

**SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

**October 16th, 2013
Akron Community Foundation**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roberta Aber, Tom Armstrong, Angela Tucker Cooper, Malcolm Costa, Jerry Craig, Pete Crossland, Pat Divoky, Kady Downing, Richard Enty, John Garofalo, Elaine Harlin, Rick Kavenagh, Connie Krauss, James Lawrence, John Saros, Brad Schroeder, Karen Talbott

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dottie Achmoody, Elizabeth Bartz, Ken Douglas, Rick Kavenagh, Bob Kulinski, Nan McClenaghan, Gene Nixon, Linda Omobien, Sandy Selby

GUESTS: Ali Capoun, Rose DeBord, Gary Binns, Lisa Kamlowsky, Jeff Krauss, Tom Leffler, Rich Marountas, Mira Pozna

Chairperson Talbott called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m. New members, Mr. Crossland and Ms. Harlin, were introduced and introductions were made around the table.

The minutes from the July 24th meeting were reviewed. Ms. Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Enty seconded the motion; all approved by voice vote.

Committee Reports

Forum Planning Committee

The October 25th event will have a theme of a "Network of Safety: Partners You Don't Expect". The forum will be from 7:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. at the John S. Knight Center. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Panel presentation membership is being finalized.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

Budget and Levy Review Committee

The Committee recommended that the Board approve the 2014 annual budgets for the three levy-funded agencies; all approved by voice vote with Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Craig, Mr. Lawrence, and Mr. Saros abstaining.

Chairperson Talbott thanked the agencies for their work in preparing the budget documents and Mr. Nelsen for his important contributions to the review process.

Health and Human Services Committee

Ms. Cooper said that the ADM Board has completed the focus group portion of the senior needs assessment they are conducting. Results will be shared with the Senior Independent Living Coalition. The Bridges Out of Poverty initiative is collaborating with community partners to explore various barriers to employment.

Ms. Divoky discussed the process DJFS is going through to try and reach the estimated 7500 ABAWDS (able-bodied adults without dependents) that are in danger of losing food

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assistance due to the State re-activating its work requirements for food assistance. Estimates show that 10-12% of this group will likely continue to receive food assistance. Mr. Craig stated that ADM is meeting with the International Institute to discuss the development of culturally appropriate mental health resources for refugee populations in Summit County.

Mr. Marountas provided a preview of data items from the 2013 Indicator Report currently being developed for the 2020 Quality of Life project. The final report should be completed by late November.

Old Business

None

New Business/Announcements

Chairperson Talbott and the SSAB Board thanked Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Saros for their dedicated community involvement and leadership and wished them well in their impending retirements.

Mr. Craig encouraged everyone to support Issue #1 for an ADM Board renewal levy.

The 2014 SSAB calendar dates will be announced in December.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted on October 21, 2013
By Ali Capoun, Summit County Public Health*