

**SUMMIT COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JULY 25, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

Board Members	Board Members	Executive Team
✓ Anne Connell-Freund, Chair	✓ Patrick Bravo	✓ Cassandra Holtzmann
✓ Keith Malick, Vice-Chair	Traci Buckner	Amy Davidson
GinaKaye Maddox, Secretary	Beth Gracey	✓ Darin Kearns
✓ Anna Arvay	Andrew Schuellerman	✓ Valarie Nash
✓ Omar Banks	✓ Katie Stoyhoff	✓ Sushi Tripathy-Moore
✓ Kemp Boyd		✓ Catherine Van Horne

Staff Present: Jon Hart, Tracy Mayfield, Liz Mangon, Ann Ream, Laura Sasser, Deanna Shriver, Beth Lowe - Recording Secretary

Call to Order and Roll Call

Board Chair Anne Connell-Freund called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and a roll call was taken.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Connell-Freund requested a motion to approve the minutes of June 27, 2023. Katie Stoyhoff moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Pastor Kemp Boyd. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Public Comment

Thomas Lavery submitted a written request to speak to the Board regarding agency policies and procedures; however, he was not present at the meeting.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Committee Chair Connell-Freund reported that the committee met today and conducted an annual performance review of Executive Director Cassandra Holtzmann for the period of May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023. A performance appraisal was drafted and will be sent to all board members seeking their comments or changes.

Resources Committee

Committee Chair Keith Malick reported that the committee met today and approved the minutes of June 27, 2023. As part of the Resources Committee report, Chief Financial Officer (CFO)/Deputy Director Darin Kearns provided the Board a Financial Statement Report as of June 30, 2023.

Resolution 07-2023-25/B

Authorization to submit a Budget Appropriation to the Social Services Advisory Board (SSAB) and Summit County Council for the 2024 Operating Expenditure Budget in the amount of \$70,861,409. This includes Revenues budgeted at \$68,849,434 and Expenses budgeted at \$70,861,409. Mr. Malick made a motion to approve; seconded by Anna Arvay. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Resolution 07-2023-25/C

Authorization to instruct the applicable banking institutions to add Deputy Director of Human Resources & Training Elizabeth Mangon (replacing Valarie Nash) to the list of authorized signatories for SCCS accounts effective August 1, 2023. Mr. Malick made a motion to approve; seconded by Patrick Bravo. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Resolution 07-2023-25/D

Authorization to execute a subgrant agreement between the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM), the County of Summit and SCCS to establish the relationship of a pass-through entity to provide for the processing of subawards made by ODJFS and ODM to the County for the operation of SCCS. The agreement will be effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. Mr. Malick made a motion to approve; seconded by Pastor Boyd. All were in favor and the motion carried.

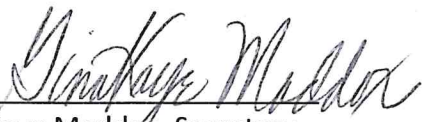
Executive Director's Report

The Board received a Director's Report in their packet and Executive Director Holtzmann highlighted the following:

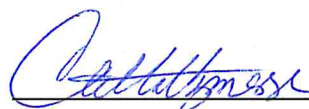
- She thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as the SCCS Executive Director. She stated that she has learned a lot and it's been awesome working alongside the Board and the Executive Team (ET). She reassured the Board that she will continue to work hard to support her team and fulfill the agency's mission.
- At last month's board meeting, the Board requested statistics and more information on the Kent State Flashes Strong Summer Program. Executive Director Holtzmann provided this information verbally but will also email it to the Board.
- Currently, there are 895 children in custody. Of those, 201 are in permanent custody and 49 of those children do not have a permanency plan.
- Law enforcement removed 55 children using Juvenile Rule 6 (JR6) procedure this year. Although some of the removals are necessary, SCCS is monitoring this number closely as it often conflicts with the state mandate to place children in the least restrictive placements and data suggests racial disproportionality. This procedure requires SCCS to take custody of a child when trauma can be reduced through relative/kin placements. The monthly average number of children removed using JR6 was 35 in 2021 and, 24 in 2022. In general, over 50% of JR6 removals expire. An update will be provided monthly in the Executive Director report.
- She continues to meet with community leaders to build relationships and to collaborate. This month, she met with Akron Mayor-Elect Shammas Malik and the County of Summit Human Resources staff to introduce Deputy Director Mangon.
- The Akron Corporate Challenge is in full swing and SCCS has participated in three events and has seven more to go. The Board is encouraged to come out and cheer staff on so SCCS can defend their championship.

Adjournment

Chair Connell-Freund requested a motion to adjourn. Pastor Boyd moved; seconded by Mrs. Stoyhoff. All were in favor and the motion carried. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.



GinaKaye Maddox, Secretary
Board of Trustees



Cassandra A. Holtzmann, JD, LPA
Executive Director