
MINUTES OF LUCAS COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD
Regular Meeting Held April 16, 2020

The regular meeting of the Lucas County Children Services Board was held at 705 Adams Street, 3:00 P.M. via WebEx.

Members Present: Ms. Allen, Ms. McCollough, Rev. Dr. Perryman, Mr. Ridi, Mr. Schinharl, Ms. Vasquez, Ms. Wilson
Member(s) Absent: Ms. Arnold and Ms. Cowell

Ms. Wilson called the April 15, 2020 regular meeting of the LCCS Board to order. Roll Call was taken. A quorum was present.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA FROM MARCH 2020 LCCS BOARD MEETING

Ms. Wilson asked if there were any other items to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Ms. Wilson made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

AGENDA

DONATION ACCOUNT

Ms. Wilson read the donation account report into the minutes:

Balance in the Donation account at beginning of Feb	\$1,104,611.64
Interest Paid by bank for the month was	66.68
Deposits (Donations) for the month were	300.00
Withdrawals for the month were	4,000.00
Ending Cash on hand at 03/31/2020 was	\$1,101,078.32

Ms. Wilson asked for a motion to approve the Donation Account Report. Ms. Allen made a motion for approval. Rev. Dr. Perryman seconded. Ms. Wilson asked those in favor of the motion to signify by stating aye, those opposed nay. Motion unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

In Memory of Dick Anderson

- Mr. Anderson was on the LCCS Board for a number of years. For the CARES Awards event for the Board Award that we give each year, Ms. Wilson would like to give some thought/discussion of giving the award in Memory of Dick Anderson. This would be just for the Board Award, not the entire event. Board members support this decision.

COA Accreditation

- Ms. Gibbs spoke of this. The application was due by the end of March and was submitted. We are moving forward with accreditation next year. Ms. Reese stated that she informed staff to move forward with this.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Vasquez sent information to the board members on the Services and Programs Committee that included information that we completed an RFP for Crisis Stabilization and Mentoring Services for at-risk youth. We started this before the pandemic and were able to complete the process through WebEx with our staff. We forwarded information about the proposals and the selection and we selected the Youth Advocate Program. This contract should start in July 2020.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Wilson hopes that everyone is staying home and staying healthy and being safe.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This report was included in the Consent Agenda packet.

- Ms. Reese touched on what the agency has been doing during the pandemic. She states 95% of the staff are teleworking. Our direction from the federal government is that we have to continue seeing our clients. We put out an appeal to the community for PPE. We received a call from the county stating they were coming over with PPE.
- Ms. Reese states we have weekly WebEx meetings with staff. Staff have really, really risen in this pandemic. We had shut down visitation and face to face visits. We had to take charge of securing the building. Temperatures are being taken and workers must sign off on a document stating you don't have any signs of the virus. Beginning tonight, we hired a company to sanitize the building. This process will take a few days. The agency is paying for this.
- One of our supervisors passed this week. We had EAP doing WebEx for staff that needed this support.
- Referrals are down about 50%. We are concerned with that because domestic violence is up. We have about over 300 children with kin and we are very concerned about this population also as the services are not in the home. Number one concern is we are having a very, very difficult time finding placements for children.
- Today, Ms. Reese spoke on Senator Sherrod Brown's Facebook Live event today to discussion issues around child protection and the pandemic.
- We have 95% of staff teleworking and still making home visits. We gave all staff going out in the field a Pandemic Stress Day one day during the week. Workers who are coming into the office will receive an extra Personal Day to be used by June 30, 2020.
- If any of our staff or foster parents is stricken with the virus, there are two hotels the county has collaborated with that they can stay for their quarantine time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

OPEN SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Rev. Dr. Perryman made a motion to adjourn.
We stand adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Johnetta McCollough, Secretary