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**MINUTES OF LUCAS COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting Held November 18, 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. Arnold, Ms. Cowell, Ms. McCollough, Rev. Dr. Perryman, Mr. Ridi, Mr. Schinharl, Ms. Vasquez, Ms. Wilson

**Member(s) Absent:**

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Ms. Wilson called the November 18, 2020 regular meeting of the LCCS Board to order. Roll Call was taken. A quorum was present.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES**

New employees will be introduced at the December meeting.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2020 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Ms. Wilson asked for a motion to approve the October 2020 Board Meeting minutes. Ms. Vasquez made a motion for approval. Ms. Allen seconded. Ms. Wilson asked if there was any discussion regarding the minutes. Ms. Wilson asked those opposed of the minutes to speak up now. Hearing nothing, the board minutes for October 2020 are approved.

**AGENDA**

- Minutes from November 2, 2020 Personnel Committee Meeting
- Minutes from November 4, 2020 Services and Programs Committee Meeting
- Minutes from November 10, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting
- Finance Committee Reports (separate attachments)

Ms. Wilson reports there was a Personnel Committee meeting on November 2. Ms. Wilson noted that they talked about retirements, resignations, casework training classes along with the Human Resources Information and Timekeeping System. COVID updates were given and we were assured there is a good inventory of PPE. Last two items were negotiations and the holiday gift drive.

Ms. Vasquez summarized the Services & Programs Committee meeting that was held on November 4. A very thorough presentation on Ohio RISE (Resilience through Integrated Systems and Excellence) was given and this will prove very helpful in achieving the goals of Family First. Two policies were presented: #900 HMO Health Maintenance Organization for LCCS Children in Custody was updated and #990 Opioid Medication Monitoring is a brand new policy. The Committee recommended approval of these policies. Ms. Wilson said policies do not have to have a formal motion to approve from the Board. A brief conversation on visits to and parents removing masks was also discussed and clarified by staff.

The Finance Committee met on November 10 and Ms. Jackson reported they went over the budget and a slide presentation will be shown to the board. We also went over the Family Peer Mentor Resolution which Ms. Wilson will read. We also went over the 2021 dates for the Finance Committee and the 2020 financial update. A summary of financial information and updates were sent to the Board Members.

Ms. Wilson suggested holding up until the December meeting and asked Ms. Jackson to update numbers and highlight the changes made between November and December so that they can see what is changed. Mr. Schinharl would also like to wait until next month so they can review the information more thoroughly. Mr. Ridi asked for an explanation from Ms. Jackson on why the rent for the building was going up \$700K. The assumption they used was that the rent is going to double and the Port Authority is not going to use County facilities to care for the building.

Ms. Wilson read the following Resolution into the minutes:

**RESOLUTION:** 06-2020

**SUBJECT:** **AUTHORITY FOR AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN LUCAS COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES (LCCS) & TASC OF NORTHWEST OHIO**

**WHEREAS,** a verified need has been determined to add a full time Family Peer Mentor to support the Ohio START program. This Peer Mentor will provide assistance for families and children to whom LCCS is serving for the Ohio START Program,

**WHEREAS,** the Finance Committee reviewed the budget and is recommending an amendment to the \$49,500 agreement with TASC of Northwest Ohio to an amount not to exceed \$73,256, now be it therefore;

**RESOLVED,** that the Board approves an agreement between Lucas County Children Services of \$73,256 for the cost a full time Family Peer Mentor agreement with the TASC of Northwest Ohio in an amount not to exceed \$73,256.00.

Ms. Wilson asked if there was any discussion of the resolution. Any objection to the resolution. Hearing no objection to the TASC of Northwest Ohio resolution we will assume it is approved. Ms. McCollough abstained from voting on this resolution.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Wilson reminded Ms. McCollough, as Chair of the Nominating Committee, that year end is fast approaching and nominations for board officers need to be done so they can vote on it in January.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

- Apologized for the agenda and documents being sent out so late.
- Thank you to the Board members for helping get the levy passed.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**LCCS Child Placement Statistics**

	Current Month	Previous Month
Agency Foster Homes	335	340
Subsidized Adoptions	1,229	1,234
Purchased Boarding Homes	98	90
Institutions/Group Homes	7	8
Relative Placement	320	295

### **CHILDREN SERVICES TRANSFORMATION:**

Gov. DeWine joined the Ohio Children Services Transformation (OCST) Advisory Council's final meeting on Oct. 26 to thank the Council for its work and express commitment to prioritizing the Council's recommendations.

