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**MINUTES OF LUCAS COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting Held March 18, 2026**  
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The regular meeting of the Lucas County Children Services Board was held at 301 Adams Street, 3:00 P.M., in person and via Zoom.

Members Present: Mr. Corfman (Zoom), Dr. Cowell, Ms. McCollough, Mr. Meyer, Rev. Dr. Perryman (Zoom), and Ms. Vasquez.

Member(s) Absent: Ms. Gagnon, Mr. Ridi, and Mr. Walrod
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**Note:** Ms. Cowell reported that she needed to leave by 3:45 PM, and Mr. Meyer reported that he needed to leave by 4:00 PM. While waiting for attendees to join via Zoom, Ms. Vasquez suggested moving forward with a Task Force update in the interest of time management, to which the present members agreed.

**Task Force**

Ms. Beal reported that she met with the Task Force on March 11, 2026, to discuss community support and priorities of strengthening systems, effectiveness and accountability. A potential timeline for the final report begins with a meeting on March 25, 2026, which will focus on discussing Priorities 7 and 8, and April 2026, reviewing all the priorities and finalizing everything by the first of May. Hopefully, a finalized report will be sent to the commissioners by June 16, 2026, for their board meeting, and to our board meeting in either June or July 2026. Mr. Meyer asks Ms. Beal if she feels that the Task Force is still moving in a positive direction, and Ms. Beal responds that she does feel that communication has been very open and robust, and it is moving in a positive direction towards a resolution.

Ms. Vasquez comments that she believes it's very important to get the finalized report at the same time as the commissioners receive it. Ms. McCullough agreed that they would like to get the report at the same time, if not before the commissioners receive it, so that they can be prepared to answer any questions that the commissioners may have.

Ms. McCullough then called March 18, 2026, regular meeting of the LCCS Board to order. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Financial Updates**

Mr. Hoskins presented an overview of the most recent financial statements, accompanied by graphs that will be attached to these minutes. Mr. Hoskins explained that tax collections for February were delayed due to processing issues, but we have confirmed that this has been resolved and tax collections will be reflected in March.

Ms. Vasquez made a motion to accept the financials, and Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES**

- None

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND FEBRUARY LCCS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

- Minutes from February 18, 2026, LCCS Board of Trustees Meeting
- Personnel Committee Minutes (3/2/26)
- Services & Programs (3/4/26)

Ms. McCullough asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Vasquez made a motion for approval, which Mr. Meyer seconded. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Opioid Settlement**

Guest Speaker, Michelle Kranz from Zoll & Kranz, LLC presented to the Board as a representative of Lucas County Children Services in the Six Remnant Defendant National Opioid Settlement resulting in a lawsuit that was filed in 2017. She discussed the Resolution to accept the material terms of the Six Remnant Defendants National Opioid Settlement.

Ms. McCullough asked for a motion to approve the Resolution to Accept the Material Terms of the Six Remnant Defendants National Opioid Settlement. Ms. Cowell made a motion for approval, and Ms. Vasquez seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

## **CHAIRS REPORT**

- The Chair's Report was forgone in the interest of time management.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

- Executive Director Randy Muth was not present at the board meeting due to an engagement in Washington, DC.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTIVITIES (Reported by Shelby Cully, LCCS Chief Counsel)**

- Ms. Cully recognized staff attorney Rebecca West-Estell. The State of Ohio recently designated March 9 as Six Triple Eight Day, honoring the 6888<sup>th</sup> Central Postal Directory Battalion. This battalion was composed of women of color, only, who served overseas in World War II. These women persevered through sexism and racism, ultimately clearing a backlog of over 17 million pieces of mail, restoring lines of communication and sustaining morale for American troops. Rebecca was recently recognized by the state as a Veteran who enlisted, inspired by the women of the Six Triple Eight Battalion. She went on to graduate law school, become a licensed attorney, and recently graduated from seminary as a Pastor.
- Dr. Hope Bland announced her retirement from Lucas County Children Services effective May 29, 2026. Dr. Bland has been our DEIS Director since September 2021. She expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to work with the Agency, and the board thanked her for her 34 years of service and dedication to social services.
- Ms. Cully discussed the Services Agreement that LCCS entered in September 2025 with Mays and Associates Ltd. They will provide consulting services, including a survey to develop a focus group and analysis for leadership development and strategic support. Ms. Cully reports that she should have a progress report at the April meeting, identifying the houses in the service agreement. Ms.

McCulloch questions from where we are pulling the sample and indicates that zip codes included in the survey would be great for the next meeting. Ms. Cully agrees that the information should be available for more discussion by then.

- **Advisory Committee on Children Services:**

Ms. Cully reminded the Board that the Advisory Committee is under control of the Board. Dir. Muth would like the Board to consider being members of the Advisory Committee; members of the Advisory Committee are volunteers and could act as an advocate for the Agency's needs as well as promoting our levy.

### **IN THE MEDIA**

- Ms. Malkin announced that the Lucas County Commissioners will have a special recognition ceremony on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 11:00 AM at One Government Center. The Commissioners will pay tribute to social workers, and in our case, child welfare social workers. Commissioner Anita Lopez will read the proclamation into the record, and a group photo will be taken. All are welcome to attend.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- There was no need for Executive Session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Meyer  
Mrs. Vasquez seconded the motion.  
The meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Meyer  
Board Secretary