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**MINUTES OF LUCAS COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting Held December 18, 2019**  
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The regular meeting of the Lucas County Children Services Board was held at 705 Adams Street, 3:00 P.M.

Members Present: Ms. Allen, Ms. Arnold, Ms. McCollough, Ms. Moore, Rev. Dr. Perryman, Mr. Ridi, Mr. Schinharl, Mr. Sykes, Ms. Vasquez, Ms. Wilson

Member(s) Absent: Ms. Cowell
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Ms. Wilson called the December 18, 2019 regular meeting of the LCCS Board to order. Roll Call was taken. A quorum was present.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES**

| NAME             | POSITION     | DEPARTMENT    |  | NAME              | POSITION        | DEPARTMENT       |
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| Shawn Bates      | Caseworker 3 | Training Unit |  | Gabrielle Justice | Caseworker 3    | Training Unit    |
| De'Veika Files   | Caseworker 3 | Training Unit |  | Carissa McCurdy   | Clerk           | Legal            |
| Abigail Galligan | Caseworker 3 | Training Unit |  | Melinda Meehan    | Intermittent RN | Clinic           |
| Taylor Glass     | Caseworker 3 | Training Unit |  | Wendolyn Miller   | Caseworker 3    | Training Unit    |
| Julie Haupricht  | Caseworker 3 | Training Unit |  | Zakary Neeld      | Utility Person  | Support Services |
| Marissa Huff     | Caseworker 3 | Training Unit |  | Tiangela Overton  | Caseworker 3    | Training Unit    |
| Dareon Jones     | Caseworker 3 | Training Unit |  | Marita Temple     | Account Clerk   | Fiscal           |
| Shawn Bates      | Caseworker 3 | Training Unit |  | Ryan Tolson       | Caseworker 3    | Training Unit    |

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Ms. Wilson asked Ms. Roberts to read off the Consent Agenda items. Ms. Wilson asked if there were any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Hearing nothing, Ms. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt the November 20, 2019 Consent Agenda. Rev. Dr. Perryman made a motion for approval. Mr. Sykes seconded. The Consent Agenda does not need to be voted on.

**RESOLUTION 04-2019**

**SUBJECT:** Designation of Depositories Pursuant to Section 135.12 Ohio Revised Code

**WHEREAS,** the Ohio Revised Code requires the governing board to designate the public depositories and award the public moneys to and among the eligible depositories, and

**WHEREAS,** the Board hereby designates First Federal Bank the public depository for a period of five years beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2024. Now be it therefore

**RESOLVED,** that the Board hereby awards any available public money other than those required by statute to be invested in another manner to First Federal Bank.

Ms. Vasquez made a motion to approve this Resolution. Since this Resolution came out of a committee meeting, there is no need for a second. Ms. Wilson asked those in favor of the motion to signify by stating aye, those opposed nay. Motion unanimously carried. Rev. Dr. Perryman abstained from the vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

We are deferring our vote for the Board Award recipient for the CARES Awards until the January meeting.

Discussion held on the levy or whether we will go into Executive Session. With no responses to go into Executive Session, Ms. Wilson continued the discussion by stating that we have talked about the budget, pros and cons about going on the ballot in 2020 instead of 2021. If we go on the ballot in 2020, this is actually monies that will not be collected until 2022. The issues at hand are:

- Go on the ballot in 2020
- Go on the ballot in 2021
- Ask for a straight renewal
- Ask for a renewal with an addition

- A brand new levy

The floor is open for discussion. It is more likely that there will be more levies on the ballot in 2020 so the cost will be shared among those who are also on the ballot. Mr. Schinharl is making a motion to go on the ballot in 2020. Ms. McCollough seconded. Mr. Sykes asks how much money we have. Ms. Jackson reports the fund balance is \$11.8M as of this month. We usually spend \$3.5M - \$3.9M per month. Ms. Wilson asked those in favor of the motion to signify by stating aye, those opposed nay. Motion unanimously carried.

