

**SUMMIT COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MAY 22, 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, Robert King; Sushila Moore; Mary Serapiglia, Christina Snyder, Michelle Tersigni; Beth Lowe-Recording Secretary

**Others Present:** Tom Lavery, Jen Thames

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Ms. Connell-Freund, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Connell-Freund requested a motion to approve the minutes of April 24, 2018. Mrs. Stoyhoff moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Ms. Maddox. The motion carried.

**Public Comment**

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

**Women's Auxiliary Board**

Ms. Thames, Women's Auxiliary Board (WAB) President, announced that the WAB will celebrate 70 years of service to the agency at an afternoon tea on June 15 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the WAB Rooms. Board members are invited and encouraged to attend. In 1973, the WAB established a University of Akron Endowment Fund to award \$1,000 scholarships to those youth who have been in the care of SCCS and who attend The University of Akron. The WAB recently increased the yearly scholarship amount to \$2,500 and was pleased to learn that the Youth Achievement Award Recipient recognized at the Annual Community Appreciation Breakfast received a scholarship from the WAB.

During the April meeting, the election of officers for 2018 – 2020 was held and Ms. Thames will continue to serve as President, Annette Breit will continue to serve as Corresponding Secretary, and Karen Davis will serve as Treasurer. The WAB also welcomed new members, Patricia Blasio, Deborah Eshun, Jackie Summers and Irene Chlysta. The Craft Committee met in April and in May and made over 400 craft kits for the Family Interaction Center (FIC) as well as for the kids attending the Easter Egg Hunt on March 24 and the Father Friendly event on June 9. The Annual WAB Rummage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Fairlawn Community Center and donations will be accepted on September 6 and 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is the WAB's biggest fundraiser of the year.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Citizen's Advisory Committee**

Ms. Kuckuck, Committee Chair, reported that the committee met on May 16 and discussed the upcoming SCCS levy scheduled to be on the General Election Ballot on November 6 asking voters to approve a property tax renewal of the current levy with an additional increase. The committee had a lengthy discussion on community perception of the agency and provided feedback. It was announced that Mary Bishop, CAC Secretary, will resign from the CAC due to her upcoming retirement from Akron Summit Community Action, Inc. The committee thanked Ms. Bishop for her years of service and extended well wishes.

### **Resources Committee**

Ms. Connell-Freund, Committee Chair, reported that the committee met today, approved the minutes of April 24, 2018, and 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. Barnes gave a brief update on the upcoming levy and announced that Theresa Carter, President of OMNOVA Solutions Foundation, will be the Honorary Chair for the levy.

### **Resolution 05-2018-22/B**

Authorization to extend the agreement with Stone's Kenmore Mattress to supply beds, cribs, and mattresses to children in the custody of SCCS, for one additional year commencing September 15, 2018, with the option to extend for another additional year upon expiration of the term of the agreement at a total amount that may be less than, but shall not exceed \$126,215 annually, for a total amount that may be less than, but shall not exceed \$252,430 over the course of both one-year extensions. The SCCS Board of Trustees also authorizes the SCCS Executive Director to execute any subsequent extensions or amendments to such agreement. Ms. Connell-Freund made a motion to approve; seconded by Ms. Miller-Dawson. The motion carried. Resolution approved.

### **Resolution 05-2018-22/C**

Authorization to enter into a grant agreement with The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the acceptance of grant funds through the Continuum of Care program, for the purpose of providing transitional and permanent housing and case management services to young adults (ages 18-24) who have emancipated from foster care, in an amount which may be less than, but shall not exceed \$117,847 for the Transitions to Independence Project for the term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; and in an amount which may be less than, but shall not exceed \$137,300 for the Homes for Foster Youth Project for the term of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. The SCCS Board of Trustees further authorizes the SCCS Administration to take any actions necessary to fully implement such grants, including entering into agreements and leases to pay the rent and security deposits for young adults who have emancipated from foster care. Ms. Connell-Freund made a motion to approve; seconded by Mrs. Stoyhoff. The motion carried. Resolution approved.

