

Alabama Network of Children's Advocacy Centers
Board of Directors Meeting
Montgomery, Alabama
January 15, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Emilyn Gipson. A list of those attending is attached. A quorum was established as there were 23 directors present for the meeting.

Board President Emilyn Gipson made introductions of Amy Hinton new State Coordinator and James DuPree new Legislative Consultant. Amy Hinton reported being excited about her new position. She talked about her past work experiences with mental health, public policy and marketing. She reported looking forward to working with the network. Mr. James DuPree talked about his work experiences as well. Having been a social worker at one time and currently working as a consultant/lobbyist children have always been part of his agenda. He is excited to be a part of the organization and is hoping for a good legislative year. He reported that he hopes we can maintain level funding this year. The general fund is in such need of revenues.

Minutes were presented from September 24, 2007 meeting and December 3, 2007 meeting. Correction noted no roll call attached to September minutes. Correction noted to December 3 minutes striking salary comment from Crystal Hopson. With noted corrections Joe Nabors made the motion to accept minutes and seconded by Susan Martin. Passed by all in the affirmative.

The Financial Report was presented by J.J. Moody as Lynn Hart, Treasurer was absent. She presented quarterly financial report. A motion was made by Chris Newlin to accept the financial report and seconded by Joe Nabors. Motion carried. A budget revision was also presented. The revision included supplies and operating expense addition, an increase in dues, and the addition of contractual service expense. As a recommendation from the executive committee, Southern Regional will become a line item under income. A motion was made by Susan Martin and seconded by Leslie Guthrie to accept revision. Motion carried. A copy of the audit for the year ending September 30, 2007, was presented to all members. The audit was good with only two recommendations that are currently being addressed. Chris Newlin made the motion that the audit be accepted as presented. Joe Nabors seconded and the motion passed by all in the affirmative.

Amy Hinton reported that she has found office space @ 817 South Court Street Suite 301 that will be available in February. The network would become the first tenants of the space. The rent amount is \$835 monthly. A budget of \$7,232 was presented to cover

moving cost some furniture and equipment. This money is found in personnel line item. An ADECA budget revision will be required to do this. Emily Gipson and Susan Martin visited the space and reported positively. The executive committee made recommendation to pursue a lease, not to exceed \$850 per month, to provide improved space for ANCAC offices and to allow up to \$7,000 for moving and furnishing expenses. Pat Guyton moved to accept recommendation of executive committee and it was seconded by Debbie Land and approved by all.

Committee Reports

Ad Hoc Committees

Search Committee was praised for their work of finding both a state coordinator and legislative consultant.

Bylaws

Susan Martin reports that she contacted Nonprofit Resource Center and J.J. contacted bar association for possible assistance with reviewing the bylaws. It was recommended that the network hire a corporate attorney. The committee requested that Amy Hinton review current document. She was asked to make recommendations for division and improvement.

Legislative

Chris Newlin reported excitement over having Mr. DuPree. The committee will be working with him to support funding bill as well as children's interest bills. The ANCAC office will be sending a letter to all legislators notifying them of our new consultant Mr. DuPree.

Public Relations

Sherryl Walker reported that this committee will have a press release and proclamation for child abuse prevention month emailed to all centers. The committee asks that everyone participate and hopefully next year add an additional component to the statewide campaign. The pinwheel project might be a great possibility.

Diversity

Susan Martin reported the committee received two applications for the stipend. The committee recommends that both Morgan County and Child Protect be funded. The board approved the recommendation.

Standards

Debbie Land reported the committee plans to meet in Bessemer February 25th to determine dates for site visits etc. The committee recommends contracting with Richard Davy to accompany committee members in making site visit. The recommendation was made into a motion by Debbie Land and the board approved.

Training

Susan Martin reported that the committee is working on agenda of training for the year. At present the focus will be in these four areas: New ANCAC Director Orientation, Diversity, Basic Board Development and Multidisciplinary Team Training.

Long Range Planning

Tim Birt thanked the board for input and responses. The committee will be asking for more input in February. They will present objectives at the April meeting.

Old Business

Emilyn Gipson reported that the executive committee plans to begin reviewing and looking at paperwork for the NCA Chapter site review.

New Business

Reminder from state office to get reports in no later than the 10th of the month in which they are due.

A copy of the statement regarding recent events in Baldwin County was distributed to all members.

Jannah Bailey made a statement regarding concerns her center is currently facing. Child Protect is being asked to perform numerous forensic interviews, assessments etc. for Dallas County. Officials continue to contact their center weekly refusing services from Dallas County and reporting many concerns to include interview location etc. A discussion followed to include that ADECA has pulled funding from this project. Jannah Bailey will send a letter to the state office with concerns from agencies about services being offered in Dallas County. Emilyn Gipson will send letter to this project stating multiple complaints being received and that the ANCAC board will be addressing these concerns. Amy Hinton and Richard Davy will arrange time to make a site visit in the near future. Mr. DuPree and John Knight will be informed of ANCAC concerns and actions.

Chris Newlin has information regarding an insurance package that has been developed for Advocacy Centers. He has brochures with contact information and details.

Emilyn Gipson announced that ALRRS will no longer be used by the ANCAC and they have been notified.

With no further business meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Hendrick-Kelley
Secretary