

**SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES**

**October 3, 2012  
Akron Community Foundation  
345 W. Cedar Street  
Akron OH 44307**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dottie Achmoody; Tom Armstrong; Elizabeth Bartz; Malcolm Costa; Jerry Craig; Pat Divoky; Ken Douglas; Kathleen Downing; Rick Kavenagh; Connie Krauss; Bob Kulinski; James Lawrence; Nan McClenaghan; Linda Omobien; John Saros; Sandy Selby; Karen Talbott; Angela Tucker Cooper; Barbara Vassel

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Roberta Aber; Richard Enty; David James; Gene Nixon; Brad Schroeder

**GUESTS:**

Gary Binns; Ali Capoun; Rose DeBord; John Ellis; Sharon Geffken; Rich Marountas; Darlene Mims; Brian Nelsen; Donna Skoda

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Chairperson Talbott called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. She welcomed new SSAB members Dottie Achmoody, Malcolm Costa, Ken Douglas, and Richard Enty. Due to limited time availability, Mr. Michael Byun presented a letter of resignation from the SSAB to Chairperson Talbott. Chairperson Talbott will forward the resignation to County Executive Pry.

The minutes from the July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Ms. Cooper wanted the July 25<sup>th</sup> minutes amended because they showed her as present at the meeting when she was not. Chairperson Talbott made a motion to approve the May 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes as amended; Ms. Downing seconded the motion; all approved by voice vote.

**Committee Reports**

**Forum Planning Committee**

Ms. Divoky reported on the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Making a Difference forum scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup>. This year's forum will be a breakfast meeting and begin at 7:45 a.m. Sponsorship of the event has been very good. She and Ms. McClenaghan were working on a way to recognize everyone's contribution and connection to the Quality of Life program. Everyone was encouraged to promote the event.

**Executive Committee**

Chairperson Talbott reported that the Executive Committee met on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

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The Executive Committee discussed the agenda for today's meeting. An orientation for the newest SSAB members will be coordinated to review the history and mission of the Board.

Ms. Achmoody was appointed to the Health & Human Services Committee.

Mr. Costa was appointed to the Budget & Levy Review Committee.

Mr. Douglas was appointed to the Budget & Levy Review Committee.

Chairperson Talbott made a motion to approve the appointments; Ms. Bartz seconded the motion; all approved by voice vote.

Ms. Capoun will contact Mr. Enty regarding future committee membership.

Ms. Divoky said the SSAB Code of Regulations has been updated with proposed changes. The amended document will be sent out prior to the SSAB meeting in January for members to review.

### Budget and Levy Review Committee

Ms. Bartz reported that the committee met with levy-funded agencies on September 11<sup>th</sup>. They met earlier in the year to review year-end information for 2011/2012 and preview the 2013 budgets. At the September meeting, 2013 budgets were presented and reviewed.

### Summit County ADM Board

Of the three levy-funded agencies, the ADM Board appears to be the most subject to changes from the Affordable Care Act. Due to so many unknowns going into the new year, ADM presented projected budgets based on best and worst case scenarios. The Board has made reductions in spending and projects a 60 day carryover. The ADM Board is planning an annual fundraising event, "Recovery Challenge". The inaugural event is scheduled for May 18, 2013. ADM is seeking to place a renewal levy on the ballot in November of 2013.

Ms. Bartz made a motion to approve the Summit County ADM Board 2013 budget; Rev. Selby seconded the motion; all approved by voice vote with abstentions by Mr. Saros, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Craig, Ms. McClenaghan, Ms. Omobien, Mr. Nixon, and Ms. Vassel.

### Summit County Developmental Disabilities

Ms. Bartz reported on the 2013 budget. SCDD is leaving the county health plan and contracting for an agency health insurance plan in 2013.

Ms. Bartz made a motion to approve the SCDD 2013 budget; Ms. Vassel seconded the motion; all approved by voice vote with abstentions by Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Saros, Ms. McClenaghan, and Mr. Armstrong.

### Summit County Children Services

Ms. Bartz reported that the agency is seeking a renewal levy on the November ballot as issue #73. She applauded their efforts to cut costs over the last six years and encouraged support for the renewal.

Mr. Nelsen noted that the work done by SCCS to get to a renewal levy was impressive. He commended Mr. Saros and staff on their great work.

Ms. Bartz made a motion to approve the SCCS 2013 budget; Ms. Omobien seconded the motion; all approved by voice vote with abstentions from Mr. Nixon, Mr. Saros, and Ms. Vassel.

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### Health and Human Services Committee

Rev. Selby reported that the committee met on September 12th. She proceeded to review the 3rd quarter of 2012 report of the five Summit 2020 initiatives.

- **Early Childhood**- As Summit 2010 moved to Summit 2020, the Early Childhood focus of the Quality of Life Project, First Things First, was the first initiative organized into the new model consisting of a steering committee to guide the initiative and oversee subcommittees that are working on various initiative goals.
- **Older Adults** – The Senior Independent Living Coalition, SILC, is in the process of re-organizing into a steering committee and four subcommittees to provide a focused effort towards achieving the goals of the SILC Strategic Plan. The Adult Protective Services (APS) and Summit County Public Health collaboration continues to grow. The newly formed Care Coordination unit at the Health District has begun to take APS calls to increase accessibility from one intake point to a team approach. During the pilot portion of the new APS model (May to September), 588 calls were taken of which about 300 were appropriate for APS investigation.
- **Income, Education, and Workforce Development** – The Income, Education, Workforce Development committee continues to meet under the leadership of Ms. McClenaghan and provide annual reviews and updates to their resources guides for employers and people seeking work. The Bridges Out of Poverty Summit County Collaborative is looking to expand into the second phase of project, Circles, in early 2013 to provide the support mechanism for Getting Ahead graduates.
- **Health & Health Disparities**  
Plans continue for an initiative roll out.
- **Government Efficiency and Effectiveness**  
The Budget & Levy Review Committee met on September 11<sup>th</sup> to review 2013 budgets.

### Old Business

None

### New Business/Announcements

Ms. Bartz noted changes to the contact information provided for Mr. Schroeder and Mr. Costa.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

The next meeting will be announced when the 2013 schedule has been finalized.

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*Respectfully submitted on January 13, 2013  
By Ali Capoun, Summit County Public Health*

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