

**SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**September 28, 2016**  
**Akron Community Foundation**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Roberta Aber, Dottie Achmoody, Julie Barnes, Malcolm Costa, Pete Crossland, Pat Divoky, Richard Enty, John Garofalo, Connie Krauss, James Lawrence, Jim Mullen, Rich Marountas, Sandy Selby, Karen Talbott, John Trunk, Ken Douglas, Elaine Harlin, Rick Kavenagh, Cory Kendrick, Brian Nelson, Elizabeth Foster

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Elizabeth Bartz, Kady Downing, Brad Schroeder, Jerry Craig, Nan McClenaghan, Linda Omobien, John Saros, Donna Skoda

**GUESTS:** Laura Hoff, Jen Peveich, Aimee Wade, Darin Kearns

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Karen Talbott called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

The minutes from the July 27, 2016 meeting were accepted as presented. Motion by John Garofalo, second by Malcolm Costa.

**Committee Reports**

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on September 21, 2016 to discuss the Board meeting agenda. John Garofalo received the final report on Direction Home for the older adult population. Akron Community Foundation will be meeting with Direction Home on Oct 13<sup>th</sup> to decide what role they will play.

Budget and Levy

The budget and levy committee met on September 6, 2016. Rick Kavenagh informed the group of the following:

- **Summit County ADM Board** - They are currently facing two big issues. The first issue is regarding suicide rates and the second issue is the Opiate Epidemic. During this past year they have reduced the wait list by making sure beds are vacant and available as soon as possible. They have increased the sober housing beds by purchasing an additional 54 beds. ADM will be modifying their contracts and will be entering into state fiscal year contracts with agencies. Expenditures have increased by 2% and 5% for health insurance. Total revenue for 2017 is \$41,891,696.00. Total expenditures for 2017 are \$47,729,340.00. ADM will go on the ballot in 2019.
- **Summit County Developmental Disabilities** – They have been mandated to get out of the direct service role. They will continue to provide three main services: identify what people need, connect people to services and monitor what happens. Total revenue for 2017 is \$64,256,480.00. Total expenditures for 2017 are \$70,865,623.00. DD will go on the ballot in 2017 and they are requesting a renewal.
- **Summit County Children Services** – The largest issue they are facing is custody. The numbers started to increase at the end of 2015 and currently they have 700 kids in

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custody. They are seeing more kids that are traumatized and need services longer. As more kids come into custody the caseloads and child expenses keep going up as well as overtime for staff. They would like to add more staff to keep caseloads manageable. Currently they have 325 staff and have remained at that number for past 2 years. Expenditures have increased by 8% from the 2016 budget. The increase is due to the increase in paid placements. Total expenditures for 2017 are \$51,914,589.00. SCCS will go on the ballot in 2018.

All three agency budgets were recommended for approval by those present.

- SCCS Resolution –Asking for a 2.1 million increase for 2016 to help cover paid placement costs. These funds will come out of the current reserve. Motion by Sandy Selby, seconded by Roberta Aber.

#### Health and Human Services Committee

The Health and Human Services Committee did not meet in September 2016.

- Metro – Richard Enty discussed the three most requested changes they have received from their customers and bus operators: Increase service frequency, simplify schedules with clockface headways and increase service span (evening and weekends). A handout was distributed showing the plans for next year based on the data provided.
- Healthier Buckeye Council/Bridges – Jim Mullen reports that they are getting the grant goals met. The grant goal is to get 250 participants recruited. They have hired a Getting Ahead Coordinator and hired all facilitators. Ohio’s public television station is producing a full program about Bridges and Getting Ahead and will be visiting on October 19<sup>th</sup> to attend a Bridges workshop and highlight the Getting Ahead work. A handout was passed out with all activities and the marketing/advertising strategy.
- Opiate Task Force – Currently they have 4 active growing committees: Public Awareness, Healthcare, Criminal Justice and Policy and Advocacy. ADM is seeing continued outreach through the faith based communities. This increase is due to the Change Direction Campaign. A program called Craft is being used in Hamilton County that helps support family members affected. This program uses a Quick Response Team that has the ems/fire department leave a packet for the families anytime there’s an overdose. The team (ems/law enforcement/treatment provider) will return after 3 or 5 days to that location. This program has results of 80% going into treatment with a 30% decrease in overdoses. ADM is looking into this program for the communities most affected.
- The Collaboration Prize Application – The group looked over the handout and decided to pursue this.

#### New Business/Announcements

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual State of the County’s Health – December 1, 2016 8:30 at Quaker Station.

With no further business noted, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:20 PM.

*Respectfully submitted on October 11, 2016  
By Laura Hoff, Summit County Public Health*