

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

June 16, 2014

Board Members Present: Alice Yoder, Rebecca Sollenberger, Ollie Jones, Loretta Nolt, Dawn Horst, Brett Cole, Stephanie Roy, Juli Vesper and Jeffrey Shank

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

Excused: Joshua Keller, Heather Girvin, Ryan Aument, Melvin Frye, Commissioner Scott Martin, Christine Connelly and George Pappas

Public: None

Guests: Richard Rush from Compass Mark, who is a candidate for the Advisory Board and Grace Jhong, an intern from Franklin and Marshall College

Call to Order: Alice Yoder called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

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

Old Business: None

New Business:

Ollie Jones nominated Jeffrey Shank as Chair of the Advisory Board. Stephanie Roy seconded. Ollie Jones nominated Loretta Nolt as Vice Chair and Rebecca Sollenberger seconded.

Alice Yoder presented the slate of officers for the 2014-2015 Board term:

- Chair-Jeffrey Shank
- Vice Chair- Loretta Nolt

The Board voted unanimously in favor of the slate as presented.

Alice Yoder was thanked for 6 years of service on the Board. This was her last meeting.

Director's Report:

- Crystal Natan reported to the Board that 89 more children have been placed compared to this time last year. We are trending about 45 to 55 more children in care. The primary reasons for the increased placements are drug use, mental health issues and homelessness. We will be requesting additional funds in our Needs Based Budget, to provide 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 as the County has an obligation to provide these services to families. Crystal reviewed the process of how counties submit their budget to the Office of Children, Youth and Families (OCYF). With the new CPSL law, it is difficult to determine how many additional cases we will need to

investigate. The Needs Based Budget narrative portion will be submitted by August 15th and the budget itself will be submitted on September 1st. The Commissioners will review the proposed budget in August.

- Crystal updated the Board on the potential move to the 150 North Queen Street office building. The Commissioners offered additional office space that is available on the 6th floor of the building. Crystal has asked the architect to do a more comprehensive plan to utilize the additional space. The Facilities Management department will be finalizing the plan and put out contract bids to begin work by October 2014.
- Union negotiations are continuing. There have been about 2 to 3 meetings. The Union is asking for a 5% raise for the next 5 years and to have their parking paid for when staff moves downtown. There are other union arbitrations currently taking place in the County at this time, some of which, through arbitration, were awarded substantial pay increases. Our union is unable to go to arbitration.
- Public hearing will be held on the Human Services Block Grant on Tuesday, June 17th at the Public Safety Training Center and Tuesday, June 24th at 150 North Queen Street.
- Jim Laughman, Human Services Lead, is leaving the County on June 27, 2014. On June 26th, there is a farewell reception at the Blair Room, Entrance D of the Frances Avenue location of BH/DS. He has been hired as the CEO for PerformCare.

Upcoming Events: None

Announcements: None

Public Comment: None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 a.m.

<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 18, 2014 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. at Children and Youth Agency, 900 East King Street, Lancaster, PA</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Kali Kunkle