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**MINUTES OF LUCAS COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting Held January 20, 2021**

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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, Mr. Ridi, Mr. Schinharl, Ms. Vasquez, Ms. Wilson  
**Member(s) Absent:** Rev. Dr. Perryman

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Ms. Wilson called the January 20, 2021 regular meeting of the LCCS Board to order. Roll Call was taken. A quorum was present.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES**

Adrienne Larbus – Staff Attorney II – Legal Department

**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 12/16/2020 LCCS Board of Trustees Meeting
- Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes (01/04/2021)
- Services and Programs Committee Meeting Minutes (01/06/2021)
- Finance Committee Meeting Minutes and additional finance documents attached (01/12/2021)

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Finance
  - Resolution 01-2021: 2020 Donations – Ms. Wilson read this Resolution into the minutes:

**RESOLUTION 01-2021**

**SUBJECT:** 2020 DONATIONS

**WHEREAS,** Lucas County Children Services received non-cash donations in 2020, and

**WHEREAS,** Lucas County Children Services received \$8,377.70 in cash donations in 2020, now be it therefore

**RESOLVED,** that the Executive Director be authorized to accept said donations on behalf of the Lucas County Children Services Board.

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Laura Wilson, Board Chair

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Robin Reese, Executive Director

| DATE       | RECEIVED FROM        | DESCRIPTION            | AMOUNT     |
|------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------|
| 01/02/2020 | KeyBank              | Walter Brown Charities | 2,387.48   |
| 03/23/2020 | Lucas County Sheriff | Duffle Bag Project     | 300.00     |
| 09/29/2020 | KeyBank              | Walter Brown Charities | 2,339.61   |
| 10/08/2020 | KeyBank              | Walter Brown Charities | 2,339.61   |
| 11/04/2020 | J.A. Leb             | IL Holiday Party       | 200.00     |
| 11/04/2020 | Mary Bohnett         | IL Holiday Party       | 200.00     |
| 12/07/2020 | Anonymous            | Shredding Event        | 411.00     |
| 12/15/2020 | Mary Casey           | Donation               | 50.00      |
| 12/15/2020 | Doug Howard          | Donation               | 100.00     |
| 12/18/2020 | Anonymous            | Donation               | 50.00      |
|            |                      |                        |            |
|            | TOTAL 2020 DONATIONS |                        | \$8,377.70 |

- Fundraiser Committee
  - Have some discussion on what the committee should entail with board member or community involvement. Maybe link it to a 501c3.
  - Ms. McCollough discussed there may be a way for a dormant 501c3 to raise the money and then gift it back to LCCS. Ms. Wilson said that is a great idea. Ms. Reese states that that our Foster Parent Association had a 501c3 and raised money for scholarships, parties for foster parents, did things for our children.
  - Ms. Wilson asks if we had a 501c3 in existence, and it was used for fundraising purposes and receiving funds, would that entity be allowed to then donate the money to Committee for Children since it's a PAC organization. Ms. Jackson stated that this would be an issue to donate money to the PAC.
  - Now is a really good time to take a look at this committee and what kind of committee we want to see it moving forward. Start by having members of the Executive Committee of this board get together and discuss the Fundraiser Committee and then bring it back to the full board for further discussion.
  - Ms. McCollough asked if it is also time to go back to the powers that be to talk about the new fundraising rules and how they impede the organization from fundraising when it does not apply to other areas. Is it time to have a conversation about how we are now restrained and staff cannot participate. Who can look at this and say this is impossible? Ms. Cully interjected and stated that this is all in the Revised Code and ask the legislators to amend the ORC. Ms. McCollough asked how many other children services boards are similarly situated like us? Ms. Reese stated that there are about eight. Ms. Cully can get it on the PCSAO Legislative Meeting agenda and discuss it.
- Nominating Committee
  - Code of Regulations Amendments (were attached to Consent Agenda; amendments are in **BOLD** and *ITALICS*). Ms. McCollough took the liberty of adding an Executive Committee to Article III of the code. As we look at the board and the change of leadership, we the committee thought it would be good to have the outgoing chairperson join as an ex-officio member but not a voting member of the Executive Committee. The amendment would include the Treasurer and Immediate Past President. Section 2 will state that the chairperson may serve no more than four, one year terms.
  - Ms. Wilson discussed that we would need 30 days advanced written notice on changes to the Code of Regulations. These changes can be voted on at next month's board meeting.
  - The Nominating Committee met on January 5, 2021 and respectfully submit the following slate of officers:
    - Charman: Kathy Vasquez
    - Vice Chairman: Suzette Cowell
    - Secretary: Rev. Dr. Donald Perryman
    - Treasurer: John Schinharl
  - With that being said and in full disclosure for treasurer, Mr. Schinharl agreed to accept this, he is looking to not serve on Services and Programs and we did not have any discussion about serving as the treasurer for the Committee for Children.
  - Any nominations from the floor? Any nominations from the floor? Hearing none, I move that the Nominations are closed. Is there a second? Mr. Ridi seconded. Is there a motion to accept the slate of officers? Ms. Wilson made a motion to approve the slate of officers for 2021. Seconded by Mr. Ridi. All those in favor state aye; those opposed, nay. Any abstaining? Congratulations to the new slate of officers.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Ms. Cully, Chief Counsel, reported out on the Perdue Settlement.
  - Ms. Cully did get ahold of Kara and Zoll and Krantz. She was able to update Ms. Cully on the new settlement. We saw in the news that there was a large settlement with Perdue. The judge had approved a settlement in November. There is a criminal portion and a civil portion. There is roughly \$3B set aside. The settlement is still a likelihood that people will get money from it. Both Perdue and the family are settling at that large level. There are still multiple lower levels going on. Things are still progressing, still good news for our claim. Kara will update us as she learns more.

