

**LANCASTER COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

February 25, 2019

Board Members Present: Mary Ann Gerber, Randall Miller, Sally Metz, Theresa Stauffer, Dawn Horst, D'Arcy Crocker,

Staff Present: Crystal Natan, Executive Director, Larry George, Chief Clerk, Amy Campbell, Quality Assurance Director, Betsy Frame, Director of Permanency Services, Kelley Zipp Director of Family Support, Robin Boyer Director of Intake, and Jenna Horita Executive Secretary

Excused: Christine Connelly, Karen Rice, Angela Eichelberger, and MDJ Joshua Keller

Public: None

Guests: None

Call to Order: Board Assistant Vice Chair Mary Ann Gerber called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

Approval of Board Minutes: Randall Miller made a motion that the minutes from the November 2018 Board meeting be accepted as presented. Theresa Stauffer seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- May's meeting vote for chair and vice chair
- Introduced Larry George, Chief Clerk

Director's Report:

- Crystal Natan discussed the budget review for July, August and September, the budget and spending in first fiscal quarter it includes JPO & YIC costs. CYA is underspending at about 10% less than the previous two years. We are expecting to underspend in the second quarter also.
- QSR is coming up on March 5th, 2019. Family Support has 9 cases and Permanency has 6 cases in the QSR. Cases were picked at random by Horn B Zeller. The QSR reviews case practice.
- Crystal Natan discussed court updates. Discussions between the County Solicitor Christina Hausner, Crystal Natan, Judge Workman, Judge Reich, and Judge Sponaule have been ongoing. There have been changes with hearing protocol, expectation and attitude.
- Crystal discussed the practice of family finding and how it is being utilized to perform due diligence to find family members to provide support to the child and /or family. In some cases, we don't instantly have family coming forward and we need to find them. The commissioners have approved an increase to the family finding contract so the provider It Takes A Village can enhance capacity.

- Crystal discussed a report sent out last week the State released on child fatalities and near fatalities in child welfare from last 5 or 6 years. The cases investigated by the Agency do mirror those trends throughout the State. Notably, violent acts are generally committed by a parent. Near fatalities are commonly due to lack of supervision. We had several that were due to ingestion of toxic substances. As a community, we can examine what we can do to reduce these incidents. More information on the report will be provided at the March PA Children and Youth Administrators conference and its impact on counties throughout the State.
- Sally Metz asked about Safe2Say program. This is a youth violence prevention **program** run by the **Pennsylvania** Office of Attorney General and is a 24hr hotline. It was co-founded by a parent of a child killed in Sandy Hook. Most reports will likely go through law enforcement, however, if reports do cross over into child welfare, it will come to the attention of the Agency.

Upcoming Events: None

Announcements: None

Public Comment: None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 20, 2019
7:30 - 9:00 a.m.
at
Government Center, 150 North Queen Street, Lancaster, PA

Respectfully submitted,

Jenna Horita