### **Resolution 05-2018-22/D**

Authorization to accept grant funds from Kinnect (formerly The Waiting Child Fund) for the 30 Days to Family<sup>®</sup> Ohio Program in an amount that may be less than, but shall not exceed \$50,000 and to enter into any agreements or execute any documents which are necessary for the acceptance of the grant funds and implementation of the program with a term of February 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018. Ms. Connell-Freund made a motion to approve; seconded by Ms. Maddox. The motion carried. Resolution approved.

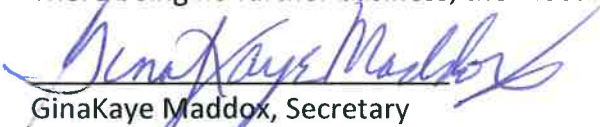
## Executive Director's Report

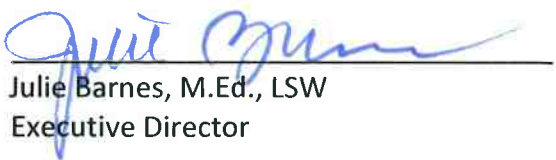
Ms. Barnes reported the following:

- Currently, there are 792 children in agency custody, as compared to 763 last month, 749 the month prior, and 713 the month prior to that. More children are entering custody than exiting custody. The agency is doing a good job of placing children with kin/relatives and controlling placement costs.
- The volume of calls to the Hotline and the number of screened-in reports has increased recently with allegations of parental or caregiver substance abuse, mental health, and domestic violence among others.
- The Intake Overflow Plan continues to assist Intake staff with the high volume of cases and to give them desk time to get caught up and to close cases within 60 days.
- Second-shift staff and after-hours beeper staff meet regularly to process evening hour occurrences. The majority of children come into care during the evening hours and through a Juvenile Rule 6 (JR6). Peer support mentors are available to provide individualized supportive services to staff.
- The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) rules are expected to go into effect on May 17 and SCCS will likely see an increase in the volume of calls screened-in due to this.
- SCCS recently declined to participate in the following projects due to the need to focus on the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR): 1) The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) pilot project for predictive analytics related to child fatalities; and 2) The Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) ProtectOhio Waiver project.
- Three new caseworkers were hired in May, and an additional six to seven new caseworkers will begin employment in June. The new Transition unit was re-designed to give new staff more hands-on training, support and exposure.
- The agency budget allows for 325 full-time equivalents (FTEs), however, the agency typically runs at 320 FTEs due to attrition. A budget of 330 FTEs (running at 325 FTEs) will be considered for next year's budget.
- A meeting is scheduled tomorrow regarding transitioning to the state's network system.
- SCCS filed 452 new cases in Juvenile Court in the past year compared to 332 in the prior year. The total number of motions filed for a 12-month period as of May 1 was 1,121 in 2015 compared to 1,516 in 2018.
- County Council has approved a resolution of necessity (2018-241) for the 2.25 mill levy renewal and the 1 mill levy increase. Final approval to place the levy on the November ballot is expected in June.
- The Community Appreciation Breakfast was held April 27 and the agency's Honorary Chair for the levy, Theresa Carter, received the Community Leader Award for her leadership in the Akron community and advocacy for SCCS.
- A draft of the agency's 2017 Annual Report was provided to board members for their review. Comments or feedback are welcome and requested by the end of May.
- A levy fundraiser is scheduled for tonight at the Chipotle on Arlington Road in Green.
- The Citizen's Committee for Children Services will host its annual levy auction on September 13 at the Fairlawn Country Club.

## Adjournment

Ms. Connell-Freund requested a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Stoyhoff moved; seconded by Pastor Cooper. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

  
GinaKaye Maddox, Secretary  
Board of Trustees

  
Julie Barnes, M.Ed., LSW  
Executive Director