



**Abilene/Taylor County Child Advocacy Center
Advisory Board Minutes
10-08-10**

The Abilene/Taylor County Child Advocacy Center Advisory Board conducted its quarterly meeting on October 08, 2010 at 7:15 A.M. The meeting was held in the main conference room of the Abilene/Taylor County Law Enforcement Center, 450 Pecan St., Abilene, TX 79602.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stan Standridge – Chief, Abilene Police Department
James Eidson – Taylor County District Attorney
Nikki Favors – Concerned Citizen
Craig Shaw – CBS Insurance
Downing Bolls – Taylor County Commissioners Court
Leigh Ann Fry – Noah Project
Leonard Glasgow – Child Protective Services
Les Bruce – Taylor County Sheriff
Dee Moore – Blue Cross/Blue Shield
Debra McCracken – Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner
Dr. Jay Capra, M.D. – Pediatrician
Karen Munoz – Elementary School Principal
Diane Dotson – Crime Victims Crisis Center
Karon Bingaman – Pediatric Nurse

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Randy Holden – Tye Police Department
Bobby Easterling – Jim Ned, Middle School Principal
Laura Lee Hines – Elementary School Teacher
Sue Pecoraro – Dyess O.S.I.
Bob Jones – Merkel Police Department
Anthony Williams – Abilene Christian University

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melinda Beard – Director, ATCCAC
Mike Perry – Deputy Chief, Abilene Police Department

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sharon Miller – CAC Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 A.M. by Chair Dee Moore.

Dee introduced new Board Member Downing Bolls. Downing, former news anchor for KRBC News, was recently elected to succeed George Newman as Taylor County Commissioners Court Judge.

Old Business

ATCCAC Director Melinda Beard advised that she sent out suggestions for ATCCAC Board Members' roles via e-mail since the last meeting. She advised that she got very little response as a result of the communication.

Melinda asked for any suggestions regarding Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) gifts/tokens of appreciations discussed at the last board meeting. She advised there were approximately 40 individuals on the MDT. Chief Stan Standridge stated he would call John Thomas reference producing melamine plates and would present his findings at the next meeting. Craig Shaw advised he had already made some contacts regarding getting the plates produced. Karen Munoz advised she would contact Ortiz Elementary to see if students there would be able to decorate/paint the plates. Stan stated he would also check with Mary Ann Martin, AISD Partners in Education, to see if there were any available child artists to provide the necessary artwork.

New Business

Melinda reported that Crime Victims Crisis Center will not be conducting extended forensic evaluations any more, which was a component included in the ATCCAC Policies & Procedures. She advised that the ATCCAC Protocol would need to be revised to reflect as such. James Eidson moved to remove the component of extended forensic evaluations from the current protocol. Karen Munoz seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously.

Melinda advised that Dyess Air Force Base's Family Advocacy Center requested to create a Memorandum of Understanding with the ATCCAC. Melinda reported that the CAC already has a MOU with Dyess Air Force Base; however, the Family Advocacy Center was requesting a MOU in regards to cases that are not criminal in nature. Melinda stated that the Family Advocacy Center will create a MOU and present it to the CAC for approval. No vote was taken at this time.

Director's Report

Melinda reported that Karen Bingaman and CPS' Gretchen Denny will be attending a CAC of Texas conference next month. She also advised that herself, several Abilene Police Department Detectives and Forensic Interviewer Dianna Benavides will be attending a conference put on by CAC of Texas in late October.

Melinda advised that the forensic interview room renovations have been completed at this time. She invited board members to tour the Center to see the recently remodeled areas.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 A.M.

The next meeting of the Abilene/Taylor County Child Advocacy Center Advisory Board will be **January 14, 2011** at 7:15 A.M., Taylor County Law Enforcement Center, 450 Pecan St., Abilene, TX 79602, 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Dee Moore, Chair
Shann Miller, Secretary