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**MINUTES OF LUCAS COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting Held October 21, 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. Allen, Ms. McCollough, Rev. Dr. Perryman, Mr. Ridi, Mr. Schinharl, Ms. Vasquez, Ms. Wilson  
**Member(s) Absent:** Ms. Arnold, Ms. Cowell

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Ms. Wilson called the October 21, 2020 regular meeting of the LCCS Board to order. Roll Call was taken. A quorum was present.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE**

Hannah Haise – Caseworker – Department of Family Services  
Lydia Ratterree – Caseworker – Assessment Department

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND SEPTEMBER 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**

- Minutes from September 16, 2020 LCCS Board of Trustees Meeting
- Minutes from October 05, 2020 Fundraising Committee Meeting
- Minutes from October 07, 2020 Services and Programs Committee Meeting
- Minutes from October 13, 2020, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting
- Finance Committee Reports (separate attachments)

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Ms. Wilson reports that there was a Fundraising Committee meeting on October 19 and minutes were sent out this morning.
- We still have a lot of yard signs at the agency ready to be distributed. Please see Kevin or Julie to get your signs.
- There is a sign up for the Early Voting Center to hand out literature. There is a separate sign up for different events being held in the community.
- We have a separate Committee for Children Facebook page.

**RESOLUTION: 05-2020**

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FUNDS FROM THE DONATION ACCOUNT**

**WHEREAS,** Administration is requesting up to \$40,000 from the Donation Account to purchase holiday gifts for children served by Lucas County Children Services (LCCS), if needed, and for client-related holiday projects sponsored by LCCS; and

**WHEREAS,** LCCS will also be asking for donated gifts from a variety of providers in the community; now be it therefore

**RESOLVED,** that the Board approves the request for up to \$40,000 from the Donation Account to purchase holiday gifts for children serviced by Lucas County Children Services and for client-related holiday projects sponsored by LCCS.

- Ms. Wilson asked for a motion to approve the Donation Account Report. Rev. Dr. Perryman made a motion for approval. Ms. Vasquez seconded. Ms. Wilson asked those all opposed of the motion to signify by stating aye, those opposed nay. Resolution is passed.

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

- Welcome back to Ms. Reese.
- Shout out to Rev. Dr. Perryman for his article in the Sojourner's Truth about the levy campaign.
- There is a conference coming up, YWCA Stand Against Racism October 29 and 29. If any board members are interested in attending, Karen has shared the registration. The agency will pay for your registration.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

##### **LCCS Child Placement Statistics**

|                          | Current Month | Previous Month |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Agency Foster Homes      | 340           | 336            |
| Subsidized Adoptions     | 1,234         | 1,240          |
| Purchased Boarding Homes | 90            | 87             |
| Institutions/Group Homes | 8             | 8              |
| Relative Placement       | 295           | 282            |

#### **DONATIONS/PARTNERSHIPS**

- LCCS is partnering with the YWCA and other sponsors Oct. 28 and 29 for a two-day, virtual Stand Against Racism event. Jane Elliott will return as a guest presenter on the first day. The second day will feature Dr. Barbara Love, who will speak on issues of race equity. The event will be open to the public.
- Leadership and Community Engagement students at Maumee HS packed and donated four huge boxes of Halloween treat bags as a "Service Friday" project, including nut-free and gluten-free varieties. Those are being given to LCCS kids attending Family Visits.
- Usborne Books donated a second round of early literacy bags for children ages 3 to 9. The bags contain a book and a stuffed "buddy" a child can read to in their spare time. That's nearly 200 bags in a few weeks.
- A dozen volunteers from the United Way Emerging Leaders group gave up a Saturday morning to clean out all the flower beds in the LCCS outdoor playground, then put down black plastic in some and spread 16 cubic yards of mulch donated by City of Toledo Parks, Rec, and Forestry. Part of the site prep work.
- Perfecting Church on Glendale Ave. hosted a Drive-Thru Diaper Drop-off on Sat., October 17, to benefit the LCCS diaper bank. Foster recruitment and Issue 18 information also was given to people who came through to donate diapers and wipes.
- Since COVID-19 canceled their annual coat giveaway originally set for Nov. 7, Susie's Coats is giving LCCS 50 coats (hats and gloves) to distribute to children on caseload 12 months to 12 years. There are still some coats left from the MLK service project last January to add to the distribution.
- As part of its United Way fall campaign, SSOE is collecting school supplies and will build backpacks to donate to LCCS in early November. That supply will augment the 900+ backpacks already distributed and comes in time for new cases that will come along during the holiday season.
- Owens Corning has joined the LCCS holiday gift drive for the first time. A team of corporate volunteers will build 300 care bags for younger LCCS children on Nov. 19. That will be followed by an internal coat and toy drive to distribute during the holiday gift campaign.

## IN THE MEDIA

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|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| ODJFS Facebook Page                                        | Emily Costell photo/quote                                                | 9-17-20  |
| PCSAO Weekly Update                                        | Profiles of Hope & Courage<br>(Interviews with Lori Saar, Kelly Dinkens) | 9-28-20  |
| <i>Toledo Blade</i>                                        | SBA Chamber Issue 18 endorsement                                         | 9-28-20  |
| <i>Toledo Blade</i>                                        | Disability Issues Forum<br>(Kevin Milliken quote)                        | 9-30-20  |
| Parks & Rec Business                                       | Metroparks donation of activity bags to LCCS                             | 10-01-20 |
| Board of DD newsletter                                     | Board of DD Issue 18 endorsement                                         | 10-02-20 |
| WNWO, nbc24.com                                            | Early Vote press conference, mentions Issue 18                           | 10-05-20 |
| WTOL, wtol.com<br>13-abc, 13abc.com<br><i>Toledo Blade</i> | LCCS levy campaign kickoff                                               | 10-06-20 |

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

## OPEN SESSION

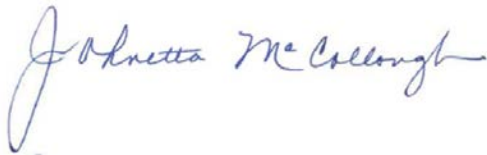
None

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn made by Ms. Allen. Seconded by Rev. Dr. Perryman.

We stand adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Johnetta McCollough, Board Secretary