

**SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
March 21st, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

William Alford
Tom Armstrong
Angela Tucker Cooper
Don Davies
Sarah Kisner
Connie Krauss
Jim Lawrence
Gene Nixon
Katerina Papas
Bob Pfaff
Reverend Sandra Selby
Karen Talbott
Cheryl Urban
Jean Van Ness
Bernett Williams
Elaine Woloshyn

DJFS STAFF:

Pat Divoky
Julie Seeley

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Elizabeth Bartz
May Chen
Jeff Heintz
Delores Jones
Nan McClenaghan
Vivian Celeste Neal

GUESTS:

Greg Brown, Center for Community
Solutions
Rich Marountas, Center for Community
Solutions
Donna Skoda, Summit County Health
District

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

Karen Talbott called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. A quorum of members was present. Karen welcomed new SSAB members, who had met for an SSAB orientation prior to today's Board meeting. SSAB Board members introduced themselves to the new members (Don Davies and Katerina Papas).

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 17TH, 2007 SSAB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the January 17th, 2007 Board meeting were unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Karen expressed condolences on behalf of the Board to Jean Van Ness, who has had a loss in her family. Karen adjusted the agenda so that Jean could give her report on the Budget & Levy Review Committee and then be excused from the meeting.

BUDGET & LEVY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Jean reported that the Budget & Levy Review Committee met on February 20th. Jean stated that the Budget & Levy Review Committee has had a system in place for many years to avoid two levies being on the same ballot; however, because Summit County Council did not approve a levy request for Children Services to go on the ballot last year, Children Services and ADM will both have a levy request on the November ballot. The purpose of the Budget & Levy Review Committee meeting was to explore any possible ways to avoid both levies being on the ballot. However, after discussion, it became apparent that there were no other options and both levies are expected to be on the November, 2007 ballot, upon approval by Summit County Council. Children Services and ADM will be meeting with the Budget & Levy Review Committee on May 7th to review their respective levy proposals.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Karen stated that the Executive Committee had one meeting since the last Board meeting, on March 9th. The meeting was primarily a presentation of the Summit 2010 Transition Plan. The Executive Committee accepted the Summit 2010 Transition Plan but will be making some revisions to the budget portion. The Executive Committee will be meeting again to discuss these as well as to discuss the Plan and budget with Mr. McCarthy.

Karen noted she was contacted by Rose Juriga. Rose did not feel the SSAB July 19, 2006 minutes accurately reflected events at a Budget & Levy Review Committee meeting that she and Judge Cacioppo attended. Karen had informed Rose that the minutes had been approved by the Board and that she would inform the Board that Rose took exception to that portion of the minutes.

Karen stated that the Executive Committee had spoken about meeting with County Council and others to update them on the Summit 2010 Project and on other SSAB activities. The Executive Committee is waiting on a report on progress of the Summit 2010 goals from the consultants before making a presentation to County Council and the Akron Beacon Journal Editorial Board.

Karen reminded Board members that the Finance Forum will be meeting in April.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SUMMIT 2010 TRANSITION PLAN

Bernett Williams called on the Center for Community Solutions consultants to speak to the Board about the Summit 2010 Transition Plan. A draft of the Summit 2010 Transition Plan had been distributed to all Board members. The Transition Plan is a plan to continue the work of the Summit 2010 Project after the contract with the consultants ends on June 30th, 2007. The consultants had met with SSAB members, DJFS leadership and others to serve as a basis in drafting the Transition Plan. After Greg Brown made introductory comments, Rich Marountas and Donna Skoda reviewed the Executive Summary portion of the Transition Plan.

Bob Pfaff stated that the Summit 2010 Transition Plan should be revised to include a full time Executive Director for SSAB, whose major role will be continuation of the Summit 2010 Project and other SSAB activities.

After responding to questions, the consultants excused themselves from the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

SSAB BOARD COMPOSITION

Karen announced that she had received two Board resignations; Dr. Carl Simmers and Mike Wise. Karen asked for a resolution from the Board thanking them for their service. The motion passed unanimously.

The 2007 SSAB Committee assignment sheets were distributed to all Board members. It was moved to approve the Committee assignments and the motion passed unanimously.

2007 MAKING A DIFFERENCE HUMAN SERVICES FORUM UPDATE

Cheryl Urban reported that the Making a Difference Forum Planning Committee has been meeting and the 2007 Forum is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, October 23rd, 2007. Plans for a keynote speaker are being finalized. As the Committee has a carryover of monies from last year, the Committee is planning on giving scholarships to sociology and social work students to attend the Forum this year. Angela Tucker Cooper reinforced that as this is an SSAB event, the Planning Committee would like to count on the Board for sponsorship and attendance at the event.

OTHER

The next SSAB Board meeting is scheduled for May 16th, 2007 at noon. (Note: the meeting has been changed to May 10th, 2007 at noon). The Children Services and ADM levy requests will be reviewed at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.