

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD MEETING
WASHTENAW COUNTY
June 13, 2023

Board Members Present: Javon Jason and Ruth Kraut

Staff Present: Renee Adorjan, Director; Nicole Berry, Secretary; Alice Seipelt, CRC/Contract Coordinator, and Titicia Rosen, Program Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Javon Jason called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. A motion was made by Ruth Kraut to approve the June 13, 2023, agenda. Motion supported by Javon Jason. Motion carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. APPROVAL OF May 9, MEETING MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from May 9, 2023. A motion was made by Ruth Kraut to approve the meeting minutes, supported by Javon Jason. Motion carried.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Social Welfare Fund

May's Social Welfare Funding was not available for review at this time.

B. Child Care Fund

Updated CCF expenditures were reviewed, all funds are tracking within the proposed allocations.

5. UPDATES/COMMUNICATIONS

A. Director/Management Update

Director Update

- Director Adorjan shared that there were no new updates on the office redesign.
- Director Adorjan shared that DHHS is in the process of signing a contract with YAA (Youth Arts Alliance) through the CCF (Child Care Funds). YAA, is a workshop center for young people to have access to high-quality art experiences.
- Director Adorjan mentioned that the State of Michigan did a statewide reclassification of all its employees who were employed for more than 3 years, in hopes to retain employees.
- Director Adorjan has been asked to participate with a team to look at cases (families with DHHS) that have been involved with a death due to an overdose, known as the Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) team. They will be working closely with various community partners and the County Medical Examiner's Office.

Data Reports

- Assistance Payments Statistics – Program Manager, Titicia Rosen went over the statistics, and it was noted that there were slight increases in some program applications, but staff continues to meet the 95% timely processing goal.
Questions: Board Member Ruth Kraut asked how was the PHE Unwind going and what are some of the things you are finding with the redeterminations? Program Manager, Titicia Rosen stated that it is still too early to really say but there was

additional staffing allocated and training was being provided to all staff in preparation of the redeterminations.

- Children's Services Statistics – CRC/Contract Coordinator, Alice Seipelt went over the statistics, and it was stated that statistics are slightly up, but Washtenaw Co. is still lower in comparable counties.

Staffing Updates

- Director Renee Adorjan shared that the Child Welfare Staff is currently full, and the Assistant Payment Worker and the General Office Assistance staff currently have 2 openings, but we are in the process of working on interviews. Also, there are going to be 2 openings with our Assistance Payment Supervisors with upcoming retirements, and we are currently setting up those interviews.

Policy Updates

- Program Manager, Titicia Rosen went over the PHE Business Process Update for FAP/Cash.

Community Involvement Updates

- CRC/Contract Coordinator, Alice Seipelt stated that we partnered up with a local Girls Scout Troop to help distribute comfort packs to Foster Care Children. We are also working with partnering up with the County and the Courts to help with the evictions. Finally, the last of the winter coats were distributed to the Juvenile and Youth Detention Center.

B. Board Member Items

No new items

6. NEXT MEETING

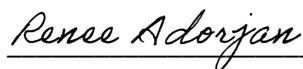
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1:00 pm

via Microsoft Teams

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 pm.



Renee Adorjan, Director