

**ALABAMA NETWORK OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY
CENTERS, INC.**

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JULY 22, 2008

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 by President Emilyn Gipson.

Minutes

The April 22, 2008, minutes were presented for review. Pat Guyton made a motion to approve minutes and motion was seconded by Joe Nabors. Minutes approved as written by all in favor.

Financial Report

The financial report was given by Lynn Hart. The financial report was emailed to members prior to the meeting for review. She makes note of the new format in which the financial statement is being presented. No questions were presented regarding report. Kathy Smyth moved to accept financial statement, seconded by Pat Guyton and approved by all in favor.

Executive Committee Report

Amy, JJ and James were asked to leave the meeting while the board reviewed Amy's six month evaluation. Emilyn Gipson asked the board for feedback on the state office operations and the coordinator. Nekia Moore reported that Amy has been very supportive and helpful on many issues. Leslie Guthrie commented on how great it is to have the state office operating instead of the board having to do everything. Pat Guyton reported being pleased with the leadership of the state office. Emilyn Gipson reports possible funding cuts and that the 07-08 executive committee and 08-09

executive committee plan to meet following the board meeting. Amy Hinton's evaluation will be discussed at that time. Several items of concern have been brought up that need further discussion such as travel, training and operation hours of the state office.

Legislative Committee Report

Mr. Dupree reports he felt like it was a good legislative session. He said he enjoyed working with Emilyn and Amy. He reports the plan developed by the Ad- Hoc Committee in October, 2005, is being drafted as a proposed funding bill. He asks after it is reviewed and refined and changes made that we as a network have a united voice. Jerry Renno asks if the funding formula in the plan is open for discussion. Emilyn Gipson asks that comments be held to next meeting. Teresa Young asks to see a breakdown per center, etc. before that time. Legislative Committee will receive feedback from centers. Chris Newlin requests state office send information with funding formula to all centers via email with a reminder to have comments and concerns returned by August, 15, 2008.

Training Committee Report

Amy Hinton reports Diversity Training is set for September 23, 2008, in Phenix City, Alabama. The training will be at the Holiday Inn Express. Speakers will be Tina Moon speaking on legal trends in child and family law; Jennifer Dempsey, Internet Safety for children; James Tucker, Alabama Mental Health System; and Letha Stuckey, grandparents as caregivers. Chris Newlin requested the state office email the agenda and topics to each center. J. J. Moody reports each center will have a room and she needs a count at the state office by August 15, 2008, of who will be attending.

Long Range Planning Committee

Amy Hinton reports the committee recently met at Prescott House. They are planning a retreat in early November for 2 full day work sessions. Jerry Renno will email a draft to the state office to be distributed before the retreat date so that centers can provide feedback on the networks long range plan.

State Office Report

Emilyn Gipson thanks JJ Moody for great job and the new online reporting. Many compliments and positive feedback provided by board members. Amy Hinton reports several concerns regarding office space lease (concerns: no keys to the front door for 6 weeks, possible increase in rent due to utility costs, and landlord is controlling temperature). Amy Hinton signed a three year lease. Amy Hinton agreed to inform the board regarding any developments that may arise with the landlord. Sheryl Walker asked if a committee had reviewed lease prior to signing. Chris Newlin reports that the board of directors voted and approved pursuing a lease not to exceed \$850 monthly.

Amy Hinton reported attending Child Death Review Meeting in Montgomery.

Nominating Committee Report

Pat Guyton headed the nominating committee and reports he is prepared to present a slate of officers for 2008-2009 year for board consideration.

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| Jannah Bailey | President |
| Lynn Hart | Vice President |
| Mary English | Treasurer |
| Sarah Wilhite | Secretary |
| Chris Newlin | Member @ large |

Mary Murphy makes motion to accept proposed officers presented. Motion seconded by Jerry Renno. Carried by all in favor.

Training Committee Report

Susan Martin reports Jasper and Selma recently had MDT training. The training was funded through a grant from Southern Regional. The trainers were Assistant DA, R. Leann White for Madison County and Lisa McSwain, from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, Susan Martin and JJ Moody attended as support personnel and to answer ANCAC questions.

The committee is working on a new directors training. Chris Newlin suggests partnering with Southern Regional.

Public Relations Committee

No report

Standards Committee Report

Debbie Land reports 11 site visits were completed. Remaining centers to have completed documentation for review into state office by August 1, 2008.

Morgan County had site visit and all documentation complete. Debbie Land reports that the standards committee asks that Morgan County be accepted as an Associate Member effective October 1, 2008. This request was approved by a vote of all board members in favor. Teresa Young asks that standards committee provide her with all information regarding next steps to become a full member center. She reports that this membership has been a long hard process.

Chris Newlin requests the state office provide everyone with a ANCAC membership progression list and showing the evolution of CACs in Alabama and the each CACs current respective membership status. This list will be at next meeting provided by J.J. Moody.

Emilyn Gipson comments that she is hopeful new legislation will clear up any issues and make these processes easier in the future.

Old Business

Central Alabama progress report given by Nekia Moore. She reports that they currently have no building but she has help from many to include board members. She was notified by Rachel Sims there will be no ADECA funding for new programs. They have a board meeting scheduled for the first week of August. The state office will help notify them of possible funding sources. They are currently talking with Artur Davis's office to find funding sources.

Chris Newlin announced the possibility of the CAC specialized insurance package being available this year.

Amy Hinton wanted to conduct a survey to all centers to gather information on the need for health insurance package to be made available possibly through state office. However, Amy says the state office is limited to a free survey monkey account and will need to upgrade (costs of \$200.00 annually) in order to effectively gather the information needed for the health insurance package.

Susan Martin made announcement that MDT training will be held in Cullman August 13 and same training in Lincoln August 14, 2008. Registration slips are available and passed to all members.

Chris Newlin made announcement of a 4 day training September 15-18 conducted by APRI. The detailed information can be found on the NCAC website. All centers welcome.

No further business to be discussed. A motion was made by Susan Martin to adjourn. Motion seconded by Chris Newlin and approved by all in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Hendrick-Kelley
Secretary