

**SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
January 26, 2004**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

William Alford
Thomas Armstrong
Elizabeth Bartz
Kevin Breen
Wayne Brennessel
James Lawrence
Gene Nixon
Robert Pfaff
Dr. Carl Simmers
Karen Talbott
Bernett Williams
Elaine Woloshyn
Randy Zumbar

DJFS STAFF:

Daisy L. Alford-Smith, Ph.D.
Valerie Austin
Patricia Divoky
Julie Seeley

GUESTS:

Gary Binns

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Angela Tucker Cooper
Vivian Celeste Neal
Jeff Heintz
Joe White

CALL TO ORDER:

Karen called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. A quorum of members was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 15, 2003 meeting were unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Adult Protective Services

Elizabeth Bartz reported that she would be following up with Dr. Sterns regarding the Adult Protective Services Task Force and any current issues that are of concern. Pat Divoky stated that the Adult Protective Services unit of the Department of Job & Family Services is planning a collaborative meeting sometime in April on the topic of senior freedom and safety issues.

Human Services Forum

“Save the Date” cards for the upcoming Human Services Forum were distributed and Elizabeth commended Dr. Smith and staff for the expansion of last year’s luncheon to a Human Services Forum, which will be held on April 2nd.

The Beacon has advertised the event. Elizabeth announced that there are opportunities for sponsorship at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. Elizabeth asked for the Board’s support and mentioned that both Cindy Johnson and Judy Becker, Bill Becker’s wife, would be accepting awards for service contributions Cindy and the late Bill Becker made to the Social Services Advisory Board.

Quality of Life Project

Bob Pfaff reported on the progress of the project and that he, Elizabeth and Karen are making presentations to various social service agencies. Karen noted that the agencies have been appreciative of the information. The Quality of Life Project Working Group will be meeting until March, and then oversight will transition to the Health and Human Services Committee.

BUDGET & LEVY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Elizabeth stated that CSB is on the March ballot and that there were contact meetings held in December prior to the decision being made to put the levy on the ballot. Elizabeth invited Gary Binns, of Children Services Board to give an update. Gary reported that it is doubtful that County Council will back the levy, but Mr. McCarthy is supportive of placing the levy on the ballot. There was concern about lack of voter confidence so soon after the strike and the Blue Ribbon Committee report. Karen asked if the agency had done any polling and he responded that the agency had done some polling. Gary reported CSB would run an aggressive media campaign. Elizabeth asked Gary for a report on the monies saved by the Children Services Board from the strike prior to the next SSAB meeting. Gary reported that the final 2003 budget was not complete, but the carry forward balance has dropped by \$ 1 million. Some of the 4-E monies were not received. Karen inquired about a financial contingency plan if the levy does not pass. Gary reported that dramatic changes would not be required in 2004, but start in 2005. CSB is considering an August election, if the March levy fails. Elaine requested that a Budget and Levy Committee meeting be scheduled for March, after the election date. Elaine requested a best estimate report on Children Service Board’s financials be presented in mid-March and asked Gary to contact the Committee regarding scheduling this meeting.

Daisy asked Gary to respond to a rumor that Joe White would be resigning and Gary stated he did not have any information to report.

Randy Zumbar stated that the Blue Ribbon Report regarding CSB could be viewed on the County website and that ADM would do what it could to assist CSB in getting passage of its levy.

Dairy Alford-Smith asked if the Social Services Advisory Board wanted to implement a plan to assist CSB in passage of the levy proposal since SSAB had recommended the

levy be placed on the ballot. The SSAB Board requested levy-related talking points from CSB.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

OTHER

Karen reminded members that the next Board meeting would be April 28th. It was noted by Julie that all member disclosure statements were received.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.