

**Kent County Department of Social Services
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2018 3:30 PM**

Present: Kevin Karpowicz, Beverly Birkmire, Barbara Hansen, Shelly Heller, Olythea Hunley, Tracy Williams, Shelly Neal-Edwards, Patty Dahle (scribe)

Absent: Karen Dioniosi, Rosalie Kuechler, Charlotte Potts, Bill Washington

Presentation: Life of a case / Take away from “ The Body Keeps the Score”

▪ **Chairperson’s Report :**

- Approval of minutes from April 16, 2018 board meeting: Motion to approve made by Beverly Birkmire, second by Shelly Heller, motion carried by unanimous vote.
- Dr. Karpowicz spoke with Dr. Spencer regarding the number of SEN in the County and there is no total records kept. This data is not required.
- Agency does collect what we receive in calls regarding SEN.
- With the new legislation to go into effect on Oct. 1, 2018 the numbers of reports may decrease.
 - If the Mom tests positive and the baby tests negative – no report needs to be made. Please refer to Bill 1744 – Regarding the reporting of Substance Exposed Newborn for more detail.

▪ **Kent County CARES Foundation**

- The Fundraising committee which is currently made up of Agency Staff and a few participating board member are moving forward with a Raffle to be set up during First Friday on June 1, 2018.
- Committee obtained permission form She She’s on high to set up a table in front of her store.
 - Raffle tickets will be sold in advance of June 1 and up till June 8.
 - 50/50 Cash, Bushel of Crabs, Orioles tickets
 - Crabs and tickets were donated and raffle tickets will be sold separate from the 50/50.
 - Update on outcome will be shared with board at June meeting.

▪ **Director’s Report (Shelly Neal-Edwards):**

- **Divisional Performance Report –April** reviewed at meeting. No questions.
- **Legislative Session** – Shelly spoke to the board about attending the 2018 Legislative Briefing hosted by DHS in Annapolis, MD. Lisa Falls, Services AD and Julie Handzo, FIA AD attended as well. Following are a few take aways from the briefing that is related to SSA.
 - HB 1582 – Human Services – Child Receiving Child Welfare Services, Centralized Comprehensive Health Care Monitoring Program, effective Oct. 1 a Medical Director for DHS to review all foster youth medical records. DHS has very little information regarding this bill at this time.
 - SB 85 - Foster Care – College Tuition reimbursement, trade school will now be include. If a child is in Foster care for 1 year or more they are eligible. They may attend school for 5 to 10 years and it will be paid for.
 - SB 29- Foster care currently receives SSI for Cost of Care. New law would state if Foster child is between 14-16 40% of SSI must go into savings, 16-17 80% of SSI must go into savings, 18-21 100% must go into savings. When Foster child turns 18 they can access funds.

- SB 1231-Temporary Disability to Adults formula will be changing which will give an increase of \$20.00 or more. Currently there are 30-35 people on Temporary Disability in Kent County.
 - SB 87-Lift and Uber drivers who owe child support, their driver's license can now be revoked.
 - **FY 019 Board presentation schedule** – Shelly reviewed the Board presentation schedule for the upcoming Fiscal year and asked the board if they had any recommendations.
 - The Board asked if an update on CAC Center and the children it services could be added to the list. This has been noted and will be added to schedule.
 - **Additional Topics**
 - Shelly reminded the board of the Strategic Plan Session that the Executive Team and Management Team will be in an all day on May 30, 2018 working on developing the agency's strategic plan for the next three fiscal years. It will be shared in July with the board.
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- **Motion to Adjourn:** With no additional business at hand, a motion to adjourn was made by Beverly Birkmire at 4:50pm, seconded by Lee Hunley. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

 - The next meeting will be held June 18, 2018 at 3:30 pm in the Child Support Conference Room, 315 High Street, Chestertown, MD

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Dahle

Recording Secretary