

**ALLEN COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES  
BOARD MEETING  
August 15, 2017**

**Members Present:** Dr. Hughes, Mr. Hayne, Ms. Provaznik, Mr. Stolly, Mr. Reiff, Ms. Fox.

**Not Present:** Mr. Howard, and Mr. Long

Dr. Hughes called the Board meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

Minutes of the July 18, 2017 were approved as written.

**AGENCY BUSINESS**

• ***COMMITTEE REPORTS***

- Budget and Finance Committee –
  - Budget and Finance Committee will meet on September 13, 2017. Ms. Provaznik reviewed July 2017 finances and compared to point in time 2016.
  - Agency received a refund of \$18,121.74 from Bureau of Workers Compensation.

**RESOLUTION 0817-01:** Ratifies the payment of bills for the month of July 2017.

Mr. Hayne made a motion to approve, Mr. Reiff, Motion carried, resolution adopted.

- Community Engagement Committee: - did not meet.
- Donated Funds Committee – did not meet.
- Nominating Committee :
  - Nominating committee met August 15, 2017.
  - Ms. Reba Wall from Allen Metropolitan Housing attended as a guest.
  - Ms. Brooke Eggart's schedule does not permit attendance on Tuesday nights. Ms. Eggart sent a letter of resignation to Ms. Scanland.
- Personnel Committee – did not meet.
- Program Services Committee – did not meet.
- By-Laws & Policy Committee – did not meet.

• ***PROGRAM DIRECTORS REPORT***

Placement numbers: July 2016 we had 133 children in custody; currently we have 86 children in custody as of August 2017.

- Significant reduction of children in residential homes, down from seventeen in January 2017 to eight currently.
- Caseworkers doing a great job in relative identification, which allows children to be placed with relatives or kin.
- Foster care and Adoptive staff continue diligent efforts to identify permanent homes for children in the agency's permanent custody.

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- Example of relative identification..... Calendar year 2016 in one intake unit there were 30 removals, 91% of those children were able to be placed with relatives.
- Efforts have begun for Child Abuse Neglect Prevention and Awareness month 2018. A committee has developed to include numerous community partners and is meeting regularly and planning for next year.
- Checked in with data presentations..... members to identify needed changes. Charting of data easier to capture snapshot of agency work and compare.

- **MEDIA REPORT**

- Un-garage Sale: Partnered with Neighborhood Relief Ministries to bring a free garage sale to our clients and the community.
  - Neighborhood Relief Ministries provided free food for the community, and staff.
  - Media release in Lima News prior to garage sale.
  - WLIO, local television station covered the garage sale.
  - West Ohio Community Partnership (WOCAP) present to sign up families for early head start.
  - Served 104 families, 186 adults and 274 children.
  - In 2016, we served 45 families, 7 adults and 120 children.
  - Publishing back to school information
- Lima Police substation back to school event – Agency passed out back packs full of school supplies to community members.

- **OLD BUSINESS** - None

- **NEW BUSINES**

**RESOLUTION 0817-02:** Approval of Adoption Subsidy Request for R.W.

Ms. Provaznik made a motion to approve, Ms. Fox, Motion carried, resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION 0817-03:** Approval of Adoption Subsidy Request for E.M.

Ms. Fox made a motion to approve, Mr. Stolly, Motion carried, resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION 0817-04:** Approval of Adoption Subsidy Request for E.H.

Mr. Hayne made a motion to approve, Mr. Reiff, Motion carried, resolution adopted.

Overview of the 26 children in permanent custody.

- The agency will finalize 20<sup>th</sup> adoption of the year on September 5, 2017.
- Sibling group of four have a permanent home identified.
- Six children currently having pre-placement visits.
- Three children do not yet have a permanent home identified.

- Continued efforts to review children in placement to ensure they are in the least restrictive placement possible while receiving care.

New employee Kadejha Kimble from Intake and Assessment introduced to Board.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - None

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** – None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Hayne made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



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Joanne K. Sidener  
Administrative Coordinator



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Dr. Jennifer Hughes, Ph.D., MSW, LISW-S  
Board Chair



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Cynthia M. Scanland, MSSA  
Executive Director