



Advisory Board Fayette County Children & Youth Services

July 2019 Meeting Minutes

The July meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM by Chairperson Jolene Hough. The following members were present: Logan Howard, Selina Matis, Jodee Proud, Meg Howard, Kendall Sisler and James Hercik. Absent were Board members Lauren Clemmer, Jennifer George, Jo Jankowski, Tim Kirsh, Shelly Facchine and Nicole Dice. Also attending were Gina D'Auria, Executive Director, and John Fretts, Deputy Director.

Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed and with no additions or corrections noted a motion to approve was made by Kendall Sisler and seconded by Selina Matis. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial report was given verbally as the agency experienced a lightning strike over the weekend disabling both the phone and computer systems. No activity was reported in the account. Motion was made by Logan Howard to close our existing checking account with First National Bank and move it to PNC Bank. They are offering 2% interest on funds. Kendall Sisler seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Officers will be contacted for a date and time to complete the necessary signature cards at the bank.

Under Old Business, the Board discussed funding a "Back to School Shopping" event for the Independent Living Clients at Walmart, date to be determined. A total of 28 gift cards, each at \$ 50.00 will be utilized for the event. Motion was made by Selina Matis to authorize the purchase an additional 15 gift cards totaling \$ 750.00 plus an additional \$ 250.00 to purchase "general" school supplies to be distributed to the remaining school age children within the agency program. Seconded by Kendall Sisler, motion carried unanimously.

Having no correspondence the Board moved to Committee Reports.

Membership: Kendall Sisler reported that she was in the process of verifying references for Sherry Orbah Gregory to be forwarded to the County Commissioners for appointment. Kendall will email everyone in the next few days for a possible email vote could be taken.

Public Relations: It was noted that the “Little Free Library” book box was installed near the front entrance to the building to be used by clients and staff. It is “Chartered” by the *Little Free Library.org* and will be listed on their web site with our information and location. Books will be replenished on an as needed basis.

Fund Raising: It was announced that the Facebook site was up and running for the holiday fund raising event to be held again this year at the YWBA Hall. “Christmas Craft and Vendor Event” can be found on Facebook giving details. Past vendors will be given first opportunity to reserve tables prior to opening to new vendors. Those deadlines will be sent in an email from Shelly Facchine (Chairperson) in the coming days.

Director Gina D'Auria gave the Administrators Report verbally due to the power outage. Kinship Foster Care was reported to be on the rise for the past fiscal year. No report on proposed budget approval, however it is anticipated to be an increase of 5% to 6% range. Interviews were held for two (2) caseworker positions, and the agency had one (1) resignation. Concern over the state forwarding Civil Service testing results in a timely manner or not forwarded at all to our agency has deprived us from possibly interviewing viable prospective candidates for employment. It was noted testing is now being done on line with the State Civil Service Bureau.

There being no further new business the motion to adjourn at 5:40 PM was made by Kendall Sisler and seconded by Jodee Proud.

Respectfully submitted,

**James A.
Hercik**

Board Secretary