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**MINUTES OF LUCAS COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting Held September 21, 2022**  
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The regular meeting of the Lucas County Children Services Board was held at 705 Adams Street at 3:00 P.M. in person and via Zoom.

Members Present: Ms. Arnold, Ms. Gagnon (via zoom), Ms. McCollough (via zoom), Rev. Dr Perryman (via zoom), Mr. Schinharl, Ms. Vasquez, and Ms. Wilson  
Member(s) Absent: Ms. Cowell, Ms. Easterly, Mr. Ridi, and Mr. Walrod

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Ms. Vasquez called the September 21, 2022 regular meeting of the LCCS Board to order. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was not present in person. The consent agenda and August minutes will be addressed at the October Board Meeting.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES**

- None

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- The board was unable to approve the consent agenda for August as there was not a quorum present in person.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Building Discussion

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 2022 Fiscal Training was provided by Ms. Jackson for all board members present and via zoom.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

- No Chair report was given.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The report was given by Shelby Cully as Executive Director, Ms. Reese was at a conference.

**LCCS Child Placement Statistics**

|                          | Current Month | Previous Month |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Agency Foster Homes      | 273           | 287            |
| Subsidized Adoptions     | 1,205         | 1,198          |
| Purchased Boarding Homes | 185           | 180            |
| Institutions/Group Homes | 15            | 17             |
| Relative Placement       | 406           | 399            |

**DIRECTOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

## **CHILDREN SERVICES TRANSFORMATION/ODJFS NOTICES:**

On Aug. 3, ODJFS sent communication announcing the new partnership with the Ohio Alliance of YMCA Foundation. This partnership will allow for all YMCAs to provide free or discounted memberships to all eligible resource caregivers (foster and kinship caregivers), and young adults participating in the Bridges program.

### **Workforce Crisis**

On Aug. 25, ODJFS issued FCL #037, Children Services Media Campaign and OhioMeansJobs.com. In partnership with ODH, ODJFS will be implementing a statewide media campaign targeted to recruit college graduates and other adults to make a career change. The objective of the campaign is to raise awareness of children services as a rewarding prospective career and build morale among current staff. The campaign will air in September.

On August 22, ODJFS issued FCASPL 393, Rule relaxations for PCSA workforce, and FCASPL 393 Rule relaxations for private agencies outlining requirements that will be temporarily revised due to the current workforce challenges. These revisions will be effective September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023.

### **Statewide Caregiver recruitment**

On Aug. 26, ODJFS issued communication about The Ohio Children's Alliance, on behalf of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), working to create and deploy a statewide marketing campaign to increase qualified adoption and resource (foster and kinship) families in the state. One of the goals of the recruitment campaign is to integrate the feedback and PCSAO Executive Director Report and experiences of Ohio's foster families. In the coming weeks, over 13,500 current and former foster families across the state will receive a survey, via direct mail, to be filled out by November 30, 2022. Families have the option to complete the survey using the paper format (includes a prepaid return envelope) or digitally.

## **DONATIONS/PARTNERSHIPS**

A new program to better prepare HS seniors for emancipation will receive a \$10,000 grant from the Ohio Credit Union Foundation. The Toledo Metro Federal Credit Union approached LCCS about the funding opportunity this summer. LCCS and the credit union then brought The Fair Housing Center aboard to form a partnership to teach Independent Living students financial literacy skills, along with tenant rights and responsibilities. The grant will be used to offer IL seniors a matching savings account. Every dollar they save for their rental deposit will be matched up to \$500. Young Money University will begin in late September, followed by the Fair Housing Center course right after the holidays. If IL students complete both courses, the credit union will purchase their choice of a Google Chromebook, or the work tools needed to start an apprenticeship following graduation.

James Reid of Sylvania is teaching his kids, ages 5, 8, and 10, a pretty cool life lesson. At recent birthday parties, the kids collected school supplies to donate to LCCS instead of focusing on presents they'd receive themselves

Swanton HS graduate Trent Weigel recently headed to The Ohio State University to continue his studies. But he left behind a box of new clothes he decided to donate to LCCS with his dad Trent's blessing. Now HS students that LCCS serves will have some new school clothes.

A huge thank you goes to the generous congregation at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church for donating more than 65 backpacks to be filled with school supplies for the kids LCCS serves. That will mean more than 850 backpacks distributed this school year.

Dakkota Systems makes a monthly donation to LCCS. For September, the auto parts supplier made the first candy contribution toward October 22's Trunk or Treat event. Meijer and Amerihealth Caritas Ohio each donated \$1,000 to Friends of LCCS toward the purchase of candy.

Zion Lutheran Church in Perrysburg donated diapers and handmade baby blankets for the diaper bank.

Amazon Rossford donated twelve boxes of items, including clothing, school supplies, and holiday toys.

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**IN THE MEDIA**

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| WTOL-TV, wtol.com               | Your Day interview, Safety Fair<br>Melonny King | 8-25-2022 |
| WTVG-TV, 13abc.com              | Project Playhouse build event                   | 9-8-2022  |
| WNWO-TV, nbc24.com              |                                                 |           |
| <i>Toledo Blade</i> , blade.com |                                                 |           |