DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD MEETING
WASHTENAW COUNTY
MARCH 13, 2019

Board: Patricia Piechowski-Whitney, Ruth Kraut, JaVon Jason

Staff: Renee Adorjan, Director; Lisa Temple, Executive Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Patricia Piechowski-Whitney called the meeting to order at 9:12 AM. A motion was made by Ruth Kraut to approve the March 13, 2019 agenda. Motion supported by JaVon Jason. Motion carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
None

3. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 13, 2019 MEETING MINUTES
The Board reviewed the minutes from February 13, 2019. A motion was made by JaVon Jason to approve the February 13, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion to approve was supported by Ruth Kraut. Motion carried.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS
A. Social Welfare Fund
The Volunteer Services/County Projects February 2019 monthly expenditures were $6,006.00 leaving a balance of $32,142.00. The Board Account monthly expenditures for February 2019 were $53.06 leaving a balance of $15,325.53. There were no Board Reserve Account expenditures for February leaving a balance of $3,983.71.

B. Child Care Fund
We continue to be on target with Child Care Fund expenditures. The Court is exploring creating a new docket called Resiliency Court, which would speed up the process on cases that are assessed as being able to be reunified sooner. Instead of reviewing the case every 3 months, it would be reviewed every month. The Court has applied for grants to fund additional staff to facilitate this; however, to date, they have not received any funding. They are inquiring about using a portion of Child Care Funds.

5. UPDATES/COMMUNICATIONS
A. Director/Management Update
Director Update
  o The Director’s Review, which is completed by the Social Services Board, is due to the BSC4 Director by April 12, 2019.
  o Universal Case Load (UCL) – Washtenaw’s target date for implementation has been delayed until further notice. Washtenaw was required to designate 3 AP staff to assist UCL counties that have a backlog of work.
  o Washtenaw has one CPS worker assisting with the backlog of work in Monroe County.
Data Reports
  - Assistance Programs and Services data was shared and reviewed.
    Services Statistics – Ruth Kraut noted a concern regarding the number of children in
care being much higher in Berrien and Calhoun than in Washtenaw. Ruth remarked
that sharing best practices may be beneficial to those counties.
    Assistance Payments Statistics - No report to share this month.

Staffing Updates
  - The 2019 staffing allocation for Washtenaw has been finalized. We were able to
    maintain the same number of Child Welfare staff; however, we lost 3 positions (1
    administrative support, 1 assistance payments worker and 1 non-child welfare 1st
    line supervisor).
  - We currently have three CPS vacancies. We are holding CPS meet and greets on
    March 14, 2019.

Policy Updates
  - No policy updates to report.

Community Involvement Updates
  - Renee Adorjan assisted with facilitating a training with the Court and DHHS staff on
    March 4, 2019 at the Learning Resource Center. The training was well received by
    those who attended.
  - Renee Adorjan attended a Washtenaw Health Initiative (WHI) workgroup at the
    Center for Healthcare Research and Transformation (CHRT), which focused on
    housing for juvenile justice involved youth. Eastern Michigan University is closing a
dormitory and looking at the possibility of using it as housing for youth. The EMU
    Board of Regents will be meeting in April to discuss. There are several entities in
    Washtenaw County that have this population as their target; however, they are
currently not coordinated.

B. Board Member Items
  - Ruth Kraut attended the Michigan County Social Service Association (MCSSA)
    Legislative Conference on March 6-7, 2019. She spoke with Terry Beurer about
    Universal Case Load. UCL for counties who still need to go live is on indefinite hold.
    She spoke with our legislators and addressed concerns regarding central scanning
    with Senator Warren. Ruth suggested contacting Donna Lasinski, State
    Representative, who represents northern and western Washtenaw County, and
    Lana Theis, State Senator for Western Washtenaw and Livingston Counties, to see if
    they would come to Washtenaw to talk about best practices and tour the office.
    Renee Adorjan has initiated an invitation to both via contact with our legislative
    services point of contact, Marina Carabellese. She is awaiting a response.
  - The Social Services Board members will schedule a meeting to complete the
    Director’s Review.
6. **NEXT MEETING**  
April 10, 2019

7. **ADJOURNMENT**  
A motion was made by Ruth Kraut to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 AM.

[Signature]
Renee Adorjan, Director