

MARION COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD
MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: DR. HENRY HEINZMANN
ELLEN BRYANT-MESSENGER
JOHN PETERSON

MEMBERS ABSENT: MARIANNE BAILEY
JOLENE CARTER
SHAWN JACKSON
STACI THOMAS

STAFF PRESENT: JACQUELINE RINGER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The regular meeting of the Marion County Children Services Board was held on Friday, June 18, 2021 at noon in the main training room of Marion County Children Services. Board Chair, Mr. John Peterson called the meeting to order at approximately 12:07 p.m. Ms. Marianne Bailey was unable to attend due to family needs and Ms. Jolene Carter was ill. Mr. Shawn Jackson and Ms. Staci Thomas were unable to participate. It was agreed upon to move forward with the meeting of the Executive Committee. Any items voted on during today's meeting will require ratification at the July Board meeting.

Mr. Peterson called for Public Comment. No public comment presented.

Mr. Peterson called for the review of the Minutes. The May Finance Committee and May Board Meeting Minutes had been distributed to board members prior to the meeting for review. Mr. Peterson requested a motion. Ms. Ellen Bryant-Messenger motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Henry Heinzmann seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Peterson called for the monthly Financial Reports. The May Revenue and Expenditures reports had been distributed to board members prior to the meeting for review. Ms. Jacqueline Ringer reported \$260,492.54 in receipts and \$395,811.85 in expenditures. The primary revenue sources for the month were federal and state placement reimbursement. Placement related costs remain the most significant monthly expenditure. Mr. Peterson requested a motion. Dr. Heinzmann motioned to approve the May financial reports as presented. Ms.

Bryant-Messenger seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Peterson called for the Purchased Care Report. The May report had been distributed to board members prior to the meeting for review. Ms. Ringer summarized the five change in placements and noted two children were placed with kinship. The report reflects 35 children in purchased care for a net cost of \$667,414.70.

Mr. Peterson called for Committee Reports. Mr. Peterson called for the Executive Director's Report. The Monthly Services had been distributed to board members prior to the meeting for review. Ms. Ringer reported the Intake unit conducted 89 assessments of safety in May for an average caseload size of 16. The Agency recently accepted the resignation of an Intake caseworker, leaving two vacancies within the unit. The Ongoing units provided services to 114 families and 224 children for an adjusted caseload of 11.4. The Agency is waiting for written confirmation but has been informed of a resignation. This leaves one vacancy in Ongoing. The Agency maintained custody of 58 children and 86 children were in the temporary custody of kinship. Independent Living services were provided to 23 children. The Placement unit provided services to 40 foster homes and 35 adoptive homes. One child was adopted in June for a total of five adoptions this year. The Agency has three additional adoptions scheduled. Post finalized adoption services were provided to 88 children and 47 families. Post emancipation services were provided to two children for the month.

Ms. Ringer provided a summary of a child fatality.

The Executive Director's 6 Month Progress Report had been distributed to board members prior to the meeting for review. Ms. Ringer summarized the report as well as provided upcoming activities over the next six month time period.

Mr. Peterson called for Unfinished Business. The current Board listing had been distributed to board members in an effort to discuss upcoming term expirations and Board composition needs. Due to the limited attendance, it was agreed upon to table the discussion.

Mr. Peterson called for New Business. No new business presented.

Mr. Peterson called for Miscellaneous/Other. No miscellaneous/other presented.

Mr. Peterson moved on to the date and time of the next board meeting. The next meeting will be held on July 16 at noon in the main training room at Marion County Children Services.

There being no further business to come before the board, Mr. Peterson requested a motion. Ms. Bryant-Messenger motioned to adjourn. Mr. Peterson adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

John Peterson, Chair

Ellen Bryant-Messenger, Secretary

Jacqueline Ringer, Executive Director