### **STATE BUDGET:**

Given the projected constraints on the next biennium budget, PCSAO is asking for SFY20-21 investments to be maintained for children services. Additional supports were requested related to FFPSA, stabilization of the children services workforce, and needing a state-county response to D.O. v. Glisson.

### **COVID-19:**

We continue to participate in the PCSAO bi-weekly conference call for PCSA Metro Directors to share challenges, issues, and ideas related to COVID-19. In addition, when possible we tune in to the Governor's press conference and when we can't we review the Execs listserv sent out by PCSAO outlining the Governor's press conference, new orders or requests, and other pertinent COVID updates.

### **PCSAO MODERNIZATION GROUP:**

I continued to participate in the PCSAO Modernization Workgroup that was formed to develop the Association's recommendations on transforming the children services system. The group has drafted recommendations for a shared practice model and safety culture pillars. The Modernization Workgroup will meet in November to finalize the plan. The draft plan will be shared with members at the Executive Membership Meeting on Dec. 3 for their review, revision, and approval. This plan will serve as PCSAO's two-year strategic plan for 2021-2022.

### **FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT:**

The Children Services team submitted Ohio's Family First Prevention Services Plan to the U.S. Children's Bureau last Monday.

ODJFS, as promised, released two grant opportunities in the area of community support for children services. Communities of support are essential to strengthening children and families, with full consideration of their diverse racial, cultural and economic identities. This was a cross-agency initiative with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Ohio Family and Children First Council.

I am happy to announce that they have released a request for grant applications. They are looking for vendors that will support local efforts and prioritize 3 things:

- 1) Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act plans of safe care,
- 2) Qualified Residential Treatment Program level-of-care assessments,
- 3) And Community-Based Aftercare Planning for children discharged from residential treatment settings.

### **OHIO MEDICAID'S OHIORISE PLAN:**

I had the honor of giving testimony and representing the 88 PCSA in the media event launching the OhioRISE. This program puts the children we serve at the center of its design and responds to their unique needs, which are not well served by the current system.

OhioRISE seeks to improve access to the types of services that can keep kids in family settings, rather than in residential treatment facilities. It also brings new services to Ohio so we can stop sending kids to faraway states to get care.

OhioRISE also should move Ohio closer to addressing multi-system youth, and the problem that has plagued our state for decades, of parents having to relinquish custody because they cannot access behavioral health services.

I am extremely hopeful that OhioRISE will provide opportunities to partner with the county PCSAs in determining the right level of care for children and ensuring access to community-based treatment services and in-state residential facilities when needed. This would be a significant departure from today's business as usual.

### **HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE:**

We are well underway with our Christmas giving and just this week we developed a collaborative with Local 500 with the possibility of \$40K being given for children in foster care. We are so appreciative to Local 500 who donated \$5 to our levy.

## **IN THE MEDIA**

<i>West Bend News</i>	Paulding-based church youth group making blankets for LCCS kids during the holidays.	10-16-20
<i>Toledo Blade</i>	Robin Reese Issue 18 op-ed	10-18-20
Cumulus stations	Julie Malkin interview on Issue 18	10-21-20
WSPD-AM1370	Robin Reese Issue 18 interview	10-22-20
13-abc	Julie Malkin interview on Issue 18	10-27-20
NBC-24	Julie Malkin interview on Issue 18	10-29-20
dispatch.com	PCSAO press conf with Robin Reese and OhioRISE	10-30-20
13-abc	Ballot issues, including Issue 18, Julie Malkin	11-02-20
<i>Toledo Blade</i>	Column about LCCS role in combating human trafficking	11-04-20
<i>Toledo Blade, 13-abc</i>	Issue 18 among money issues passing.	11-04-20
<i>Toledo Blade</i>	Photo of Kevin Milliken cleaning up Issue 18 yard signs outside Early Vote Center.	11-05-20

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. McCollough made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations. Seconded by Mr. Ridi.

Roll Call: All Board members present.

## **OPEN SESSION**

Roll Call: All Board members present.

Ms. Vasquez made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Rev. Dr. Perryman seconded.

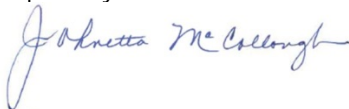
No action coming out of Executive Session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to Adjourn made by Rev. Dr. Perryman. Seconded by Mr. Ridi.

We stand adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Johnetta McCollough, Board Secretary