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**MINUTES OF LUCAS COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting Held April 19, 2023**

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The regular meeting of the Lucas County Children Services Board was held at 705 Adams Street, 3:00 P.M. in person and via Zoom.

**Members Present:** Ms. Cowell, Ms. Gagnon, Ms. McCollough, Mr. Ridi, and Mr. Schinharl

**Member(s) Absent:** Ms. Arnold, Ms. Easterly (Zoom), Rev. Dr. Perryman, Mr. Walrod, and Ms. Vasquez

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Ms. Cowell called the April 19, 2023, regular meeting of the LCCS Board to order. Roll Call was taken. A quorum was not present.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES**

- Kani Brown – Family Visits
- Crishanna Jonas – Family Visits
- X'zandra Tammerine – Records Clerk
- Diana Kekes – Security
- Jalen Jackson - Security

**NEW BUSINESS**

- No new business

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Annual Report given by Tricia Daher. Please see slides attached to these minutes.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Interim Executive Director Report—Shelby Cully**  
**LCCS Child Placement Statistics**

|                          | Current Month | Previous Month |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Agency Foster Homes      | 304           | 291            |
| Subsidized Adoptions     | 1,182         | 1,189          |
| Purchased Boarding Homes | 178           | 174            |
| Institutions/Group Homes | 29            | 21             |
| Relative Placement       | 417           | 406            |

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTIVITIES**

The DEIS Division is collaborating with several departments within the agency to review agency processes and identify gaps within the system to address disproportionality across all agency domains. The DEIS Division is piloting an internal and external pilot. The first internal pilot identified starts from the time a call is received to when disposition decisions are made. The external pilot consists of Assistant managers, managers and/or identified staff from each department to resume mandated reporter engagement education of LCCS, discussing the functions of each department, services, as well as providing education on what constitutes a referral. A member from the DEIS team would also go out with the different department staff and discuss mandated reporters' specific data as it pertains to disproportionality and education on implicit bias. DEIS is also underway with a pilot in Placements that will change the way we look at narratives written on children and will develop a unified document that allows the child to be seen from a holistic perspective and through an equity lens.

The DEIS Division is planning a LCCS DEIS Community Conference for Fall 2023. Finally, Dr. Hope Bland was sworn into Toledo CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women) Gender Equity Commission with the City of Toledo in February 2023. She will be serving a three-year term.

## DONATIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

Kim Greenlese from Case Review provided Family Visits with a few cases of snacks from a Lake HS Athletic Boosters fundraiser. Those snacks were enjoyed by children and families while at 705 Adams.

Chelsie Wyse from Assessments linked LCCS with the nonprofit Just for Kickz, which provides shoes and socks at no cost to those who need them. Chelsie arranged for a large donation of Bombas socks.

The Unity Church adult women's group is doing collections in March and April, including Pull-ups, baby wipes, infant blankets, pacifiers, teething rings, and other items families need with a baby at home.

Hunter and Laura Brown of Toledo recently lost their 4-year-old son Sutton to cancer. The nonprofit Operation Surprise Attack gifted Sutton many toys, but he got too sick to open or even play with them. Even in their grief, the couple thought of the kids LCCS serves and donated the toys to help them.

The youth groups at Echo Meadows Church of Christ in Oregon donated handmade blankets, books, and youth socks to help other children who are served by LCCS.

Cornerstone Community Financial Credit Union held a book drive to help promote early literacy among the children served by LCCS.

HS volunteers from the Anthony Wayne Interact Club delivered 150+ hand-tie blankets students made for the children LCCS serves, the club's third straight year doing this service project.

For the second straight year, participants in All Can Truly Serve made and donated hand-tie blankets to help comfort and keep warm the kids LCCS serves. ACTS is a day program for adults living with developmental disabilities. This group got big smiles from helping others.

Thrive Child Care donated backpacks and school supplies for this summer's back-to-school drive, while the contribution committee from Buckeye Broadband donated \$6,000 to Friends of LCCS for the drive.

## IN THE MEDIA

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| WTVG, 13abc.com<br>Youngstown <i>Vindicator</i>                                             | LCCS Chooses New Executive Director                                       | 3-15-2023 |
| <i>The Blade</i> , blade.com                                                                | PEI, Junior League diaper bank<br>Interviews w/ Julie Malkin, Andrea Sims | 3-27-2023 |
| <i>The Blade</i> , blade.com                                                                | Lucas Co. agencies eyeing move                                            | 3-27-2023 |
| WTVG, 13abc.com                                                                             | Child Abuse Prevention Month                                              | 3-27-2023 |
| WTVG, 13abc.com,<br>WTOL-TV, wtol.com<br>WNWO-TV, nbc24.com<br><i>The Blade</i> , blade.com | Prosecutor PSA News Conference<br>Donna Seed remarks                      | 4-5-2023  |
| YES-FM,<br>Staying in Contact podcast                                                       | Child Abuse Prevention Month<br>Donna Seed, Shelby Cully interviews       | 4-6-2023  |

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| <i>The Blade</i> , blade.com | Child abuse post-covid                                                          | 4-6-2023 |
| WTOL-TV, wtol.com            | <i>Your Day</i> interview<br>Shelby Cully, Prosecutor Bates                     | 4-10-23  |
| WNWO-TV, nbc24.com           | Child Abuse Prevention Month<br>Shelby Cully, Nicole Williams,<br>Kathy Vasquez | 4-11-23  |
| WTVG, 13abc.com              | Greenbelt Place Apartments update                                               | 4-12-23  |