

SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 2017
Akron Community Foundation

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roberta Aber, Julie Barnes, Jerry Craig, Pat Divoky, Elaine Harlin, Rick Kavenaugh, Sandy Selby, Donna Skoda, Karen Talbott, John Trunk, Pete Crossland, John Garofalo, Jim Lawrence, Brian Nelsen, Linda Omobien,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Malcolm Costa, Kady Downing, Richard Enty, Brad Schroeder, Sadie Winlock, Connie Krauss, Jim Mullen, Elizabeth Bartz, Ken Douglas

GUESTS: Elizabeth Foster, Rich Marountas, Rose Debord, Cory Kendrick

Karen Talbott called the meeting to order at 11:55 am. There was review of the September 2016 and January 2017 meeting minutes. There was a motion to approve the minutes by Elaine Harlin, the motion was seconded by John Garofalo, and approved unanimously by voice vote.

There was interest in changing the SSAB Code of Regulations so that individuals would be able to have voting rights over the phone. The matter was taken to Deb Matz who provides legal counsel to SSAB. Ms. Matz has indicated that SSAB would need a state law to change the rules as the board is authorized by state law. Elizabeth Foster will look to get further clarification from Deb Matz regarding SSAB being created by county ordinance.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met April 19th to set the agenda for SSAB meeting. The committee also discussed moving future April meetings to May to allow for the timing of the levy requests. This request came from the Budget and Levy Review Committee.

There was a motion to approve this change to the meeting schedule by Linda Omobien. The motion was seconded by Rick Kavenagh and was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Budget and Levy Review Committee

The Budget and Levy Committee met with levy funded agencies on April 4th to compare 2016 budgets with actual as well as to discuss upcoming issues for 2017.

For Summit DD, revenue came in \$3.7million higher than budget primarily due to federal reimbursements related to cost settlements and timing issues related to Medicaid reconciliation. Expenses were \$4.6 million under budget related to salaries, direct and indirect contracts. Twenty-seven positions that were originally budgeted for did not end up getting filled. When the budget was built, the full impact of the transition out of service delivery had not been fully known. Priorities in 2017 include passing the levy and to maintain as small as deficit as possible while transitioning out of direct service, receiving less reimbursement and a shrinking revenue base. There is a special Budget and Levy meeting and SSAB meeting on May 15th to review and approve the levy request so it can get to County Council and the Board of Elections by August.

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Total revenue for ADM was \$1.3 million higher than budgeted due to OMHAS exceeding budget by 1.4million due to the addiction treatment program funding. Total expenses were \$2.2 million below budget due to the continued adjustment related to Medicaid expansion and program development. Transition to new Medicaid rates and payment methodology is expected to go live July 1. ADM is working with agencies to make adjustments. \$3.2 million was invested past year to battle the opiate epidemic and the wait list for treatment is down from approximately 45 days to 7 days. ADM will go on the ballot in 2019.

Children's Services' revenue was \$245,000 less than budgeted mainly due to the State Child Protective Allocation decreasing by approximately \$120,000. Total expenses were \$1.8 million less than budgeted pertaining mainly to the areas of paid placements, property expenses and contract services. Although paid placements came in under budget approximately \$580,000, costs continued to rise through 2016. In 2015, total paid placements were \$9.6 million whereas in 2016 they totaled \$10.6 million. Children's Services also asked County Council for a \$2.1 million dollar budget adjustment from their fund balance to address the increased need for paid placements. Children's Services used \$1.7 million of those funds. Carry forward balance at the end of 2016 was 24 million. Projected carry forward at the end of the levy cycle in 2019 is estimated to be \$1 million dollars. SCCS will go on the ballot in 2018 and will be asking for additional millage. Ohio ranks last in the nation for state support of Children's Services.

Budget and Levy chairs plan to talk to Deb Matz regarding policies around paying out vacation time upon retirement as this is affecting the budget. There was also a question about monthly stipends to adoptive families. Ms. Barnes explained why this is necessary to help incentivize adoptions and pay for special needs of the child. Furthermore, the cost of adoption stipends is far less than that of keeping a child in the Children's Services system and these stipends are often federally and state funded.

