



**Abilene/Taylor County Child Advocacy Center Advisory Board Minutes
1/11/13**

Board Members Present: Stan Standridge – Chief, Abilene Police Department
Craig Shaw – CBS Insurance
Ernest Slatinsky – Special Agent in Charge, United States Air Force OSI
Laura Lee Hines - Concerned Citizen
Dee Moore - Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Texas
Nikki Favors - Concerned Citizen
Downing Bolls – Judge, Taylor County Commissioners Court
Diane Dotson - Executive Director, Regional Victims Crisis Center
Connie Davis – Program Director, Child Protective Services
Debra McCracken - Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner
Karon Bingaman - Pediatric Nurse
Leigh Ann Fry – Executive Director, Noah Project
Becky Poindexter – Concerned Citizen

Board Members Absent: James Eidson - Taylor County District Attorney
Les Bruce – Sheriff, Taylor County Sheriff’s Office
Anthony Williams – Abilene Christian University
Justin Smith - Pediatrician
Bobby Easterling - Jim Ned Independent School District
Randy Holden – Chief, Tye Police Department
Bill Wheat - Chief, Merkel Police Department
Casey Wasson – Pediatric Nurse

EX-Officio Members Present: Melinda Beard - Director, ATCCAC
Mike Perry - Deputy Chief, Abilene Police Department

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 A.M. by ATCCAC Advisory Board Chair Dee Moore. Board minutes from the previous meeting of 011/20/12 were reviewed. Ernest Slatinsky motioned that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved as written.

New Business

Melinda Beard began the meeting with a PowerPoint Presentation titled, It Takes a Team. The presentation outlined the ties that all of the MDT members make when working together as a team, resulting in better services across the board. MDT members include but are not limited to the kids, school/daycare, medical, CAC, law enforcement, CPS, family/friends, mental health, and prosecution.

Melinda then began to discuss the case of Lacy Wright (child's mother) and her boyfriend Daniel Crippen who was charged and convicted of aggravated sexual assault of a child. Daniel Crippen's trial began in 2011. Lacy Wright's trial began in November of 2012 and she was charged with injury to a child. After the details of the case were shared with the group, board members expressed their unbelief and appreciation for all that the CAC, law enforcement, prosecution, RVCC, CPS, and so many others contribute to putting these criminals away.

Director's Report

Melinda Beard advised that CAC of Texas offers board training. If anyone is interested, they can contact Melinda for more information. Melinda asked if there were any questions regarding the CAC report that was sent out prior to the meeting. Several people expressed their opinion and appreciation for all the CAC staff has done to improve the services provided to the community.

Chief Standridge announced there would be a press conference @ 3:00 pm regarding the Reality Invasion Bootcamp allegations. The press conference was held at the Taylor County Law Enforcement Center on the 2nd floor. Chief Standridge invited all CAC board members to come show support if possible. It was also announced that April is Child Abuse Awareness month and plans and ideas need to be getting put together in order to make it big and get awareness out to the community.

Dee Moore advised that the next meeting of the ATCCAC Advisory Board will be **Friday, March 8, 2013 at 7:15 A.M.**, Taylor County Law Enforcement Center, 450 Pecan St., Abilene, TX 79602, 2nd Floor Conference Room. This meeting will be held early to start getting ready for Child Abuse Awareness month in April. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 A.M. by Chair Dee Moore.