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**MINUTES OF LUCAS COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting Held June 17, 2020**

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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. Arnold, Ms. Cowell, Ms. McCollough, Rev. Dr. Perryman, Mr. Ridi, Mr. Schinharl, Ms. Vasquez,  
Ms. Wilson

**Member(s) Absent:** Ms. Allen

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Ms. Wilson called the June 17, 2020 regular meeting of the LCCS Board to order. Roll Call was taken. A quorum was present.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES**

Anthony McGeorge – Staff Attorney - Legal

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND MAY 2020 LCCS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Ms. Wilson asked if there were any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Ms. Wilson read the Consent Agenda into the minutes:

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- May 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
- Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes
- Services and Programs Committee Meeting Minutes
- Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- Finance Committee Reports (separate attachment)

Ms. Wilson moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Hearing nothing, the Consent Agenda items are adopted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

- Fundraising Committee was scheduled to meet this past Monday. Due to technical difficulties, it had to be rescheduled to next week Monday, June 22 at Noon on Webex.
- Received a call from the Carpenter's Union and they are endorsing the levy and providing a donation of \$250.00.
- Welcome Back to Suzette!

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**LCCS Child Placement Statistics**

|                          | Current Month | Previous Month |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Agency Foster Homes      | 334           | 346            |
| Subsidized Adoptions     | 1,253         | 1,257          |
| Purchased Boarding Homes | 77            | 85             |
| Institutions/Group Homes | 11            | 9              |
| Relative Placement       | 321           | 324            |

- I participated in an online meeting of the governor's Children Services *Transformation* Advisory Council June 8. The group has resumed meeting in small committees. My committee is studying all things related to kinship caregiver support.
- During the weekly Tuesday teleconferences, I have led an open discussion on race equity and equality with LCCS staff.
- We have also discussed staff return plans, which include the return of all clerical staff on June 15. We also have resumed face-to-face visits between caseworkers and families. Still to come is a safe way to resume supervised visits here at the agency.
- LCCS leadership has met with various members of the Northwest Ohio delegation of state lawmakers, most recently with Republican state representative Derek Merrin and state senator Theresa Gavarone. Both stated LCCS is the only agency to reach out and update them on COVID-19 strategies and concerns.
- I continue to participate in weekly meetings of the PCSAO metro directors, mostly to discuss ongoing COVID concerns and work through staff return plans. Those discussions include the safe resumption of supervised visits.
- LCCS has held two online foster parent forums to bring them up-to-date on the evolving staffing patterns and service strategies, along with the restart of the agency. We discussed several foster parent concerns.
- I continue to participate in COVID-19 peer-to-peer meetings of the Casey Family Foundation, a national conference call of urban child welfare leaders. We have started to discuss racism and how it impacts child protection.
- I have been asked to join a PCSAO modernizing group, which is discussing the use of technology and other 21<sup>st</sup> century-related issues. The group is made up of both metro and rural directors, all discussing strategies for county child protective agencies to move forward.
- The statewide diversity conference is back on track here in Toledo and I have been asked to play a leading role in the planning efforts. The conference will feature participation from ODJFS and its director Kimberly Hall, the Casey Family Foundation, and other child welfare leaders. The conference will be set sometime this fall, but the decision on whether to hold in-person or online is still being discussed. This year's PCSAO conference will be virtual and we'll be paying close attention to that as we plan.
- LCCS staff observed a moment of silence at noon on June 4, as requested by Ohio's governor, in remembrance of George Floyd. The moment of silence coincided with the start of his memorial service in Minneapolis. LCCS staff also observed a work pause at noon June 9, at the request of Lucas County Commissioners and FLOC, which coincided with the start of George Floyd's funeral in Houston.

#### DONATIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

- Buckeye Health Plan gave a big boost to the LCCS Independent Living (IL) and emancipating teens this month by donating \$2,500 worth of Amazon gift cards. Buckeye Health Plan is participating in ongoing discussions with LCCS staff on how to prepare IL students for successful futures, including life skills and workforce development.
- The employee contribution committee at Buckeye Broadband approved a \$5,000 sponsorship for this year's "Ready, Set, School" campaign held annually with Friends of LCCS. 750 backpacks with school supplies will be built during this year's campaign, an increase of 200 from last year.
- The Sophia Quintero Art & Cultural Center (SQACC) recently donated about 40 "take-home art kits" that caseworkers and staff delivered to LCCS kids to keep them active and learning this summer. As part of its COVID-19 response, SQACC staff made and delivered 800 art kits to kids in the Old South End.
- LCCS caseworkers continue to deliver take-home meal kits to LCCS children and families in partnership with Connecting Kids to Meals. That project is approaching 4,000 delivered meals since it started as a pilot effort last Christmas.
- Church and community donors now have contributed the equivalent of eight large SUV loads of diapers and wipes to help LCCS families since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some anonymous donors are shipping diapers directly to LCCS by shopping on Amazon.
- LCCS is partnering with the library system for its annual summer youth reading program. LCCS department managers are distributing tracker cards kids can color as they spend 20 minutes reading or listening to a book to win fun prizes. The program runs through August 1.

#### IN THE MEDIA

WTOL-TV 11                      Public plea for diapers, wipes

13-abc                              Beat the Heat PSA  
(Robin Reese recorded updated message)

## Graduation Parade

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Vasquez to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Seconded by Mr. Ridi.  
Roll Call: All Board members present with the exception of Ms. Allen.

### OPEN SESSION

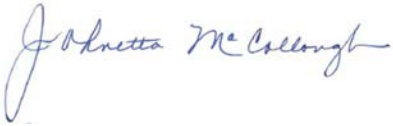
Ms. Vasquez made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Ms. Cowell seconded.  
Roll Call: All Board members present with the exception of Ms. Allen.

No action coming out of the Executive Session.

### ADJOURNMENT

Ms. McCollough made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Schinharl seconded.  
We stand adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Johnetta McCollough". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Johnetta McCollough, Secretary