

ALLEN COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

BOARD MEETING

August 21, 2018

Members Present: Mr. Stolly, Ms. Fox, Mr. Long, Ms. Wall

Members Not Present: Dr. Hughes, Ms. Provaznik, Mr. Reiff

Mr. Stolly called the Board meeting to order at 5:19 p.m.

Minutes of the July 17, 2018 board meeting were approved.

AGENCY BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance Committee –

Mrs. Sidener stated we continue to run close to our 2018 Budget. We have reached out to other counties to request additional monies available. We will report out on this at next month meeting.

RESOLUTION 0818-01: Ratifies the payment of bills for the month of July 2018.

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

Community Engagement Committee – did not meet.

Donated Funds Committee - did not meet.

Nominating Committee - did not meet.

Committee will meet in September to finalize the recommendation to the Board for Carol Braden-Clark of the Unite Way.

Personnel Committee – did not meet.

Program Services Committee – did not meet.

By-Laws & Policy Committee – did not meet.

PROGRAM DIRECTORS REPORT

Currently there are:

- 58 Children in temporary custody
 - 3 children in residential homes and 9 in group homes
- 147 Children with relatives/kin placements

Kinnect – 30 Days to Family.

Informational meetings were held to inform the following groups of the purpose behind 30 Days to Family:

- Allen County Children Services Caseworkers – July 19, 2018, 10am
- Community Stakeholders – July 19, 2018, 12pm
- Foster Parents – July 19, 2018, 5:30pm

Foster Care and Adoption - Pastor Doug Boquist of Lima Community Church will be holding Foster Care and Adoption recruitment informational meetings after services in September 2018.

Survival Training - Agency held a Survival Training course for teenagers in the custody of the agency. This course helps provide them with the confidence to deal with situations that may present themselves. There were 16 children in attendance in the classroom. Four of the children spent the night in the woods with Police Chief Martin and Communications Coordinator Greg Sowinski. They built shelters and cooked over the camp fire.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Agency Reorganization update: The three Program Administrators positions were filled in June 2018, which left vacancies for Supervisors/Management positions. These were filled by:

Chad Reichenbach – Intake & Assessment Supervisor
 Tobias Adkins – Intake & Assessment Supervisor
 Sarah Ridenour – Ongoing Supervisor
 Ericka Boddie – Mentor and Training Supervisor

There is a transition plan in place which will take us through the end of the year. Our focus continues to be efficiency with positions and work flow, which continues to be a high priority.

Communication within the community remains a focus. We continue to recruit community members and capturing them via video supporting foster care recruitment.

September is Kinship Appreciation month. There will be a proclamation September 6, 2018. As we look forward to the end of the year we will have Adopt A Family and Cole Collection.

New Employee Pamela Meeker comes to us from the Allen County Treasurer's Office with 14 years' experience in County government.

Board Chair and another board member are not present due to an extended leave.

MEDIA REPORT

The support videos from Community members have been very popular. Which is helping bring more traffic to the Agency website and social media sites.

Kinnect - 30 Days to Family presented at the Kiwanis Club.

Adoption of Sibling group of 6: A story appeared on the local news and local newspaper. It is unusual to have such a large sibling group.

Allen County Fair: Staff and Foster Parents are manning the booth.

OLD BUSINESS

Child Advocacy Center (CAC) has been invited to the September Board meeting. Executive Director David Voth has been invited to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

- **RESOLUTION 0818-02:** Approval of Adoption Subsidy request for J.T.
 - Ms. Wall made a motion to approve, Mr. Long Fox seconded. Motion carried, resolution adopted.


EXECUTIVE SESSION

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

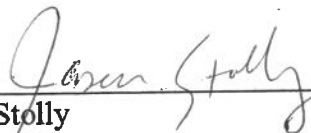
ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Fox made a motion to adjourn at 5.34pm, Mr. Long seconded.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne Sidener
Fiscal Supervisor



Mr. Stolly
Vice Board Chair



Cynthia M. Scanland MSSA
Executive Director