



Advisory Board Meeting Minutes 05-09-17

Members Present:

Casey Wasson
Ernest Slatinsky
Stan Standridge
Downing Bolls, Jr.

Melinda Beard
Nikki Favors
Debra McCracken
Lauren McBay – guest

Jason Shaw
Andy Meiron

- I. Call to Order @ 1611 by E. Slatinsky
- II. Approve Minutes from Mar 7, 2017 meeting.
 - a. Motion by D. McCracken, 2nd by J. Shaw – minutes approved
- III. Old Business
 - a. Fence Trailer preparation/completion – A. Meiron will dispose of old fence
- IV. New Business:
 - a. Child Abuse Awareness Month debrief
 - i. LOCK fence
 1. Issues
 - a. Getting out of mall – unable to locate security
 - b. \$100 fee for mall due to new mgmt.
 - c. Decreased crowd at Artwalk in comparison to 2016
 2. Successes
 - a. Trailer is now registered, A. Meiron will help with placing tags
 - b. Moving from location to location went very smoothly
 3. Could do better
 - a. Ensure that focus is Child Abuse Awareness, separating from Family Advocacy
 - b. Location on sidewalk at Artwalk
 4. Miscellaneous
 - a. Possibility of LOCK fence being used at other events outside of April events brought up by J. Shaw. Board discussed events such as Beer Summit in September benefitting New Horizons & Feast of Sharing in December. Board consensus is that as much exposure and awareness that we can bring to Child Abuse, the better.
 - b. J. Shaw will discuss with director at New Horizons and Beer Summit will be addressed at July meeting.

- ii. Primetime (see attached addendum of lessons learned)
 - 1. Very positive response from schools, administration, kids and families
 - 2. Approximately \$6700 was raised
 - 3. 2 classes made large deposits after the deadline. Board would like to acknowledge those two classes as well & voted to use some of the raised funds to provide a pizza party for the class. Chief Standridge will also arrange a K9 visit.
 - 4. Bank account for classes to make deposits until a single cashiers check could be presented to the city for the CAC donation account was discussed. Chief Standridge will discuss with First Financial Bank & look for best solution.
 - 5. CPS involvement in event planning & logistics discussed
 - a. Community Liason – Brittany Wade, Janet Jackson (supervisor)
- iii. Discussion
 - 1. CAC is looking to relocate with Abilene PD. Currently in a 90 day feasibility study. There will be a separate entrance to the CAC.
 - 2. CPS currently waiting on final approval to place 2 permanent investigators at Hendrick Medical Center.
 - 3. CPS experiencing significant increase in cases. Abilene Region has the highest number of cases and reports. A. Meiron explains this as being due to this region is making contact earlier than seen in other regions. (i.e. – first Domestic Violence incident, 1 st DUI, 1st drug arrest)
 - 4. Larger # of children “sleeping in offices” across the state. Typically juveniles with behavior problems. Finding help is proving to be difficult. Group homes do not want them, do not qualify for detention centers because they are not committing crimes
 - 5. \$50,000 donation for a girls transitional living center here in Abilene, donation was matched

V. Director's Report:

- a. HHSC Grant Requirements
 - i. Texas Standards for Children's Advocacy Center
 - ii. Chapter 264 of the Texas Family Code
 - iii. CACTX Public Policy Protocols
 - iv. CACTX Critical Incident Protocols
 - v. Chief Standridge as authorized official
 - 1. Motion by D. McCracken, 2nd by N. Favors
 - 2. Board approved
- b. Forensic Interview Stats for April – doubled last years
 - 1. 2016- 26
 - 2. 2017- 50

VI. Schedule next Meeting

- a. July 11, 2017

Adjourn @ 1707

Carey Wade RW 