Health and Human Services Committee

Elaine Woloshyn from International Institute presented to Health and Human Services during the April 13th meeting about refugees in Summit County. The presentation had the following highlights:

- Immigrant vs. refugee definitions
 - Immigrant here intentionally, not entitled to any federal benefits until they work 40 quarters
 - Refugee often seeking asylum because of war, violence or political persecution; stateless, have no place to go
 - Extreme vetting system 18-24 month process controlled by homeland security
- Under current administration, 2017 numbers of approved refugees is 50,000, half of what was taken through Obama administration
- Elaine reported that International Institute has downsized due to expected changes in numbers
- Refugees have directly contributed to population growth to Summit County and economic growth
- Participating in Welcoming America, a national initiative, – deliberately looking at building a community where people, native and foreign, feel welcome
 - Akron City Council passed resolution proclaiming Akron a Welcoming City

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- A lot of support from elected officials
- Got a small grant (1 of 4 in country) and matched funds to create community plan to make Akron even more of a Welcoming city; community based plan will be released within the next few months
- Held a large Summit last fall that was very well attended
- Elaine is actively trying to get service providers into North Hill, especially for mental health services, especially related to interpretation services

Nan McClenaghan also provided a report on the Income Education and Workforce Development Committee. Some highlights from the presentation are as follows:

- Open community committee that has been meeting for over a decade
- Updates Job Seeker Guide, Soft Skills Guide, Map Your Career Guide annually (handouts were provided) which is an interactive pdf on the Summit 2020 Quality of Life website
- Provided a 2017 calendar and the meetings/events that occurred in 2016
- Meet with school counselors in December to provide resources, discuss Ohio Means Jobs website, networking etc.
- Also hosted an Employer Appreciation Summit in February. Had approximately 20 employers for networking and for education around OMJ website; looking to do this again next year and possibly combing the Agency Staff Summit with the Employer Appreciation Summit for some cross pollination

An updated on LARC was provided. It was reported that hospitals will now offer LARC to all women who deliver in the hospital. SCPH is also working to promote LARC discussions with providers, including non-traditional avenues such as pediatricians, due to success seen around Maternal Depression. SCPH is also working with AxessPointe and Planned Parenthood to secure MOUs to share data on utilization of LARCs. It was reported that both have the capacity to increase placements.

The Employer for Health Consortium (Worksite Wellness initiative) brochure was presented and background was provided on the CDC Scorecard that will be promoted to Summit County businesses in September. Goodyear Global's Medical Director, in conjunction with other area medical directors and SCPH, is spearheading this initiative. SCPH will have access to data directly from CDC on businesses that complete the scorecard. SCPH will also work with Public Health students who need a practicum to pair students with businesses to implement programming based on scorecard results.

Julie Barnes provided an update on state support for Children's Services through the biennium budget. Ohio is currently 50th in the country for state support for Children's Services.

It was noted that with the roll out of United Way's Bold Goals, there is still some commitment to ensure basic needs will still be met in Summit County. Karen will request that Jim Mullen provide an update at an upcoming meeting.

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Elizabeth Foster provided an update on the upcoming strategic planning retreat which is scheduled for Thursday June 29th at the Department of Job and Family Services. County Executive Ilene Shapiro will be in attendance.

John Trunk reported that like SCCS, they are watching the state budget very close and will probably be called on to advocate for additional funding for residential services. John also thanked the group for rescheduling the next set of meetings to accommodate timely delivery of the levy request to County Council and then to the County Board of Elections.

Pat Divoky updated the group on the potential work requirement for the individuals on enhanced Medicaid.

Cory Kendrick reported that we are looking into the feasibility of a Tobacco 21 initiative to combat chronic disease and infant mortality. Data shows that there is a decrease in smoking adoption by raising the age to purchase tobacco products.

The City of Akron just hired an individual to assist with the infant mortality work being done in the county. The health equity ambassador will work closely with Summit County Public Health on these issues.

Jerry Craig reported that the ADM Board has been evaluating budget applications from the agencies they oversee. The budget bill out of the house finance committee out yesterday delays the behavioral redesign 6 months and the transition into the managed care arena another 6 months.

John Garofalo updated on the efforts of Akron Community Foundation to make a \$200,000 investment over three years to Direction Home to look at centralized intake for all organizations and a communication campaign.

There was no other business brought forward.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 PM.