## NEW BUSINESS

None

## CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Wilson thanks everyone for having her serve as Chair for the past four plus years and will pass it over to Ms. Vasquez. Ms. Vasquez thanks Ms. Wilson for her many, many years. You have gone above and beyond in your role as Chair. Ms. Vasquez looks forward to you being the Immediate Past President.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Reese thanks Ms. Wilson for all of her support. Ms. Reese appreciates every minute of it. Ms. Reese thanks Ms. Wilson from herself and the agency staff for her role as Chair of the Lucas County Children Services Board.

LCCS Child Placement Statistics

|                          | Current Month | Previous Month |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Agency Foster Homes      | 322           | 326            |
| Subsidized Adoptions     | 1,235         | 1,236          |
| Purchased Boarding Homes | 111           | 100            |
| Institutions/Group Homes | 9             | 10             |
| Relative Placement       | 339           | 327            |

- I have been named to the OhioRISE Advisory Committee by the Ohio Dept. of Medicaid. OhioRISE (Resilience through Integrated Systems and Excellence) is a new specialized managed care program for youth with complex behavioral health and multi-system needs. Families will get access to coordinated in-home care and community-based services that will help families prevent custody relinquishment. OhioRISE is governed by the Ohio Dept. of Medicaid, Governor's Office of Children's Initiatives, and Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council. I will use my nearly 40 years of child protection experience to help develop a program that truly meets the needs of Ohio's children with complex behavioral health challenges after seeing some heartbreaking situations for families.
- LCCS has had 27 positive COVID test results. Contact tracing resulted in dozens more employees being placed on quarantine as a precaution, resulting from those positive tests. All of Ohio's 88 counties now have a level of spread at least three times more than what the CDC considers high incidence.
- We continue to participate in the PCSAO Core COVID Recovery Group, a biweekly conference to call to stay update on all things related to COVID. We continue to advocate through PCSAO that children services

front-line workers be prioritized for vaccines. PCSAO submitted a letter requesting such to Gov. DeWine on Dec. 17.

- In preparation for those vaccines, LCCS has applied to be a "closed vaccination site," similar to when the H1N1 vaccine was administered a few years ago. There will be special social distance and other guidelines practiced during vaccinations to ensure everyone's safety. An online staff survey showed:
  - 253 staff responded to the survey
  - 217 (86%) said yes or unsure that they were interested in getting the vaccine
  - 89% of the yes or unsure responses have direct client/public contact
- In response to D.O. vs. Glisson and some lawsuits filed in Ohio, the legislature passed SB 310 and the governor issued an executive order, establishing a new Kinship Support Program. Broadly speaking, the program will provide financial payments to kinship caregivers who have received placement of a child in custody of the PCSA and who are not licensed foster caregivers. These payments are for a time-limited period and will be paid for by the state. Once the kinship caregivers become licensed, counties will pay the foster care per diem. This could have a big impact on the LCCS budget down the road. The governor has directed ODJFS to put the program in place by June. Our legal counsel has been actively involved in a statewide advisory committee and we will continue to make sure LCCS concerns are represented in what that eventual program will look like.

### **DONATIONS/PARTNERSHIPS**

The holiday gift drive wrapped up with what may be a record level of donations: 18,500 items. The drive resulted in nearly 1,000 coats, 90 bikes given out, 33 sponsored families, \$50,000+ in cash donations, and \$8,500 worth of gift cards.

Owens Corning followed up its holiday generosity by assembling 300 more care bags on Jan. 15. These are aimed at older elementary and middle school-age students. Bags of Love 419 also contributed 20 infant care bags as part of its monthly donation commitment.

### **IN THE MEDIA**

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|----------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------|
| WTOL, wtol.com | Delta Sigma Theta toy drive for LCCS              | 12-13-20 |
| WTOL           | PEI interviews on morning news<br>Shivella Vonner | 01-06-21 |

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Wilson.  
Seconded by Ms. Cowell.  
Meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Vasquez, Board Chair