

**LANCASTER COUNTY CHILDREN & YOUTH AGENCY
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

May 19, 2014

Board Members Present: Alice Yoder, Rebecca Sollenberger, Ollie Jones, Loretta Nolt, Christine Connelly, Melvin Frye, Dawn Horst, George Pappas, Brett Cole, Stephanie Roy and Juli Veser

Staff Present: Crystal Natan, Robin Boyer, Amy Campbell, Betsy Frame, Pedro Rodriguez, Kelley Zipp and Kali Kunkle

Excused: Joshua Keller, Heather Girvin, Ryan Aument, Commissioner Scott Martin and Jeff Shank

Public: None

Guests: Richard Rush from Compass Mark and candidate for the Advisory Board.

Call to Order: Alice Yoder called the meeting to order at 7:41 a.m.

Approval of Board Minutes: Ollie Jones made a motion that the minutes from the April 2014 Board meeting be accepted as presented. George Pappas seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business: The Board confirmed that, as approved at the April meeting, starting with the next meeting in August, Board meetings will be quarterly. Meetings will occur in August, November, February and May. Special meetings can be scheduled ad hoc.

The proposed slate is Chair-Jeff Shank and Vice-Chair-Loretta Nolt. The Board will vote on the slate in June 2014.

New Business: None

Director's Report:

- Crystal Natan and Robin Boyer reviewed the ongoing increase in placements. The primary reasons for the increased placements are drug use, mental health issues and homelessness. Robin discussed the difficulties these families are facing and the services the Agency provides to attempt and prevent placements. There are significant budgetary and staffing impacts due to this increase. It is hoped the State legislators will support the proposed budget that the Office of Children, Youth and Families (OCYF) is requesting and that OCYF has budgeted the necessary amount. There is some concern that OCYF may be advising counties to instead reallocate their existing budgeted funds. We do not have the ability to reallocate funds. We will be requesting additional funds to allow for an increase in staff to meet both the demands of the changes to the Child Protective Services Law (CPSL), as well as the increase in placements.
- Crystal updated the Board on the potential move to the 150 North Queen Street office building. She is continuing to work with the architect on the projected floor plans. The Commissioners are requesting that staff from one of the two Youth Intervention Center pods and the East King Street building be relocated to North

Queen Street. That includes approximately 106 to 110 staff. The proposed office space will only accommodate about 90 staff. The Commissioners will be making the final decision in the next few weeks. We will have space on the third floor for about 50-60 file cabinets.

Upcoming Events: Advisory Board Officer elections will be held at the June 16, 2014 meeting.

Announcements: None

Public Comment: None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 16, 2014
7:30 - 9:00 a.m.
at
Children and Youth Agency, 900 East King Street, Lancaster, PA

Respectfully submitted,

Kali Kunkle