

**SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**October 1<sup>st</sup> 2014**  
**REACH Opportunity Center**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Roberta Aber, Malcolm Costa, Elaine Harlin, Rick Kavenagh, Nan McClenaghan, Brain Nelsen, Gene Nixon, Sandy Selby, Karen Talbott, John Trunk, Julie Barnes Jerry Craig, Linda F.R. Omobien, Dottie Achmoody, Kady Downing, John Garofalo, Pat Divoky, Ken Douglas, Angela Tucker Cooper, Donae Ceja

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Brad Schroeder, Elizabeth Bartz, Pete Crossland, Connie Krauss, Richard Enty, Jim Lawrence

**GUESTS:** Donna Skoda, Elizabeth James, Rose DeBord, Rich Marountas, Gary Binns

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Chairperson Talbott called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m. Ms. Talbott introduced Donae Ceja to the group and introductions were made all around.

The minutes from the April 30<sup>th</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup> meetings were reviewed and approved as presented.

**Committee Reports**

Executive Committee

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

Budget and Levy Review Committee

Mr. Kavenagh reviewed the minutes from the September 9<sup>th</sup> Budget and Levy meeting. Jerry Craig, John Trunk and Julie Barnes supplemented information as needed and answered questions from the group.

There was a motion to accept the report from the Budget and Levy Committee and recommend approval of each agency's 2015 budgets. The motion was approved. Jerry Craig, John Trunk and Julie Barnes abstained.

Health and Human Services Committee

Ms. Tucker Cooper reported that the committee met on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Highlights from the early childhood initiative updates include an expanded reach of the ASQ and an integration of the ASQ:SE. 50% of the children enrolled in Medicaid HMO's are behind on their well child visits. There were 18,000 in attendance at Summit for Kids.

The ADM needs assessment report was presented at the last SILC meeting. The data pointed to a sharp decrease in mental health treatment after age 65 so there will be some investigation into those findings.

The APS program has finished a Letter of Intent to the GAR Foundation to secure additional funding to extend services to individuals who do not qualify for APS, but could use services as a prevention strategy. APS presented to the Kasich administration in Columbus and received good feedback about the collaborative nature of the program in Summit County. The state was specifically interested in the database OnBase and is considering giving funds (\$10million for APS programs statewide) to build out the database so it can be replicated in other counties. There is a strong sense that this money is one-time only.

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Through the Income Education Workforce Development effort, the Soft Skills Guide has been updated. The group is now working with Summit Education Initiative (SEI) to collaborate with school guidance counselors to integrate the Soft Skills Guide into their interactions with students.

Donna Skoda gave an overview of some of the priorities identified out of the Strategic Doing workshop. Translation Services is a timely and appropriate focus. The subgroup identified in Strategic Doing is planning a meeting in early November to engage the larger community. Worksite wellness, also identified as a priority during Strategic Doing, will use the data collected from the ABIA Policy Scan as a baseline measure.

The YRBS data has been presented to Summit County Superintendents and has been well received. The full report is now ready to be released. ADM board will use this data to target programming in areas of need by releasing RFPs that specifically require community providers to work with the schools. ADM is now developing an action plan and is working with the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Drug Addiction to analyze the data.

#### New Business/Announcements

Strategic Doing training has been scheduled for November 11-13. The training will be all day. Ten to 15 participants are needed to reduce the cost of the training. Current numbers are around 10 and there was some additional interest expressed by the group. Elizabeth James indicated that if individuals would rather send another member from their agency, perhaps one that would be better suited for the training, SCPH could accommodate this.

Ms. Skoda provided background information on the Akron BioInnovation Institute of Akron (ABIA) and the Accountable Care Community (ACC). The Health Department has committed to keeping the work of the Accountable Care Community going and has considered contracting with Community Legal Aid to keep Marie Curry involved in the process. The "Cuba" group is going to keep momentum going to work on Health in All Policies approach, including a Charter and a Community Engagement Strategy. This group is working specifically with Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) to strategically plan for the future of the ACC. Ms. Skoda and Ms. James will attend a meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup> to learn more about this endeavor.

Mr. Trunk informed the group that SCDD's recently gained CARF accreditation status for the maximum allotted years. SCDD has also redesigned its website. Mr. Trunk informed the group about HB 621 which targets disabled individuals who are registered sex offenders.

Mr. Craig informed the group of the status of ADM's move to relocate to the new SCPH Fairway building in west Akron. There is a Save-the-Date for the Opiate Task Force's seminar regarding the heroin epidemic-- October 30<sup>th</sup> at Firestone.

Mr. Garofolo reported that the Akron Community Foundation will be back in their building on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

The next SSAB meeting has not been scheduled. Elizabeth James will work with Chair Karen Talbott and the Executive Committee to schedule 2015 meetings.

*Respectfully submitted on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014  
By Elizabeth James, Summit County Public Health*