Next issue is the amount. We are currently with a \$1.4M with a \$.4M increase (this is what we went for last time). We will table this discussion for early 2020.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

- Ms. Cowell spoke with Ms. Wilson about possibly taking over the Committee for Children account. Ms. Wilson asked that Ms. Cowell reach out to Ms. Jackson.
- Ms. Wilson apologizes for not attending the December All Staff meeting. If she is still the chair, she will attend the next meeting.
- Today is our last meeting with Ms. Moore, who is retiring from our board. She will be missed.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Number of children in:

- Agency Boarding Homes: 361
- Subsidized Adoptions: 1,269
- Other Agency Boarding Homes: 100
- Other Agency Institutions: 12
- Relative Placement: 225
- Relative Custody: 85
- **Total of 2,052 children being served by LCCS**

• The work being done at Lucas County Children Services has captured the attention of state leaders. Kimberly Hall, director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, visited LCCS on November 21 to gather input from our employees as the state seeks to become more helpful to Ohio's county children services agencies. Her visit is part of an effort to build a "one-to-one relationship" between ODJFS and county agencies. Ms. Hall met with staff and board members and responded to questions about important topics in child protection in Lucas County.

• As an appointed member of the Ohio governor's new Children Services Transformation Advisory Council, I attended a Foster Care Forum held at Wood County JFS December 9. More than 100 people attended the hearing to give testimony and share their experiences with the foster care system and offer suggestions to make it better.

• For the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ceremony at the University of Toledo in January, organizers wanted to do a service project with LCCS being the first recipient of 200 "cold weather kits for kids." The kits will consist of a coat, hat, gloves, and socks.

• Bikes and Badges and a Community Bike Build, were both a success. The Toledo Police Patrolman's Association (TPPA) and Firefighters Local #92 joined LCCS for a press conference to announce Bikes and Badges with a \$4,200 donation from the two labor groups to buy 50 bikes for children on caseloads. Friends of LCCS worked out a discounted deal at the Oregon Meijer. The Jerusalem Township Fire Department hosted a community bike build on December 1, where volunteers put all the bikes together.

• For the first time this year, LCCS was honored to be the recipient of the annual iHeartMedia Toyathon, held December 7 at the Franklin Park Mall. The effort collected 2,247 toys for LCCS, along more than \$6,000 in cash donations. A few days later, LCCS was the recipient of the WTOL Toy Drop-off held Dec. 12. The total from that event was 4,866 toys. Between the two events, LCCS kids will receive over 7,100 toys.

• Teen and corporate "toy teams" are helping to keep the toy room running. Thanks to help from more than 30 teen volunteers, afterschool and corporate teams from O-I and Erie Construction last week, we can get the toys to caseworkers faster.

- More than 50 LCCS staff volunteered their time this year to ensure the annual Caregiver Holiday Party at the Toledo Zoo on December 9 was a success. One member of the staff filled in for a sick Santa. The planning and execution is an all-volunteer effort by LCCS staff in conjunction with the Friends of LCCS.
- The United Way recently changed its mission to promote more community impact—and that is starting to have a big effect here at LCCS. Corporate teams from O-I and Owens Corning have made nearly 200 care bags for LCCS children this holiday season.
- Leadership Toledo is partnering with LCCS in a number of ways behind the scenes. First, a task force within this year's Leadership Toledo class is performing a feasibility study for the playground project over the winter. This will be extremely helpful as we plan for the new Family Visits outdoor area. Over the holidays, Leadership Toledo conducted a toy drive, which was joined by Youth Leadership Toledo, resulting in dozens of donations for the holiday gift campaign. Additionally, Youth Leadership Toledo sent a 15-member "toy team" on a recent Sunday afternoon to count, sort, organize, and display nearly 3,000 Toyathon and other donations.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

#### **OPEN SESSION**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Moore made a motion to adjourn.  
We stand adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Vasquez, Board Secretary