

SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roberta Aber, Dottie Achmoody, Tom Armstrong, Angela Tucker Cooper, Malcolm Costa, Jerry Craig, Pat Divoky, Kenneth Douglas, Kady Downing, Richard Enty, David James, Rick Kavenagh, Connie Krauss, Robert Kulinski, Nan McClenaghan, Gene Nixon, Linda Omobien, Sandy Selby, Karen Talbott, Barbara Vassel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Elizabeth Bartz, James Lawrence, John Saros, Brad Schroeder

GUESTS: Gary Binns, Ali Capoun, Rose DeBord, Jon Garofalo, Sharon Geffken, Darlene Mims, Donna Skoda, Kara Stiller

Chairperson Talbott called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. Introductions were made around the table.

The minutes from the October 3rd meeting were reviewed. Ms. Downing made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Kulinski seconded the motion; all approved by voice vote.

Ms. Divoky reviewed the proposed changes to the SSAB Code of Regulations. Ms. Aber made a motion to approve the changes; Ms. Cooper seconded the motion; all approved by voice vote.

Committee Reports

Forum Planning Committee

Ms. McClenaghan said that the Forum for 2013 is scheduled for October 25th at the Knight Center. The format will be similar to the 2012 with a breakfast and speakers. She said a planning group would be convening soon and that a survey would be sent out to members to get thoughts on forum planning.

Ms. Divoky noted that the Forum ended with a \$16,126.94 balance due to sponsors and that the 2012 speakers did not charge a fee. Previous speakers had charged for the event.

Executive Committee

Ms. Talbott reported that the Executive Committee met on January 23rd. She noted the importance of getting the Statement of Disclosure signed in the beginning of the year and that this form is required to be signed annually.

Budget and Levy Review Committee

Ms. Cooper said that the Committee will meet in April with the levy funded agencies to review how 2012 ended.

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Mr. Craig said the ADM Board is awaiting the Governor's budget release to determine what the ADM levy request will be. They are currently projecting different scenarios based on what may happen in February.

Ms. Cooper acknowledged the announcement of the retirement of Mr. Saros later this year.

Health and Human Services Committee

Rev. Selby reported that the committee met on January 16th. She referred to the 4th quarter report for the Quality of Life initiatives for 2012. She noted that while some of the initiatives, like Bridges out of Poverty, were not directly connected to the SSAB, many of the SSAB members were actively involved in them. She suggested reviewing updates for the Quality of Life indicators at the next SSAB meeting.

- **Early Childhood-** Ms. Capoun said that First Things First, the ADM Board, and other partners had developed a billboard and marketing campaign for the Summit County Maternal Depression Network that was currently underway. An Infant Mortality Summit is being planned for Summit County in early summer.
- **Older Adults** – The Senior Independent Living Coalition, SILC, is still in the process of adjusting to the new format: a larger committee with subcommittee/workgroups working towards the group's goals.
- **Health & Health Disparities**
Plans continue for an initiative roll out.
- **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 was in its 8th year. She introduced the recently updated Job Seeker's Guide and the Map Your Career Guides which are available on the healthysummit.org website or through scanning a QR Code that directly links the user to the guides online. These resources are reviewed and updated yearly and provided to Getting Ahead Graduates, students, displaced workers, and others that are seeking employment and/or weighing career options.
Ms. McClenaghan discussed the Soft Skills project that she and Ms. Maureen VanDuser from Summit Workforce Solutions have been working on per the request of Executive Pry. They worked through the idea of "soft skills" with many different groups-public, private, and government sectors, large and small employers- to determine what are commonly valued soft skills. The six skills identified were Adaptable, Critical Thinker, Communicator, Work Ethic, Dependable, and Integrity. The next steps were to vet out programs that could develop or enhance soft skills in the workforce and create resources for soft skills and mechanisms to embed them in current educational programming. They are also marketing this to make customers (Chambers of Commerce, employers, trade associations, etc.) aware of this initiative.
Ms. McClenaghan suggested that future SSAB meetings provide a focus on one or two initiatives to allow more time for presentation and to give the members a good understanding of the initiative.

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Old Business

None

New Business/Announcements

None

The meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

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

*Respectfully submitted on March 8th, 2013
By Ali Capoun, Summit County Public Health*

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