to the above referenced case and the production of discovery. Ms. Arvay made a motion to approve; seconded by Ms. Jackson. The motion carried. Resolution approved.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Barnes reported the following:

- Overall custody numbers have declined this month. Currently, the number of youth in residential treatment centers is 36, compared to 44 last month.
- The Hotline received 199 less calls of concern in June as compared to the previous month. Of the 314 reports screened-in, 101 had parental substance abuse identified by the reporter; 36 identified opiates/heroin and 28 identified methamphetamines.
- In anticipation of an increased call volume at the beginning of the school year, three new employees started in May and an additional nine started in June. Due to a substantial number of maternity and medical leaves in Intake and a few planned retirements, a new hire class for caseworkers is planned for September. This new class will bring the agency to a budgeted headcount.
- The Protective Department is servicing 989 children and half of those children are under the age of five. The department continues to meet the compliance rate of 95% with face-to-face adult case plan participants.
- The new Family Preservation Unit is in place and will manage Alternative Response (AR) cases, traditional voluntary cases and cases with safety plans.
- A total of 159 fathers were involved in visits during the month of June at the Family Interaction Center (FIC), which is the highest number this year.
- Currently, there are 190 children in the permanent custody (PC) of the agency. A total of 57 of these children do not have a permanency plan, and of that number 48 are age 12 and older. Grants such as the Wendy's Wonderful Kids (WWK) and 30 Days to Family assist workers in finding forever families for children without a permanency plan.
- The Human Resources (HR) Department updated the retention points for all non-bargaining/management (NBU/MGMT) level employees. These employees had 14 days to dispute the calculation of their points. The SCCS Board of Trustees is only required to certify retention points if there is a reduction in the work force.
- The Information Technology (IT) server room remodeling project is underway.
- Staff are redesigning the agency website to make it easier to navigate and to be user-friendly.
- TD Security Limited Inc. hired an additional security guard to accompany staff on home visits among other duties.

- The next Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) is expected to occur in late 2019, however, SCCS is implementing changes on specific program areas now to improve compliance with the CFSR measures.
- The Leadership Academy (LA) members met with the SCCS Board of Trustees on July 17 to receive career advice and guidance in a Round Table Leadership Presentation. The LA members really enjoyed meeting with the Board and found the interactions to be valuable and insightful.

Ms. Arvay thanked the LA members for the rewarding experience.

Ms. Arvay also commented that she is offended by the current situation of migrant children being separated from their parents at the border. However, she hopes that the Board believes there is no comparison between that situation and what SCCS and the SCCS Board of Trustees do in protecting abused and neglected children. She feels that the work being done here is actually enriching the lives of children.

Adjournment

Ms. Arvay requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Banks moved; seconded by Ms. Jackson. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.


GinaKaye Maddox, Secretary
Board of Trustees


Julie Barnes, M.Ed., LSW
Executive Director