

SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

September 27, 2017
Akron Community Foundation

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roberta Aber, Julie Barnes, Malcolm Costa, Jerry Craig, Pete Crossland, Pat Divoky, Richard Enty, John Garofalo, Elaine Harlin, Connie Krauss, Brain Nelsen, Linda Omobien, Sandy Selby, Donna Skoda, Karen Talbott, John Trunk, Sadie Winlock

MEMBERS ABSENT: Elizabeth Bartz, Rick Kavenagh, Nan McClenaghan, Jim Mullen, Kady Downing, Ken Douglas, Jim Lawrence, Brad Schroeder

GUESTS: Elizabeth Foster, Rich Marountas, Cory Kendrick, Terri Burns, Heather Yannayon

Karen Talbott called the meeting to order at 12pm with a review of the July 2017 meeting minutes. There was a motion to approve by Linda Omobien, second by Sadie Winlock and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Karen Talbott gave the Executive Committee report which included setting the agenda for the September Board meeting and hearing the committee reports.

Budget and Levy Review Committee

Elizabeth Bartz gave the report from the September 5th Budget and Levy meeting in which all three levy-funded agencies presented their 2018 budgets. Elizabeth noted that there is uncertainty at the federal level for all of the agencies but that the ADM board is most affected by uncertainty pertaining to the Affordable Care Act and relative Medicaid Expansion. ADM has moved all of their agency contracts from a calendar year to state fiscal years. They have also contracted with a consultant to help contracted agencies improve revenues, identifies strengths and weaknesses, assess readiness to enter into managed care contracts and model some of the new rates. A goal for 2017 is to continue to manage resources, focus on efficiency and access, monitor the impact of Medicaid changes on the health of the agencies, advocate for additional funding and ensure the safety net of services for Summit County residents.

Budget and Levy then met with Summit DD who is on the ballot this year to renew their existing levy. Summit DD now supports 4,700 individuals in the community, and those services are through life. Expenses have remained fairly flat in the last couple of years. Medicaid costs make up the majority of DD's expenditures. Mr Trunk also informed the committee that they are selling their fleet of vehicles as they are moving out of the transportation business as a result of getting out of direct service. Elizabeth noted that DD is operating with approximately 55 fewer staff than in the past. DD is optimistic

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about passing the levy in November. The State of Ohio allows local Board of Elections to charge the agencies for being on the ballot so it is beneficial for the levy to pass the first time. DD is Issue #3. Next year Budget and Levy will work with Children's Services which was the third agency to present their budget.

The levy is 62% of Children's Services budget and IV-E funds cover about 40% of their budget. In 2017 the State added 15 million dollars for children's funding and our local SCCS received \$352,000. Julie and her staff have been up front about the effects of the opiate epidemic on their operations and how they have had to tap into their carry forward to be able to provide necessary services to the children in Summit County. SCCS will go on the ballot in 2018 for a renewal of the 2.25 mills plus an additional 1.5 mill which would generate an additional \$14.7 million dollars a year and would allow SCCS to rebuild the cash balance to make it through the next levy cycle. For the typical \$100,000 household it was estimated to move from \$68 dollars a year to \$86 dollars a year. SCCS is also approaching union negotiations. Julie has done a good job informing staff about current budget landscape in hopes that there is resolution with those negotiations that is positive.

All levy- funded agencies were thanked for their transparency and openness to communicate their needs with the committee.

Elizabeth proposed the motion to recommend approval of all three levy agencies budgets to Summit County Council. All approved unanimously by voice vote.

Health and Human Services Committee

Elaine Harlin gave the HHS report from the previous meeting in which Nan McClenaghan gave a report about the Income Education and Workforce Development committee's activities. Elaine encouraged the group to check out the updated Map Your Career document that was recently completed. IEWD has been operating for 12 years and will facilitate it's 3rd School Counselor Summit on Friday, December 8th and this will include all Summit County Schools. The event provides school counselors with resources from the community.

Jerry gave an update to HHS regarding the opiate epidemic and noted that September has seen an increase in overdoses. There was 183 ODs in September. Approximately 90% of ODs are not in any kind of treatment. Quick Response Teams have gotten 125 people into treatment since the beginning of operations. QRTs are currently in 10 cities within the County. Jerry and the Opiate Task Force are drafting a letter to the feds appealing to them about the opiate crisis.

There was a motion to support the letter from the SSAB by Elaine Harlin, all approved unanimously by voice vote.

The HHS committee continues to watch what is happening at the federal level with regards to the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid Expansion. Pat Divoky noted that she hasn't heard anything with regard to the state veto and a proposed override.

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There will be a 7% reduction in Medicaid dollars which will be passed down to providers but is expected to not affect the behavioral health system at this time.

Non-emergency transportation will no longer be managed by the local DJFS but by the state. Logistics are yet to be known but it is expected to take place by state fy 2018.

Elaine noted a few other Quality of Life updates: FTF has completed strategic plan and is awaiting a reprint. SILC is working on assisting Direction Home with developing a system for coordinated intake. The Annual Champions for Wellness Conference took place on Friday September 15th focusing primarily on the CDC Scorecard. Preliminary evaluations indicate that 75% of attendees that completed an evaluation are interested in completing the scorecard within their agencies. The Community Health Improvement Plan has also been released and is available on the SCPH website. Agencies that attend the State of the County's Health will receive a hard copy.

Other Business/ Good of the Order

Richard Enty updated the group that Metro is looking into the feasibility of supplying their bus drivers with Narcan after one bus driver encountered an overdose during his route.

Pat Divoky informed the group of an upcoming event at DJFS on October 11th to provide information on two new database systems that are going into effect at DJFS.

John Trunk distributed some materials for the upcoming levy including endorsement forms. He also offered to come out to worksites to present if needed.

John Garofalo updated the group on the On the Table which is now expecting 6,000 people to participate. There are conversations taking place at the Knight Center for anyone who is not yet committed.

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