

SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

January 27, 2016
Akron Community Foundation

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roberta Aber, Dottie Achmoody, Julie Barnes, Elizabeth Bartz, Jerry Craig, Pete Crossland, Pat Divoky, Ken Douglas, Kady Downing, Richard Enty, John Garofalo, Elaine Harlin, Connie Krauss, James Lawrence, Jim Mullen, Brian Nelsen, Linda Omobien, John Saros, Brad Schroeder, Sandy Selby, Donna Skoda, Karen Talbott, John Trunk, Shawn Gaines

MEMBERS ABSENT: Malcolm Costa, Nan McClenaghan, Rick Kavenagh

GUESTS: Laura Hoff, Rich Marountas, Elizabeth Foster

Karen Talbott called the meeting to order at 11:55am.

The minutes from the September 30, 2015 meeting were accepted as presented. Motion by Elizabeth Bartz, Second by John Garofalo.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on January 20th, 2016 to discuss the Board meeting agenda. The main topic of discussion was refugee health and infant mortality.

Health and Human Services Committee

The Health and Human Services Committee met on January 14th, 2016. The main concern is refugee health. Sandy and Elaine have met with Summit County Public Health and International Institute regarding services and issues related to the refugee's. The main identified issues include transportation, translation and mental health. Some other challenges are a lack of trust and cultural understanding between them and us. The county and city are working with The International Institute to make the community more aware of their needs. A market tour of North Hill was mentioned as an option to view what resources we have in the area. A North American Refugee Health Conference will be on June 12, 2016 in New York (details have not yet been released.) The board agreed that the North Hill Walk would be beneficial in addressing the gaps.

- Single Parents (LARC) update – Decision was made that this project fits best under Infant Mortality. An overview of the family planning strategies was passed out to the members and Elizabeth Foster went over the main highlights.

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Budget and Levy Review Committee

Elizabeth Bartz stated the next meeting will be on April 20, 2016 with all 3 agencies to see how 2015 went. No one will be on the ballot this year.

New Business/Announcements

- John Trunk announced that the 1st Annual Recognition Breakfast will be held on March 29th at Quaker Square in Akron.
- JFS is moving to their new location during the 2nd week of February.
- Metro is hiring for a new position titled Customer Care Supervisor.

With no further business noted, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:53 PM.

*Respectfully submitted on February 24, 2016
By Laura Hoff, Summit County Public Health*