Board: Patricia Piechowski-Whitney; Ruth Kraut
Absent: Javon Jason
Staff: Renee Adorjan, Director; Adelia Clark, Services Program Manager; Alice Seipelt, CRC/Contract Coordinator; Lisa Temple, Executive Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Patricia Piechowski-Whitney called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM. A motion was made by Ruth Kraut to approve the October 2, 2019 agenda. Motion supported by Patricia Piechowski-Whitney. Motion carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
No public comments.

3. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 MEETING MINUTES
The Board reviewed the minutes from September 11, 2019. A motion was made by Ruth Kraut to approve the September 11, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion supported by Patricia Piechowski-Whitney. Motion carried.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS
A. Social Welfare Fund
The Volunteer Services/County Projects September 2019 monthly expenditures totaled $2,819.75, leaving a balance of $21,015.17. The Board Account September 2019 monthly expenditures were $2,975.32, leaving a balance of $11,219.13. No Board Reserve Account monthly expenditures were recorded for September 2019.

B. Child Care Fund
Child Care Fund accounts are tracking well. DHHS noted that effective October 1, 2019 there was a change to the order of CCF payments in that the State pays first. This change is only anticipated to impact the order of payments, allowing County Child Care Fund (CCF) funded placements and services to be paid directly from MiSACWIS (Michigan Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System).

5. UPDATES/COMMUNICATIONS
A. Director/Management Update
Director Update
  o The State budget was approved.
  o Kudos to our Foster Care Licensing staff who met their licensing goal early!
  o Follow up on the “State Pays First” CCF; it was noted that Washtenaw County has approximately 9 youth who are funded through the CCF.
  o Renee Adorjan noted that the Statewide Director’s conference would be taking place in Mount Pleasant in two weeks.
Data Reports
  o Assistance Payments Statistics - The AP report was not available due to the revised meeting date.
  o Services Statistics - Adelia Clark noted that there was a slight increase in the number of children in care. Alternatively, the number of assigned investigations and confirmed cases/victims decreased for the month of September.

Staffing Updates
  o Currently, there are 2 vacancies in Assistance Payments and 2 vacancies in Foster Care.
  o Ms. Wendy Kent was selected to work out of class as a Foster Care Supervisor to fill behind a medical leave.

Policy Updates
  o As the new fiscal year just began 10/1, there are no policy updates to report.

Community Involvement Updates
  o DHHS Holiday Assistance Program will be accepting customer applications 10/10/19-10/25/19. Donors are always accepted.

B. Board Member Items
  o The 2020 Social Services Board Calendar will continue with meetings the second (2nd) Wednesday of the month starting at 1:00 PM.
  o Washtenaw Health Initiative is holding an Opioid Project Training on October 15th from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM.
  o Ruth Kraut asked for a status update on the Bridges computer system, as she reports DHHS staff are relaying to her Health Department staff that there are problems with MI Bridges and Bridges. Renee Adorjan mentioned there have been intermittent system outages, but nothing remarkable.
  o Board Chair Patricia Piechowski-Whitney’s term is due to expire 12/31/2019.

6. NEXT MEETING
   November 13, 2019 at 1:00 PM

7. ADJOURNMENT
   A motion was made by Patricia Piechowski-Whitney to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Renee Adorjan, Director