

ALLEN COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

BOARD MEETING

November 14, 2017

Members Present: Dr. Hughes, Ms. Provaznik, Mr. Reiff, Mr. Stolly, Ms. Wall, and Mr. Long.

Not Present: Mr. Howard, and Ms. Fox.

Dr. Hughes called the Board meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.
Minutes of the September 19, 2017 were approved as corrected.

AGENCY BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance Committee –

RESOLUTION 1117-01: Ratifies the payment of bills for the month of September 2017.

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

RESOLUTION 1117-02: Ratifies the payment of bills for the month of October 2017.

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

Mrs. Sidener discussed 2017 budget and areas that support 2018 budget. Mrs. Sidener reviewed relationship between placements and IV-E reimbursements. Ms. Provaznik reported the Board Finance Committee met twice for budget review. She noted placements and the work required to meet each individual child's needs.

Ms. Scanland advised when a child is in need of a specific placement to address special needs that risk and safety are first priority. Relative placements are sought first. Agency responsible for provision of education to community and community partners in regard to the need for placement and reunification.

RESOLUTION 1117-03: Authorizes the Approval of the 2018 ACCSB Budget.

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

Community Engagement Committee: - did not meet.

Donated Funds Committee: - did not meet.

Nominating Committee: - did not meet

RESOLUTION 1117-04: Authorizes to seek the approval of the Slate of Officers for Allen County Children Services Board for 2018/2019.

Tabled until next meeting.

Dr. Hughes made a motion to table this resolution until December board meeting, Ms. Provaznik seconded. Motion carries, resolution tabled.

Personnel Committee – did not meet.

Program Services Committee – did not meet.

By-Laws & Policy Committee – did not meet.

PROGRAM DIRECTORS REPORT

- We currently have 64 children in custody.
- Foster Care Recruitment Activities:
 - Community Day at St Marks Church
 - Alter Ego Comics, Trunk or Treat
 - Community Day at the Lima Mall
 - National Night Out

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The agency was asked to present to Public Children Services Association of Ohio conference, in regards to our involvement with the high profile case impact on the agency and resulting legislative fix. Review of the Bill provided.
- Adopt A Family: If any board member would like to donate to support a family.
- Cole Collection is a fundraising event that provides all children in our temporary custody and the temporary custody of relatives, with a Christmas gift. This is now in its fourth year. This year we connected Cole Collection with the Child's Developmental Center to purchase 122 Christmas reading bags for kinship families for an addition to the gifts received from Cole Collection. Bags contained 24 individually wrapped Christmas books. This partnership helped raise a significant amount of money for the Children's Developmental Center and provide a wonderful gift for children involved with the agency.

MEDIA REPORT – See Packet

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 1117-05: Memorandum of Understanding with Shawnee Township – Cemetery Plots.

Shawnee Township would like to expand the cemetery, which was the reasoning behind the request for the Memorandum of Understanding.

Ms. Scanland will request Shawnee Township come and present the request to the Board at the January 2018 meeting. The Board would like to clarify how the plots will be used, and what plots will be allocated, and where these will be located, in place of the original plots.

Tabled until next meeting.

Dr. Hughes made a motion to table this resolution until February 2018 board meeting,

Mr. Stolly seconded. Motion carried, resolution tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 1117-06: Approval of Adoption Subsidy request for C.M.

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

RESOLUTION 1117-07: Approval of Adoption Subsidy request for R.M.

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

Adoptions:

- Agency works closely with our Wendy's Wonderful Kids recruiter to place many of the children we have in our permanent custody.
- We have finalized 84 adoptions since July 2012, though the end of 2018, possible finalization of 103 adoptions.
- We currently have 24 children available for adoption.
- In 2017 there will be 25 adoptions finalized.
- In 2018 there will be a possible 19 adoptions.
- 94 percent of the adoptions that have occurred since July 2012 have been in Agency foster homes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Next Board meeting will be held, December 19, 2017 at 12 noon.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Reiff made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Provaznik seconded.

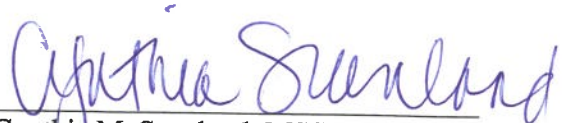
Respectfully submitted,



Joanne K. Sidener, Administrative Coordinator



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



Cynthia M. Scanland, MSSA
Executive Director