

SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

July 30th, 2014
Ohio Means Job Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roberta Aber, Malcolm Costa, Richard Enty, Elaine Harlin, Rick Kavenagh, Jim Lawrence, Nan McClenaghan, Brain Nelsen, Gene Nixon, Sandy Selby, Karen Talbott, John Trunk, Julie Barnes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jerry Craig, Bob Kulinski, Linda F.R. Omobien, Brad Schroeder Dottie Achmoody, Elizabeth Bartz, Angela Tucker Cooper, Pete Crossland, Pat Divoky, Ken Douglas, Kady Downing, John Garofalo, Connie Krauss,

GUESTS: Donna Skoda, Elizabeth James, Rose DeBord, Tom Leffler, Rich Marountas, Carol Marhiano Becker

Chairperson Talbott called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Ms. Talbott introduced Elizabeth James to the group and introductions were made all around.

The minutes from the April 30th meeting were reviewed. Because there was not a quorum, the minutes were not approved and will be reviewed again at the next full SSAB meeting.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on July 23rd to set the agenda for this meeting.

Budget and Levy Review Committee

Mr. Kavenagh informed the group that the last Budget and Levy meeting, scheduled for July 16th was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. The next meeting is September 9th. Mr. Kavenagh said that all levy funded agencies have been informed to communicate any issues to him or Ms. Bartz.

Health and Human Services Committee

Ms. Selby reported that the committee met on July 17th. Ms. Skoda informed the group about a new resettlement agency that is coming to Summit County. The group was encouraged to start to think about the language issue at a higher level and about bringing the resettlement agencies to the table to address the need for integrated care. Ms. Seibly gave an update about the Volunteer Guardianship program which has just trained its first cohort of 20 individuals. Mr. Trunk mentioned that this program is getting attention at the state level. Ms. Selby gave a Bridges update and informed the group that the Getting Ahead coursework and G.E.D. curriculum are going to be offered in tandem after a successful pilot program. There is interest among SCDJFS to expand this program with their clients. Ms. Selby made quick mention about the Single-Parent Project, which Ms. Skoda will elaborate on during New Business. Updates regarding the five initiatives will be sent out via email by Elizabeth James.

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Metro RTA Strategic Plan Presentation

Mr. Enty and his associate, Ms. Becker presented their draft strategic plan. The group offered feedback and appreciation for what Metro does for the community. The three overarching strategies that Metro designated were 1) Increasing ridership, 2) Company-wide culture, and 3) Leadership.

New Business/Announcements

Ms. Skoda went over the Strategic Doing Summary sheet and discussed priorities for Quality of Life. The first priority is the primary-behavioral health care integration. This includes the streamlining of translation services as there are currently a lot of dollars being spent for this service. As discussed during the HHS update, there is a need to bring the resettlement agencies to the table. Mr. Marountas discussed the second priority which involves eliminating poverty in Summit County. The group wants to survey SSAB initially to see internally if the agencies SSAB represent post their jobs with Ohio Means Jobs. This will lead to a campaign to encourage employers to utilize this resource. Ms. Skoda discussed the Single-parent project as a way to also help eliminate poverty, especially generational poverty since single parents suffer disproportionately. Ms. Skoda discussed doing Strategic Doing training, facilitated by Purdue, in the early fall. Finally, Ms. Skoda gave an update about the recently collected Youth Risk Behavioral Survey (YRBS) data. This data is housed at Case Western and is in raw format. The data will be ready for the public to review in September after presenting to the school boards. Ms. Skoda discussed how Summit County has a very robust sample due to oversampling. This will allow for better monitoring moving forward.

The next SSAB meeting is scheduled for October 1st, 11:45 a.m. at the Ohio Means Job Center. However, the group is interested in touring Reach at Summit Lake so arrangements will be made to possibly hold the meeting at that location.

*Respectfully submitted on August 1st 2014
By Elizabeth James, Summit County Public Health*