# MINUTES OF LUCAS COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD Regular Meeting Held December 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. Arnold, Ms. Cowell, Ms. McCollough, Rev. Dr. Perryman, Mr. Ridi, Ms. Vasquez, Ms.

Wilson

Member(s) Absent: Mr. Schinharl

Ms. Wilson called the December 16, 2020 regular meeting of the LCCS Board to order. Roll Call was taken. A quorum was present.

# **INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES**

Benjamin Baumgartner – Caseworker – Training Unit Sarah Fischer – Caseworker – Training Unit Cassandra Hall – Caseworker – Training Unit Joe Hollinger – Caseworker – Training Unit Hannah Jerik – Caseworker – Training Unit Jessica McMahan – Caseworker – Training Unit Kaitlin Rudebock – Caseworker – Training Unit Letitia Scott-McKinley – Caseworker – Training Unit Madison Williams – Caseworker – Training Unit

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND NOVEMBER 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 11/18/2020 LCCS Board of Trustees Meeting
- Services and Programs Committee Meeting Minutes and additional documents attached (12/02/2020)
- Finance Committee Meeting Minutes and additional finance documents attached (12/08/2020)
- Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes (12/07/2020)

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Budget Approval
  - o Ms. Jackson highlighted the slide that was sent with the Consent Agenda.
  - Motion coming out of the Finance Committee to approve the budget. Ms. Wilson asked if there was any discussion about this Motion. Any objections to the motion passing. Hearing no objections, Ms. Wilson indicates that the Butget is approved and the Motion has been passed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

# **CHAIR'S REPORT**

- Reminder to Ms. McCollough that the Nominating Committee will need to meet before the next Board Meeting to
  propose a slate of candidates for calendar year 2021. Others on the committee with Ms. McCollough include Mr. Ridi
  and Ms. Vasquez.
- Ms. Allen's term expires at the end of 2020. Please submit your letter to the Commissioners if you would like to reappointed on the board.

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

In Ms. Reese's absence, Ms. Lloyd read the Executive Director's Report to the board.

# LCCS Child Placement Statistics

	Current Month	Previous Month
Agency Foster Homes	326	335
Subsidized Adoptions	1,236	1,229
Purchased Boarding Homes	100	98
Institutions/Group Homes	10	7
Relative Placement	327	320

- Several staff were able to attend the PCSAO Executive Membership Meeting on December 3, 2020. One of the highlights of the meeting was to once again hear Ohio Medicaid Director Corcoran discuss Ohio Rise a specialized manage care program for youth with complex behavioral health and multi-system needs.
- We continue to have serious conversations about the recent lawsuit filed related to DO vs. Glisson with the state. There is growing concerns among the counties that the responsibility for payment will fall on counties because Ohio is a county administered child protection system.
- Ms. Reese was reappointed to the Public Children Service Board of Trustees for a new two year term.
- LCCS director's team met with the Judges and Court administrative Staff on December 10 2020. The team updated the Judges on FFPSA, Ohio Start, 30 days to Family and LCCS's Race equity efforts.
- Our switchboard operator passed away at the beginning of the month. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers. EAP was contacted for staff that needed this support.

# Donors/Partnerships

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- Owens Corning conducted an internal, third-party online toy and coat drive that led to 1,000+ donations which will be delivered to LCCS via UPS. This is in addition to the 300 car e bags donated last month.
- LCCS will give out 850+ coats to kids this holiday season thanks to three rounds of donations: Coats for Kids, Designetics, and Owens Corning. Dana and Friends of LCCS also have contributed coats.
- Molina Healthcare donated \$5,000 to Friends of LCCS to purchase bikes for the holidays and an additional \$4,000 to help fund IL holiday gift baskets. \$10,000 is going to the playground project.
- The Roach Family Foundation has donated \$10,000 to the playground renovation project. The \$20,000 in combined donations take the project past \$100,000, the halfway mark in projected funding needed.
- SSOE made a large school supply donation to LCCS, the result of a fall United Way campaign kickoff. Supplies, such as highlighters and dry erase markers, are expensive and rarely donated.
- Paulding HS junior Audrey Giesege organized a blanket drive in her community 90 minutes from Toledo. She raised \$1,500 in her hometown, then teen friends helped her make 115 blankets to donate to LCCS.

Nbc-24, nbc24.com	Laborers #500, AGC donate \$40,000 to help LCCS foster kids during the holidays.	11-17-20
Toledo Blade	Statewide ombudsman sought for foster care Article mentions LCCS Director Robin Reese	11-21-20
WTOL, wtol.com	Drop off Gift of Joy donations at Toledo Streets Dept.	11-25-20

Nbc-24, nbc24.com	Holiday gift drive going well despite pandemic Quotes from Kevin Milliken	11-29-20
Toledo Blade	Holiday gift drive going well despite pandemic Quotes from Kevin, Clare Armbruster, JTFD chief	11-30-20
WTOL	Julie Malkin gift drive interview on Your Morning	12-01-20
WTOL, 13-abc	Paulding teen makes, donates 100+ blankets Interviews with Robin Reese	12-02-20
WTOL, wtol.com	Progress report on gift drive	12-04-20
Toledo Blade	Editorial about Toledo's generous heart, LCCS mentioned prominently	12-06-20
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# **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Vasquez made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Ms. Cowell seconded.

Roll Call was taken and everyone was present except for Mr. Schinharl.

#### **OPEN SESSION**

Ms. Vasquez made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Ms. Cowell seconded.

Roll Call was taken and everyone was present except for Mr. Schinharl. There was nothing coming out of Executive Session.

Mr. Ridi asked about the settlement with Perdue. Ms. Wilson stated she will have Ms. Cully, chief counsel, report on this at the January 2021 Board Meeting.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

We stand adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Johnetta McCollough, Board Secretary

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