

## ALLEN COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

### BOARD MEETING

July 18, 2017

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

**Not present:** Dr. Hughes, Mr. Howard

Mr Hayne called the Board meeting to order at 5:22 p.m.

The Board minutes of June 20, 2017 were approved.

### AGENCY BUSINESS

#### *COMMITTEE REPORTS*

o Budget and Finance Committee

Ms. Provaznik reviewed June 2017 finances. Contrasted with point in time 2016. Referenced new tracking procedures in place for numerous expenditures.

**RESOLUTION 0717-01:** Ratifies the payment of bills for June, 2017. Mr. Long made a motion to approve. Mr. Stolly seconded. Motion carried, resolution adopted.

o Community Engagement Committee – met July 18, 2017

- Community & Outreach Coordinator Sowinski will be attending social media training with Lt. Green from Lima Police Department.
- Executive Director Scanland will be interviewed for an adoption documentary.
- See Something, Say Something campaign will continue through August.
- Sertoma Club: Agency presented information on foster care. WLIO aired an interview.
- We will look to present to different service clubs in the area.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Un-Garage sale will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The sale allows our clients to come in a pick up any items they may need, the sale is then opened up to the rest of the community. The agency partners with Neighborhood Relief who provides clothing racks, and items to be help

with the sale. Items can be dropped off beginning August 7<sup>th</sup> through August 10<sup>th</sup>. Neighborhood Relief will then pick up any items that were not taken.

- We will continue to provide trainings for schools, daycares and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
- Donated Funds Committee: -Did not meet.
- Nominating Committee – met June 20, 2017  
Meeting minutes discussed. Discussed bylaws for Board membership.
- Personnel Committee – did not meet.
- Program Services Committee – did not meet.
- By-Laws & Policy Committee – did not meet.

#### ***PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORTS/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT***

- Our placement numbers were discussed. Currently we have two children in residential, and nine children in group homes, and this is a significant reduction in this type of setting.
- New data graph showing the percentage of change for placement costs from 2015 to 2016 to 2017 for our own homes and network homes.
- Mr. Long stated we have to keep in mind that this downward trend can stop at any time, therefore we need to understand that things can change very quickly.
- Ms. Fox asked for a comparison on the phone calls in June 2017, Ms. Scanland stated the calls for 2016 to 2017 are tracking similar.
- Child Family Services Review (CFSR), which is a federal review of Child Welfare in Ohio. This review is currently taking place and we are currently half way through. There are two teams of two reviewers, one quality assurance person, and a second level of quality assurance who attended last week. They are interviewing parents, children, relatives, caseworkers, service providers and Supervisors if required.
- The state bi-annual budget has invested \$60 million in child welfare for the next two years, \$15 million for each year in child welfare, and \$30 million for kinship providers to provide daycare. This is the biggest state contribution for child welfare since 2009. Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO) is commended for their work with legislators and contribution to child welfare.

***MEDIA REPORT***

- Internal Communications introduced into the agency, similar to Richland Counties' internal newsletter. Communicates daily items in the national news in regards to child welfare, in Ohio in regards to child welfare, weather and local news.
- Communications & Outreach Coordinator will attend training with Lt. Green for Lima Police department.
- See Something, Say Something program, Lima Police Department and Allen County Sheriff's office is willing to partner with us.
- Addressing media contracts to ensure current and directed to current agency needs.

***OLD BUSINESS***

***NEW BUSINESS***

***EXECUTIVE SESSION*** – None

***CHAIRMAN'S REPORT*** – None

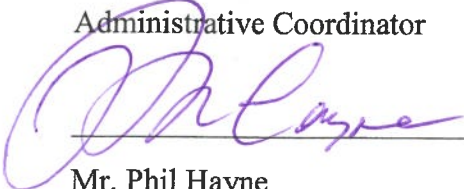
***ADJOURNMENT***

Mr. Long made a motion to adjourn.

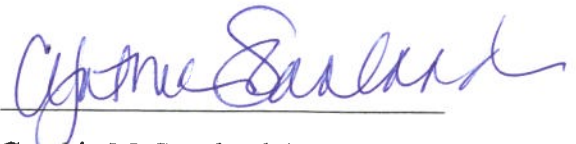
Respectfully submitted,



Joanne Sidener  
Administrative Coordinator



Mr. Phil Hayne  
Board Vice Chair



Cynthia M. Scanland, MSSA  
Executive Director