

SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2017

10:00AM

Summit County Public Health

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roberta Aber, Elizabeth Bartz, Malcolm Costa, Jerry Craig, Pete Crossland, Pat Divoky, Ken Douglas, John Garofalo, Elaine Harlin, Rick Kavenagh, Nan McClenaghan, Brian Nelsen, Linda Omobien, Brad Schroeder, Donna Skoda, Karen Talbott, John Trunk, Sadie Winlock

MEMBERS ABSENT: Julie Barnes, Kady Downing, Richard Enty, Connie Krauss, Jim Lawrence, Jim Mullen, Sandy Selby

GUESTS: Elizabeth Foster, Rich Marountas, Rose Debord

Karen Talbott called the meeting to order at 10:13AM. Ms. Talbott indicated that this was special meeting specifically intended to review and recommend approval of the the levy request to Summit County Council.

Elizabeth Bartz gave the Budget & Levy report. Ms. Bartz gave a recap of the earlier presentation from Summit DD Superintendent John Trunk. Some key highlights included:

- The DD levy request is not a new tax, it is a renewal
- “No waiting lists”
- Focus on meeting the needs of growing demand and that all in the board system have opportunity to have a good quality of life
- Since DD is transitioning out of direct service (fully transitioned out by 2019), there will be an increased focus on quality assurance, connecting individuals with individualized plans and resources
- Anticipating growth among young children (0-6), where Summit DD will remain a direct service provider
- Growth in outreach to schools to help develop life skills for successful transition to adulthood
- Fund balance will continue to decrease as DD will lose revenue over the next levy cycle
- DD has taken steps to assist staff in transition out of direct service through providing some resources (website, resume assistance, job postings etc.)
 - Some staff have started their own businesses due to the expansion of provider opportunities
 - Some are getting jobs with other providers who will now have a need to grow capacity
 - Many are eligible for retirement
 - Once DD has transitioned, they will require 250-270 staff for operations

There was a motion to recommend Summit County DD Levy request to Summit County Council by Malcolm Costa. All approved by voice vote.

There was no other business brought forward.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 AM.