

SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

April 30, 2013
Akron Community Foundation
345 W. Cedar Street
Akron OH 44307

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roberta Aber, Dottie Achmoody, Tom Armstrong, Elizabeth Bartz, Angela Tucker Cooper, Malcolm Costa, Jerry Craig, Pat Divoky, Ken Douglas, Kady Downing, Richard Enty, David James, Rick Kavenagh, Bob Kulinski, James Lawrence, Nan McClenaghan, Brian Nelsen, Gene Nixon, John Saros, Sandy Selby, Karen Talbott,

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Garofalo, Connie Krauss, Linda Omobien, Brad Schroeder

GUESTS: Ali Capoun, Rose DeBord, Tom Leffler, Rich Marountas

Chairperson Talbott called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. A moment of silence was observed for Ms. Barbara Vassel, a Board member who recently passed away. The minutes from the January 30th meeting were reviewed. Mr. Kavenagh made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Kulinski seconded the motion; all approved by voice vote.

Committee Reports

Forum Planning Committee

Ms. Divoky and Ms. McClenaghan have met with Ms. Jill Skapin to plan for the October 25th event. A possible theme for the event is a "Network of Safety". Additional planning meetings have been scheduled.

Executive Committee

Ms. Talbott reported that the Executive Committee met on April 17th. The issue of advocacy and the role of the SSAB was discussed. The SSAB serves at the pleasure of the County Executive and as such, advocacy questions and requests will be coordinated with the Executive's Office through Ms. Divoky. Ms. Divoky will discuss further the role of SSAB for advocacy with Executive Pry.

Mr. Saros reported that an initiative is under way to add a second juvenile court judge in Summit County. After some discussion, Mr. Lawrence made a motion that SSAB should send a letter to Executive Pry to recommend that a study should be conducted prior to the addition of a second juvenile court to ascertain what effects it may have; Mr. Saros seconded the motion; all agreed by voice vote.

Chair Talbott, representing the Executive Committee, made a motion to make Ms. Cooper the co-Chair of the Health & Human Service Committee and Mr. Kavenagh the co-Chair for the Budget & Levy Review Committee; all approved by voice vote.

Budget and Levy Review Committee

Ms. Cooper said the committee met with the ADM Board on April 24th to hear their request for a renewal levy.

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Ms. Bartz stated the levy would be for 2.95 mils for the 2015-20 operating period and acknowledged that of the levy-funded agencies, the ADM Board was the most affected by the ACA and the state's expected decision not to expand Medicaid.

Mr. Craig added that there is still a push for expansion. Current polling indicates local support for a renewal request.

Ms. Bartz made motion on behalf on the Budget & Levy Review Committee to approve the ADM request for a levy renewal in the November 2013 election; all approved by voice vote with Mr. Armstrong, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Craig, Mr. Lawrence, Ms. McClenaghan, Mr. Nixon, and Mr. Saros abstaining.

Mr. Craig thanked the committee for their support.

Health and Human Services Committee

Rev. Selby reported that the committee met on April 10th. She referred to the 1st quarter report for the Quality of Life initiatives for 2013.

- **Early Childhood**- A new Coordinator, Ms. Monique Rodgers, has been hired. An Infant Mortality Summit has been planned for June 6th at The Knight Center.
- **Older Adults** – Ms. Divoky has met with Judge Stormer regarding APS communications. The Respecting Options of Care group, or ROC, was discussed. The ROC initiative encourages everyone to have advanced directives in place.
- **Health & Health Disparities**
Plans continue for an initiative roll out this summer.
- **Government Efficiency and Effectiveness**
The Budget & Levy Review Committee has their 2013 meetings scheduled.
- **Economic Stability and Prosperity**
Ms. McClenaghan reported that the Income, Education, and Workforce Development Committee (IEWD) has spent the 1st quarter of 2013 educating people on soft skills. The IEWD is close to finalizing a soft skills resource document.

Old Business

None

New Business/Announcements

Mr. Marountas distributed a fact sheet on Medicaid Expansion that was developed by the Health Policy Institute of Ohio.

Mr. Craig noted that the inaugural Recovery Challenge event sponsored by the ADM Board was scheduled for May 18th. There will be competitive and non-competitive activities for all ages.

Ms. Divoky reported that DJFS has received notice that sequestration cuts will affect 5-10% of the Title XX monies received by the agency. Title XX is used to support Adult Protective Services.

The meeting adjourned.

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The next meeting is scheduled for July 24th at 11:45 a.m. at the Akron Community Foundation.

Respectfully submitted on May 23rd, 2013
By Ali Capoun, Summit County Public Health