

**SUMMIT COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
AUGUST 24, 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Executive Team</u>
✓ Anne Connell-Freund, Chair	✓ Wendy Bolas	✓ Julie Barnes
Keith Malick, Vice-Chair	✓ Beth Gracey	✓ Amy Davidson
✓ GinaKaye Maddox, Secretary	✓ Montrella Jackson	✓ Darin Kearns
Anna Arvay	✓ Andrew Schuellerman	✓ Valarie Nash
Omar Banks	✓ Katie Stoyhoff	Katerina Papas

**Staff Present:** Dawn Boudrie, Laura Gentiluomo, Jon Hart, Bob King, Tracy Mayfield, Sushila Moore, Mary Serapiglia, Beth Lowe - Recording Secretary

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Ms. Connell-Freund called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and a roll call was taken.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Connell-Freund requested a motion to approve the minutes of July 27, 2021. Mrs. Stoyhoff moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Ms. Maddox. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Lavery submitted a request to speak but was not present at the meeting.

**Committee Reports**

**Resources Committee**

On behalf of Committee Chair, Keith Malick, Mrs. Stoyhoff reported that the committee met today and approved the minutes of July 27, 2021. As part of the Resources Committee report, Mr. Kearns provided a summary of the Financial Statement Report ending July 31, 2021 to the full Board.

**Resolution 08-2021-24/B**

Authorization to approve the purchase of Directors and Officers Liability Insurance, including Employment Practices Liability Insurance, for a one-year policy period of August 31, 2021 through August 31, 2022 from O'Neill Insurance Agency, Inc. through the carrier National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA at a cost that shall not exceed \$52,765. Mrs. Stoyhoff made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Schuellerman. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Executive Director's Report**


Ms. Barnes provided the following agency update:

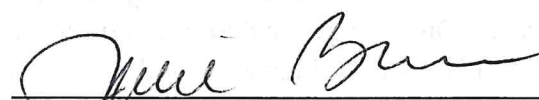
- Patrick Bravo was appointed by the County Executive to the SCCS Board of Trustees to replace Nancy Holland for the term of August 16, 2021 through December 31, 2022. Mr. Bravo is the Executive Director of the Summit County Land Bank and has served on the Akron Public Schools Board of Education since 2012 and will not seek re-election in 2022. He will attend his first SCCS board meeting next month.

- With the resurgence of COVID-19, a second survey was sent out to all employees in early August to determine the percentage of vaccinated employees. With 72% of our population responding, 62% of the population confirmed being vaccinated.
- Summit County rose to a high level of spread of COVID-19 the second week of August. As a result, the County of Summit has mandated face coverings in all Summit County buildings regardless of vaccination status.
- Several employees have tested positive or been exposed to COVID-19. Remote work for quarantine purposes is considered on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by the Human Resources (HR) department.
- SCCS updated the COVID-19 Response Plan to include mandatory face coverings in all common areas of the buildings and in all interactions with clients and visitors regardless of vaccination status. SCCS is also following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations for exposure and international travel.
- The Ohio Department of Medicaid will implement a new managed care program called Resilience through Integrated Systems and Excellence (OhioRise) for youth with complex behavioral health and multi-system needs. The program is projected to begin July 1, 2022.
- The Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) will be implemented by October 1, 2021 and is expected to bring good changes for residential/congregate care placements as well as prevention services.
- Governor DeWine has created a Children Services Transformation Plan which will be implemented in coordination with the rollout of OhioRise and the FFPSA. The plan includes developing prevention services, training and supports, addressing workforce barriers, improved practice initiatives, collaboration with the juvenile justice system and improved services in kinship, foster care and adoption.
- The Family Interaction Center (FIC) hosted a *FIC-tastic week* in July which included fun activities, ice cream sundaes and summer fun bags.
- The Family Enrichment Center (FEC) playground is nearly complete and will provide parents a natural opportunity to interact with their children.
- SCCS is exploring the possibility of building a pavilion on the campus that could be used for parent/child interactions, foster care, adoption and other client-centered events, as well as employee usage, when available.
- The SCCS Wellness Committee organized the agency's participation in the Corporate Challenge events which was very popular with the employees and an excellent opportunity for teambuilding.
- The SCCS Diversity Committee sponsored a Poverty Simulation to support awareness in this area. Employees who attended, felt the program was very beneficial. The Committee also sponsored several PRIDE events and will participate in the upcoming Akron Pride March and Festival.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Connell-Freund requested a motion to adjourn. Ms. Maddox moved; seconded by Mrs. Stoyhoff. All were in favor and the motion carried. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

  
 GinaKaye Maddox, Secretary  
 Board of Trustees

  
 Julie Barnes, M.Ed., LSW  
 Executive Director