

**SUMMIT COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 23, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

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<input type="checkbox"/> Anne Connell-Freund, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patrick Bravo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cassandra Holtzmann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keith Malick, Vice-Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traci Buckner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Davidson
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Omar Banks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katie Stoyhoff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sushi Tripathy-Moore
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kemp Boyd		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catherine Van Horne

Staff Present: Jon Hart, Laura Sasser, Mary Serapiglia, Deanna Shriver, Beth Lowe - Recording Secretary

Call to Order and Roll Call

On behalf of Chair Connell-Freund, Vice-Chair Malick called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. and a roll call was taken.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Vice-Chair Malick requested a motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2023. Mrs. Stoyhoff moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Ms. Maddox. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Public Comment

There were no requests for Public Comment.

Committee Reports

Citizen’s Advisory Committee (CAC)

Committee Chair Gracey introduced Resolution **01-2024-23/F** recommending appointment of Megan Scott, Summit County Public Health Coordinator, to the CAC to fill Jackie Pollard’s vacant term of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025. Ms. Gracey made a motion to approve; seconded by Pastor Boyd. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Resources Committee

Committee Chair Malick reported that the committee met today and reviewed the Financial Statement Report as of December 31, 2023.

Resolution 01-2024-23/B

Authorization for the SCCS Administration to issue Request for Proposals (RFPs) or Invitations to Bid (ITBs) in accordance with the SCCS Procurement Plan and which are listed on Exhibit A including: \$50,000 for concrete replacement in March 2024; \$250,000 for Legal Department remodel in April 2024; \$60,000 for Case and Thomas Hall roof replacement in May 2024; and \$70,000 for carpet replacement throughout the campus in May 2024. Committee Chair Malick made a motion to approve; seconded by Mrs. Stoyhoff. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Resolution 01-2024-23/C

Authorization to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Summit County Department of Job and Family Services (SCDJFS) to accept grant funds as provided through Title XX/TANF in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000. Committee Chair Malick made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Banks. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Resolution 01-2024-23/D

Authorization to enter into an agreement with Perrin Asphalt Co., Inc. for Phase II of the parking lot resurfacing project as approved by The County of Summit and in a total amount not to exceed \$225,000. Committee Chair Malick made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Bravo. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Resolution 01-2024-23/E

Authorization to enter into an agreement with Hilscher Clarke Enterprises, LLC for Phase II of the parking lot lighting installation project as approved by The County of Summit and in a total amount not to exceed \$70,000. Committee Chair Malick made a motion to approve; seconded by Ms. Maddox. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Executive Director's Report

The Board received a Director's Report in their packet and Executive Director Holtzmann highlighted the following:

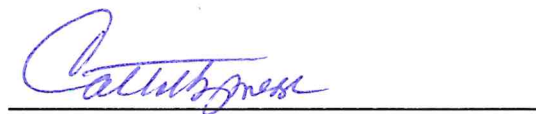
- Currently, there are 878 children in SCCS custody compared to 910 in November. A total of 197 children are in permanent custody (PC) and 71 of those children do not have a permanency plan.
- As of December 31, 2023, there were a total of 1,046 children with Juvenile Court-involved open cases.
- During the months of November and December, SCCS Legal staff drafted and filed 534 complaints, affidavits, motions, and notices in Summit County Juvenile Court. 176 case plans or case plan amendments were filed.
- SCCS is working hard to build a strong relationship with the Prosecutor's Office and had a very good, positive, and productive meeting recently with two of the prosecutors.
- Cases in Intake Services were initiated timely at an average rate of 96.8% in December and at a year-to-date (YTD) rate of 97.7%. YTD data reflects that cases are completed in a timely manner 75% of the time, with Intake Specialized Services falling to 56% in December 2022. The SCCS Administration is looking into this and has found that one issue is the workforce crisis; however, much is due to police investigations. Department Director Dawn Boudrie is working with the Akron Police Department (APD) to try to reduce the delays that SCCS professionals have experienced while the APD is investigating criminal aspects of a case.
- Hotline calls for 2023 are down from the previous year with nearly a 2.3% decrease. The average screen in rate of those reports remained stable around 38% year-over-year. The YTD calls for the Family in Need of Services (FINS) category accounted for 182 total reports SCCS provided services to. 50 of those reports had the specific allegations of unruly/delinquent. YTD, SCCS received 481 total reports of an infant (under the age of 12 months) meeting the state definition of a Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) case. SCCS completed an assessment/investigation on 90% of those cases (433/481). CARA reports account for 13.1 % of all reports screened in.
- The Summit Emergency Communications Center (SECC) no longer wants to answer our afterhours hotline calls. An RFP was released and SCCS did not receive any proposals. The Hope and Healing Survivor Resource Center originally was interested but later declined. SCCS will consider Infoline or Coleman Health Services.

- One additional overtime shift in the hotline has been implemented to alleviate the burden on the SECC. The hotline staff was commended for working extra hours.
- During the months of November and December, law enforcement removed 94 children using the Juvenile Rule 6 (JR6) procedure. The APD accounted for 84% (79) of those removals.
- A Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) event with 40 different organizations took place on January 11 & 12 at Summit County Juvenile Court. The purpose was to identify gaps in services. Executive Director Holtzmann and three other SCCS staff, as well as Board Member Gracey, participated. The following four priorities were identified: 1) Respite and alternative placement; 2) Drop off assessment center; 3) Credible messenger involvement; and 4) Increasing caregiver skills for parenting youth with multiple needs.
- Pastor Boyd requested SCCS data on the number of JR6s including their removal zip codes and the number of foster homes and their zip codes. Executive Director Holtzmann promised to obtain the data and send it out to the Board.
- Love Akron will host a OneCity Seeking Understanding event on Saturday, March 16 at the Akron Public Library. Executive Director Holtzmann reported that she will be on the panel. The event will help to raise awareness for the need for foster families and educate the community on how they can get involved and make a difference in the lives of the county's most vulnerable children. The anticipated attendance is 150-200 persons.

Adjournment

Vice-Chair Malick requested a motion to adjourn. Ms. Gracey moved; seconded by Mrs. Stoyhoff. All were in favor and the motion carried. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.


 GinaKaye Maddox, Secretary
 Board of Trustees


 Cassandra A. Holtzmann, JD, LPA
 Executive Director