

**SUMMIT COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JUNE 25, 2024 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	Katie Stoyhoff	✓ Liz Mangon
✓ Omar Banks		✓ Sushi Moore
Kemp Boyd		Catherine Van Horne

Staff Present: Dawn Boudrie, Lisa Bouplon, Jon Hart, Tim Longworth, Ann Ream, Laura Sasser, Mary Serapiglia, Deanna Shriver, Julie Lackney - Recording Secretary

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Due to lack of quorum, the minutes from the May meeting were unable to be approved and will be presented for approval at the July meeting.

Public Comment

There were no requests for Public Comment.

Committee Reports

Resources Committee

Committee Chair Malick reported that the committee met today and approved the minutes of May 28, 2024. As part of the Resources Committee report, Chief Financial Officer (CFO)/Deputy Director Kearns provided the Board a Financial Statement Report as of May 31, 2024.

Resolution 06-2024-25/B

Authorization to approve Policies and Procedures Compensation for NBU/MGMT Employees. Ms. Mangon introduced Resolution 06-2024-25/B. Resolution was approved by Resources Committee; however, due to lack of quorum, this resolution was unable to be approved during full Board and will be presented for approval at the July Meeting.

Executive Director's Report

- Summit County Children Services (SCCS) was able to finalize the Summit County Sheriff's Contract effective July 1st. Deputy Timothy Paul will be in the building eight hours a day and will also be available for after-hours calls. Captain Karla Bloomingdale is open to having other staff trained by us for back up.
- SCCS submitted a grant application to OneOhio Recovery Foundation, for our Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) unit specifically designed to focus on ingestion cases and pre- and post-natal substance abuse exposure. This Director was previously appointed to the OneOhio voting committee by Executive Shapiro and has not been attending those meetings since we are now part of

the grant process. Shout out to Deputy Director Amy Davidson, Department Director Dawn Boudrie and team for moving forward with this grant process as it's a great idea.


- Moving forward, this Director will be highlighting various areas within our agency. Professional Development & Training (PD&T) "up on the hill" provides ongoing training and employee development, and new employee orientation where they learn more about our agency. We currently have eight summer student interns that began their placement with four being eligible for hire this fall.
- SCCS is continuing to work on our partnerships within the community. Our relationship with Akron Children's Hospital is growing stronger. CEO Christopher Gessner is all in with SCCS; he has ideas for fundraisers and our levy. Mr. Gessner has been a great partner and we are looking forward to a continued partnership.
- The SCCS Placement Services unit, under Deputy Director Sushila Tripathy-Moore, has lost a couple of their long-term staff members recently due to illness and another one will be retiring the end of June. This has left this busy unit with a small crew. They placed 170 placements last month. Recognition was given to Robin Smith for completing double the average number of placement requests during this challenging time.
- A few members of the Independent Living (IL) Staff and Senior Leadership attended the Shelter Care S.O.S. (Street Outreach Services) fundraiser this month. Joe Rizzo shared the work that our IL unit does with the youth and gave a shout out directly to the SCCS staff for their hard work and efforts.
- The movie "Sound of Hope" will be coming out over the 4th of July weekend. This is a true story of 22 families in Texas who came together to take care of the children no one else wanted. Love Akron, Lori Porter, is setting up a viewing which may be a fun event for our foster families.
- Ms. Arvay extended recognition and appreciation to the social workers who were involved in the recent case of the severely abused child. Kudos to them for pursuing and investigating this case and saving that child's life. This director shared that we are looking into nominating those workers for an award and may also try to include the APD officers involved.
- Chair Connell-Freund gave accolades to the SCCS staff and expressed deep appreciation and gratitude on behalf of Summit County.

Adjournment

Chair Connell-Freund requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Banks moved; seconded by Ms. Arvay. All were in favor and the motion carried. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.



GinaKaye Maddox, Secretary
Board of Trustees



Cassandra A. Holtzmann, JD, LPA
Executive Director