

# **SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**July 26, 2017**  
**Akron Community Foundation**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Julie Barnes, Elizabeth Bartz, Jerry Craig, Pete Crossland, Pat Divoky, Ken Douglas, John Garofalo, Elaine Harlin, Rick Kavenagh, Connie Krauss, Jim Lawrence, Nan McClenaghan, Jim Mullen, Linda Omobien, Brad Schroeder, Sandy Selby, Donna Skoda, Karen Talbott, John Trunk

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Roberta Aber, Malcolm Costa, Kady Downing, Richard Enty, Brian Nelsen, Sadie Winlock

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

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Karen Talbott called the meeting to order at 12:00pm. There was review of the April 2017 and May 2017 meeting minutes. There was a motion to approve the minutes by Elizabeth Bartz, the motion was seconded by Elaine Harlin, and approved unanimously by voice vote.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee met on July 19<sup>th</sup> to review the agenda, hear committee reports, and to reflect on the strategic planning retreat and next steps. The Executive Committee also discussed committee and board meeting attendance, as well as the opening for Dottie Achmoody's recently vacated SSAB seat. The recommendation to County Executive Ilene Shapiro is that the appointed person be someone from the corporate community who can contribute such skills and representation to the Budget and Levy Review Committee. Following the Executive Committee meeting there was an orientation session for newly appointed member Sadie Winlock from Akron Urban League.

#### **Budget and Levy Review Committee**

The Budget and Levy Review Committee met on July 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the current year activity in preparation for the September meeting where the 2018 budgets will be presented.

ADM- Jerry reported that there is uncertainty at the federal level related to the Senate health care bill and how it affects Medicaid. This is a common theme across all three agencies. There are some funds allocated in current state and federal bills to support the opiate epidemic issue but uncertainty about how this will play out. ADM will probably receive approximately \$100,000 from additional state allocations. Behavioral Health redesign has been delayed until January 1, 2018 from its original "go live" date of July 1, 2017. Managed care carve in will occur at the same time.

Children's Services – Julie reported opiate epidemic is still an issue for Children's Services. Custody numbers have leveled off and there are approximately 50 less kids than this time last year although costs have remained the same due to the level of care needed. SCCS has also reached budgeted personnel headcount so expect to be under budget for personnel costs. SCCS will have to go on the ballot in 2018 for additional dollars.

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DD – John reported that DD has received County Council ballot approval of the November 2017 Levy request. City of Akron tax increase will also be on the ballot at that time. DD indicated that there is an emphasis on getting the “yes” voters out to support the DD levy. There was a bill to reduce agriculture tax collections which affects some of the tax revenue Summit DD gets. This will result in a loss of \$200,000 in tax revenue. Mr. Trunk also reflected on some of the news lately regarding three providers closing down, some due to financial issues (Hattie Larlham), others due to operational issues (health & safety) resulting in the State pulling certification (Avant & Hope Homes).

One item from DD that requires approval from SSAB is an additional budget appropriation for some flow through funds in the amount of \$439,680. The money will go to support Summit Housing Development Corporation to acquire properties for individuals with disabilities. Funds will be utilized to purchase five homes. There is no monetary net effect for Summit DD.

Rick Kavenagh made a motion to approve the budget appropriation, seconded by Elizabeth Bartz. John provided a handout to the Board to provide additional detail and background. With no additional questions and comments, the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Levy agency budgets are due to Elizabeth Bartz' office the last week of August so they can be distributed to the Budget and Levy Review Committee members ahead of the September meeting.

#### Health and Human Services Committee

Elaine Harlin thanked all those who attended the strategic planning session and discussed the handout that was provided that compiled all of the notes and key concepts from attendees. There were many good ideas and some that were overlapping. HHS feels that next steps should include the consultant returning to assist the group in prioritizing. Once items are prioritized, next steps should include looking to the community to identify where best practices are being implemented and identify ways to bring those programs and projects to scale.

Elaine discussed the need to bring attention back to the cost of interpreter services as it is still an issue the community faces. The Health and Human Services Committee will review where we left off and will develop next steps to recommend.

#### Quality of Life initiative updates:

First Things First has a number of upcoming events including a July 21 professional development symposium, Summit for Kids which is in its 8<sup>th</sup> year, and the Summit County MDN Annual training on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

The SILC Strategic Planning Session occurred on July 11<sup>th</sup> and the group was able to build upon the work done by Akron Community Foundation to identify some clear next steps for SILC including addressing coordinated intake, community trust, and agency buy-in.

Elizabeth Foster updated the group on the LARC provider survey that was distributed to providers during the months of July and August. Of all the providers surveyed, only 40% knew the correct birth spacing interval. LARCs were 7<sup>th</sup> in the list of most often prescribed birth control. Next steps include an educational campaign among providers and then to the greater community.

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Cory Kendrick updated the group on the Community Health Improvement Plan which was recently completed and included the five priority areas: Adolescent Health, Aging Population, Chronic Disease, Maternal and Infant Health, Mental Health and Addiction. The CHIP includes current strategies that community partners are working on. SCPH is working on making the document a “living document” with trackable metrics.

The Champions for Wellness event is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>. The annual conference will be a kick off of the CDC Scorecard tool. 100 worksites will be targeted to complete the tool so baseline data can be collected. Resources will be provided to employers to assist in improving their scores.

The HHS committee intends to stay updated on the Opiate epidemic and the ACA. The opiate task force had their strategic planning process and the process revealed that the youth in schools are not feeling the supports that they need to remain sober. One idea that is being floated is to explore a sober high school as well as using existing community resources to connect youth to sober supports. Access to detox and residential services has been expanded through an investment in additional beds. The net impact is that the wait list has been shortened for beds. Pat Divoky informed that 36,000 adults were added to Medicaid through expansion.

#### Other Business/ Good of the Order

Jim Mullen discussed United Way’s Bold Goals which have now been out for several months. United Way has developed strategies to achieve success on the goals. Handouts were provided to detail the strategies. Basic needs, wrap around services would be funded to support the strategies. There will be 9 specific RFP areas. United Way has met with every organization that is currently funded to discuss the changes. An additional million dollars will be freed up in this funding cycle that was not there in the past funding cycle and will total between 3 and 4 million dollars. Analysis of current funded partners of the percent of United Way grants to overall budgets indicate that over 70% of funded agencies were 5% or less. RFPs will be released after Knight Breakfast and will be available on United Way website.

United Way has partnered with the City of Akron and has received funding from the Bloomberg Foundation to implement Financial Empowerment Centers. The first FEC is expected to open first quarter of 2018 and will utilize available space in targeted zip codes with large amounts of working poor.

United Way is working closely with ADM Board to identify gaps in addiction prevention and recovery and will be targeting harm reduction strategies. However, if the other bold goal areas are successful, a reduction in addiction should result.

Healthier Buckeye Council funds are now able to spend down the remaining \$100,000 which will be spent on Getting Ahead. Some additional funds are going to Open M to continue the work of Getting Ahead after the grant has ended.

John Garofalo presented on the On the Table program that will be occurring on Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. On the Table is an initiative where thousands of diverse residents gather to share a meal and discuss meaningful ideas to strengthen the community. There are approximately 4800 people signed up thus far. Data will assist ACF in grant making.

Pat Divoky updated the group on the PRC plan which will come before the SSAB in September.

There was no other business brought forward. The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 PM.