



Abilene/Taylor County Child Advocacy Center Advisory Board Minutes

03/08/13

Board Members Present:

- Stan Standridge – Chief, Abilene Police Department
- Craig Shaw – CBS Insurance
- Ernest Slatinsky – Special Agent in Charge, United States Air Force OSI
- James Eidson - Taylor County District Attorney
- Dee Moore - Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Texas
- Nikki Favors - Concerned Citizen
- Downing Bolls – Judge, Taylor County Commissioners Court
- Leigh Ann Fry – Executive Director, Noah Project
- Beverly Gibson – Concerned Citizen
- Anthony Williams – Abilene Christian University
- Debra McCracken - Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner

Board Members Absent:

- Diane Dotson - Executive Director, Regional Victims Crisis Center
- Connie Davis – Program Director, Child Protective Services
- Karon Bingaman - Pediatric Nurse
- Les Bruce – Sheriff, Taylor County Sheriff's Office
- Laura Lee Hines - Concerned Citizen
- 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
- Becky Poindexter – Concerned Citizen

EX-Officio Members Present:

- Melinda Beard - Director, ATCCAC

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 A.M. by ATCCAC Advisory Board Chair Dee Moore. Board minutes from the previous meeting of 1/11/13 were reviewed. Stan Standridge motioned that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved as written.

New Business

Chief Standridge began the meeting by speaking about One Kingdom Leadership Group which initiated the recent prayer gathering on S.1st in memory of those that have recently lost their lives. The group is about using intercessory prayer to seek God's heart in changing our community. On **Monday, April 15th**, there will be a unified prayer kick off at the **Abilene Police Department at 5:30 pm**. This lines up well with the 6pm news.

They are looking into having Greg Tomlin, a videographer, incorporate it with the Carver Youth Council video. The Carver Youth Council video was shown to local pastors recently. 97% of victims know their assaulter and there was a need to make people aware of this since Stranger Danger is outdated. Diane Dotson is the one who took charge of this initiative. The kids came up with "I see it, I hear it, I feel it in my home", slogan on their own. Stan asked for James Edison, Debra McCracken, and others to speak at the event. Leigh Ann suggested having a survivor speak at the event as well. Stan stated that they want to recognize contributors such as HEB who recently provided a \$1,000 gift card for the victims at CAC. It was later decided that an HEB sign would hang behind the podium. KTAB is scheduled to do PSA's but nothing has been set up with KRBC at the time.

Melinda reminded everyone that **April 12th & 13th** is the Champions for Children Conference and that the ATCCAC will pay for board members to attend if they wish. Leigh Ann stated that on the **13th**, **Noah Project** is hosting their 3rd annual walk, "**Stop Domestic Violence 1 Step at a Time**".

The group discussed doing something at the beginning of April. It was proposed that **Tuesday, April 2nd** be reserved for a **walk through of the CAC beginning at 1:00 pm**. It was later agreed upon.

The group was also reminded and invited to the **Walk for Autism at the zoo on April 27th**. April is also Autism Awareness Month. Nikki Favors has a nephew with Autism and puts together a team and sells shirts to raise money for Autism Awareness and to wear to the event. You're all welcome to join "Team Mason"!

Beverly Gibson shared the idea of a touch point in the community where people can put a lock on to show their commitment to protect something. The person would then be able to take the keys to the lock with them as a reminder of their commitment. Everyone discussed ideas, locations, and ownership of each task. It was decided that Craig and Leigh Ann would contact Lowes for a pre-fabricated fence and locks (discounted cost) for the touch point. The old Lincoln Middle School was selected due to it's location and being the "epicenter" of Abilene. Anthony Williams agreed to get permission to put the fence up along the existing fence at Lincoln. The fence is to be painted blue and mobile in order to move it once all the locks have been placed on it to show the communities commitment to safety. Chief Standridge agreed to check on a permanent location and securing methods.

By 3/11/13, Beverly Gibson is to provide the short blurb or slogan to go along with the fence touch point.

By 3/22/13, Dee Moore will have a "speech" prepared for her to use during the news broadcast.

Chief Standridge will take care of the sign with sign pro and Craig offered to pay for the sign.

April 2nd @ 10:00 am will be the day to kick off the fence touch point and Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Director's Report

Champion for Children Conference is April 12th and 13th and if interested in attending, the CAC will pay for board members. Chief Standridge read surveys from CAC victims to the group. Melinda Beard announced Shelly Scott, the new forensic interviewer for the CAC.

Dee Moore advised that the next meeting of the ATCCAC Advisory Board will be **Friday, June 14, 2013 at 7:15 A.M.**, Taylor County Law Enforcement Center, 450 Pecan St., Abilene, TX 79602, 2nd Floor Conference Room. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 A.M. by Chair, Dee Moore.

April Schedule of Events

April 2nd (Child Abuse Awareness Month Kickoff)

10:00 am – Fence Touch Point @ Lincoln

1:00 pm - CAC Walk Through

April 12th & 13th

Champion for Children Conference @ Civic Center

April 13th

Noah Project 3rd Annual Walk, *Stop Domestic Violence One Step at a Time*

April 15th

5:30 pm - Intercessory Prayer with One Kingdom Leadership Group @ Abilene Police Department

April 27th

9:00 am - Walk for Autism @ Abilene Zoo

Lee Moore
Disha Westbrook