

ALLEN COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

BOARD MEETING

September 18, 2018

Members Present: Dr. Hughes, Mr. Stolly, Ms. Fox, Mr. Reiff, Mr. Long, Ms. Wall

Members Not Present: Ms. Provaznik

Dr. Hughes called the Board meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes of the August 21, 2018 board meeting were approved.

AGENCY BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance Committee –

Mr. Long stated he has reviewed the finance reports and they look very good. Income is showing a slight reduction at this time, although this is due to the lower placement costs, which is good to see.

RESOLUTION 0918-01: Ratifies the payment of bills for the month of August 2018.

Mr. Long made a motion to approve, Mr. Reiff seconded Motion carried, resolution adopted.

Community Engagement Committee – did not meet.

Donated Funds Committee - did not meet.

Nominating Committee –

RESOLUTION 0918-02: Recommend to the Allen County Commissioners renewal of the appointment of Mr. Jason Stolly to another four-year term to the Allen County Children Services Board, beginning September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2022.

Mr. Long made a motion to approve, Ms. Wall seconded Motion carried, resolution adopted.

Personnel Committee – did not meet.

Program Services Committee – did not meet.

By-Laws & Policy Committee –

Secretary Fox advised that as a result of undesirable behavior demonstrated at the July Board meeting she would like to review with board members the expected protocol when a party wishes to address the Board.

Article IV Board Meetings; Quorum, Section 4 Sunshine Statute

Although the Sunshine Statute does not guarantee the right to be heard, the agenda for each Board meeting shall include an opportunity for individuals wishing to address the

Board be heard. This opportunity shall be scheduled following approval of the minutes of the previous meeting and prior to the conduct of normal agency business for the month. Individuals wishing to address the Board will be limited to a maximum time of five minutes per person. Individuals wishing to address the Board in meetings shall notify the agency of the intention by filling out a "Notice of Intent to Address the Board" (this can be found on our website) and submit this notice to the Executive Director of Allen County Children Services not later than twenty-four hours prior to the Board meeting. At the chair's discretion, other individuals may be permitted to address the Board. The following rules shall apply to individuals addressing the Board:

1. The chair may stop the speaker at the end of his/her allotted five minutes.
2. The chair may stop the speaker if his/her presentation is inappropriate or disruptive and may ask that speaker to leave the meeting. Law enforcement may be requested to remove a continually inappropriate or disruptive person.
3. Should an orderly continuation of the meeting become impossible, the chair may adjourn the meeting to reconvene at a later time and place at the call of the chair.

Mrs. Sidener will send a copy of the Regulations and Policies to all Board Members.

PROGRAM DIRECTORS REPORT

Currently there are:

55 Children in temporary custody
 o 3 Residential Homes/ 9 in group homes
138 Children with relatives/kin placements
46 Foster homes, one new home in August

Adoption/Foster Care Recruitment:

We attended the National Night Out
Agency participated in the Fair Parade
Agency personnel and foster parents assisted with the Fair Booth

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

New Supervisors are invited to the October 2018 board meeting where they will be introduced to the Board.

September is Kinship Appreciation month.

Electronic Document Management System (EDMS): This is a statewide initiative to house documents electronically. This also allows these documents to be shared statewide. The state will supply some electronics to help implement this initiative.

New Security system to be installed soon.

Fair Parade: We had about 60-70 participants which included staff, foster parents and foster/adoptive children. Foster Parents were excited to participate in other parades.

Adopt A Family is due to begin soon. This helps buy Christmas gift for children who are involved with the agency, under Protective Supervisions and voluntary cases.

Cole Collection will also begin soon and it is in its fifth year. They run a small boutique type of function, where they invite several vendors. The proceeds from the event help

purchase Christmas gifts for children in temporary custody, and in the last year this was extended to include children in kinship placement.

MEDIA REPORT

Agency participated in the Fair Parade, we had foster children hold the sign and lead us in the parade.

Agency participated in the Fair, both staff and Foster parents helped man the booth. We gave away school supplies throughout the fair.

Held a Facebook competition where agency gave away backpacks, 55 people participated.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Hughes apologized she has missed the last two board meetings due to illness. This hindered the Executive Committee meeting. The Executive Committee did meet prior to today's board meeting.

ACCS stopped referrals to the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) five and half months ago. There has been a miscommunication that children went without services. This is not true. The six children who required medical services during that time were referred to Nationwide Children's Hospital. The agency is very satisfied with the services received from Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Dr. Hughes stated we could start with some referrals to the CAC at this time, at the discretion of the agency. We need to ensure the agency's service needs are met. Ms. Fox stated we should continue to communicate with the CAC, with the Executive Director and the Program Administrators being the representative of Allen County Children Services.

Mr. David Voth, Executive Director of Crime Victim Services asked to speak.

Mr. Voth asked what has not been resolved, and why there is a six-month period of evaluation.

Dr. Hughes stated this is a conversation that should be held between the two organizations. Dr. Hughes stated we are willing to move forward on a limited basis to ensure the needs of Allen County Children Services are being met. Mr. Voth stated he thought when he met with Ms. Scanland previously; all the issues were addressed. Ms. Scanland stated when she met with Mr. Voth in July the protocol and procedures were changed. This is one part of the process; with the next part ensuring we are receiving the services that we need. Mr. Voth again asked what the concerns are. Dr. Hughes stated there does continue to be concerns in regard to who is being called first when there are concerns of sexual abuse; which is one area of concern.

Ms. Fox stated these concerns should be held in a non-public setting, where case specifics can be discussed. Ms. Fox stated there should be a show of goodwill towards Allen County Children Services, were she believes this is not the case as evidenced by the July 2018 board meeting.

Dr. Hughes stated that the CAC is a service provider and Allen County Children Services is responsible to choose which service providers to use. This decision must include ensuring that the agency's needs are met from each service provider. Therefore, we will continue to evaluate the services we receive from the CAC.

RESOLUTION 0918-3: ACCS Program Administrators will make decisions about what referrals will be made to the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) for the next 6 months. ACCS and CAC Administrators will meet to discuss next steps and ACCS will provide evaluation to CAC at the end of the 6-month period. Ongoing communication will occur between organizations.

Ms. Fox made a motion to approve, Mr. Long seconded Motion carried, resolution adopted.

NEW BUSINESS


EXECUTIVE SESSION

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

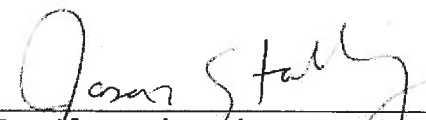
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Stolly made a motion to adjourn at 6pm, Ms. Reiff seconded.

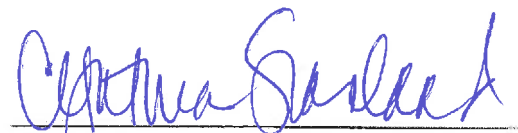
Respectfully submitted,



Joanne Sidener
Fiscal Supervisor



Dr. Jennifer Hughes, Ph.D., MSW, LISW-S
Board Chair



Cynthia M. Scanland, MSSA
Executive Director