

The Denton County Child Protective Services Board

September 26, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:29 p.m.

Board Members attendance in Person: Lorraine Perry, Joan Parks Saunders, Lee Ann Kelly, Jennifer Webb

Board Members absent: Jeri Harwell, Kronda Thimesch

Guests: Dawn Cobb, Makayla Perry, Brenna Zambonino, Itzel Aguiniga, Clarice Nichols, Monica Walters, Livhaua Lache, Ruthie Cherry, Devan Corey, Haley Koren, London Johivette, Julissa Rodriguez, Jennifer Ware and Karen Lowrey

Pledges and Prayer

Quorum established

Public Comment: None

Getting to Know CPS – 13 guests from Child Protective Services provided an overview of how the agency operates.

Financials: Jennifer – Total liabilities and equity is \$22,255.14, which includes \$20,416.05 in savings and \$2,077.09 in checking. Total expenses for Sept. 1-26, 2022, was \$238.00 with income of \$0.17 in interest reported. The following were approved expenses in the prior month: \$90.61 for office supplies and \$250 for summer camp.

Jennifer discussed requests for cranial helmets and a difference in proposed costs. Joan made a motion to set a cost limit of \$1,720 for each helmet with a second from Lee Ann. Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes for August were reviewed. Lee Ann made the motion to approve with second by Joan. Motion approved unanimously.

Community Partners – Lorraine gave a report on the upcoming Explore A Truck event and provided a flyer with details. For Christmas, the non-profit organization hopes to spend \$75 per child in CPS for the holidays. Donations are being sought and accepted.

Commissioners Court – no report

TCCWB – no report

Special Events – Dawn told board Denton County was covering the cost of the Staff Appreciation luncheon at three CPS locations on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022. Next staff appreciation effort was suggested for Valentine's Day in February 2023.

Child Protective Services Report – 319 children currently in conservatorship with a total of 367 children under CPS care, a significant drop from the same period in 2021. A report was provided and given on the numbers and case load of children in specific segments of care and ongoing issues being seen. With full staffing, CPS is getting children home quicker. Reunification in Denton County is at 42 percent, about 15 percent above the state average.

Denton County CPS Board Bylaws – no report

Training – Dawn told board members that training would be delayed until after Commissioners Court fills vacancies on CPS Board.

Other – Plaques to honor retiring board members have been delayed due to supply chain issues.

Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Dawn Cobb 11/21/2022 for 11/28/2022 board meeting