



Abilene/Taylor County Child Advocacy Center
Board Meeting Minutes
5/8/2018

Present:

Casey Wasson
Brandon Gurganus
Jason Shaw
James Hicks
Dan Cox

Leslie Boiles
Sherita Nickerson
Andy Meiron
Dennis Wright
Debra McCracken

Downing Bolls, Jr.
Mike Perry
Martin Hernandez
Kelly Messer- guest
Janey Wawerna

- I. Call to Order @ 1602 by D. Cox
- II. Approve Minutes from March 6, 2018 meeting.
 - a. Motion by D. Bolls, Jr., 2nd by J. Shaw – motion passed, minutes approved
- III. New Business:
 - a. 2018 Loose Change for Change Event
 - i. Approximately \$10,000 raised after personal donations made
 - ii. Jason Shaw has photos from the event that he will forward to Melinda as it is understood that some of the children present have a “no photo” option on file with the school. Pictures will need to be reviewed by the school for these students before they can be published.
 - iii. Overview – “ran more smoothly”, “less chaotic” than 2017, every child seemed to be included, no issues voiced from the schools, 1st financial returned the banks when money was deposited to be stored and used next year
 - iv. Suggestions for 2019 – Laser tag was the hot ticket item that every child wanted to participate in. Suggested that after obstacle course, when kids are released to bowling, send one class to laser tag – rotating the classes through the laser tag area while others eat and bowl. Add “Organize group at obstacle course” to assigned tasks
 - b. By-law review – Suggestions by Kelly Messer to coincide with other city boards
 - i. Eliminate **secretary** position & utilize staff liaison to take minutes.
 - ii. All emails should be sent through Melinda or CAC staff with a “do not reply all” instruction to avoid email discussion without a quorum.
 - iii. Take out the 1st sentence and the word “other” in the 2nd sentence of section 3.06 of by-laws. Section will read “Committees may be formed by the Chairman as necessary. Tabled this discussion for the time as there is not a quorum present.
 - c. Year round awareness – Jason Shaw
 - i. Statistics are alarming but the public needs to be aware. Discussion on ideas to find a healthy way to make a positive spin on local statistics.

- ii. PSAs, FaceBook posts, discussed the boards previous backpack commercial, pinwheel demonstrations similar to those at Cook Children's and Granbury CASA
- iii. Discussed #s – CAC kids serviced, CPS cases – reported versus serviced
- iv. Dan Cox asked for motion to create a Subcommittee to develop ideas to present to the board. J. Hicks presented the motion, 2nd by D. McCracken – motion passed. Jason Shaw, Janey Wawerna and Dennis Wright volunteered for this subcommittee. Dan Cox will assist as needed.

IV. Director's Report:

- a. Victim Services Specialist Position Update: CAC is still waiting on approval of VOCA grant before discussing addition of 3rd VS Specialist. Shelley Scott has taken another position within the Abilene Police Dept. Her last day will be 5/29/18. Kellie Ulbrecht will be taking over this position.
- b. 2018 statistics – 166 interviewed from January 1 to April 30. Increase of 19 interviews from 2017.
- c. RVCC Advocate collaboration update – has worked extremely well and RVCC has assisted with family advocate role as needed with positive results.

V. Next Meeting 7/10/18 at 4:00 pm

Adjourn @ 1635

Addendum – Next meeting has been changed to 6/19/18 at 4:00pm

Handwritten signature of Dan Cox in cursive script.