



Abilene/Taylor County Child Advocacy Center
Board Meeting Minutes
9/11/2018

Present:

Casey Wasson
Jason Shaw
James Hicks

Sherita Nickerson
Martin Hernandez
Kelly Messer- guest

Janey Wawerna
Melinda Beard
Karen Peterson

- I. Call to Order @ 1621 by J. Shaw
- II. Approve Minutes from June 19, 2018 meeting.
 - a. Motion by J. Hicks, 2nd by M. Hernandez – motion passed, minutes approved
- III. Agenda Items:
 - i. LOCK fence at Beer Summit- Discussion. Melinda will send out email to see who could man the fence as Jason will be working event. Jason can take trailer and supplies. Melinda has pamphlets and ribbons. Janey stated that she is available.
 - ii. Community Awareness - Discussion led by J. Shaw to bring awareness to statistics and demographics. Discussion about taking fence to other facilities (i.e. Hobby Lobby, Lowe's, Boo at the Zoo, Max Air, Feast of Sharing at HEB, West Texas Fair and Rodeo, Cross Town Showdown. Will continue to discuss.
- IV. Director's Report:
 - a. HHSC and VOCA grant update
 - i. HHSC – approximately \$92,000 received
 - ii. VOCA- received partial amount \$108,000 for 2 years. Accountant looking at financials for new position for 3rd Victim Service Specialist
 - b. New Board Email – working ok for all, no questions
 - c. Collaborate case tracking system update – Everyone in Texas will be on the same tracking system. In the process of putting into place. Migrating with current system.
 - d. CACTX Site visit update- Irish Birch. Watched review meeting. Impressed with multidisciplinary team/approach. "Healthy team that embraces collaboration."
 - e. First quarter reporting – medical exams are up
- V. Next Meeting 11/13/18 at 4:00 pm

Adjourn @ 1643 after motion by K. Peterson and 2nd by S. Nickerson

Janey Wawerna *Casey Wasson*

**BYLAWS
OF
ABILENE/TAYLOR COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER**

**ARTICLE ONE
POLICY AND PURPOSE**

1.01 Policy and Creation of Board

It is the policy of the Abilene/Taylor County Child Advocacy Center (ATCCAC) that there will be a board of directors (board) representing the community that will act as an advisory board for the ATCCAC.

1.02 Purpose

The board will have the following purposes:

1. To work together with the community to promote hope and healing to child abuse victims and provide support to non-offending caregivers.
2. To develop and maintain a multidisciplinary approach to coordinate the investigations, the treatment, and the prosecution of sexual and physical abuse of children in Taylor County.
3. To promote interdisciplinary communication and training of personnel from the various Taylor County offices, agencies, and departments.
4. To supervise and oversee policy for the operation of the ATCCAC and make such reports to the contributing offices, agencies, and departments as may be required.
5. To act as a liaison to the multidisciplinary professionals involved in the ATCCAC.

**ARTICLE TWO
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

2.01 Responsibility of Board of Directors

The board of directors shall have the following responsibilities:

1. To formulate and actively support the objectives, policies, programs and mission statement of the ATCCAC.
2. To assume such additional duties and responsibilities as may be essential to the effective operation of the ATCCAC.
3. To assist in the selection of the ATCCAC Director as requested.

2.08 Resignation and Removal

A director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Chairman of the Board.

Any Director may be removed by the Mayor from the Board of Directors without cause with the approval of City Council at any legally constituted meeting of the City Council; provided that written notice of any such intent to remove a Director shall have been given to each member of the Board of Directors, including the Director at issue, not less than seventy-two hours (72) hours prior to the meeting at which the removal is to be considered. The board may choose to recommend removal of a director with cause by a 2/3 vote of the elected directors. Cause shall include attendance issues or any illegal or inappropriate behavior unbecoming of a board director.

ARTICLE THREE BOARD PROCEDURES

3.01 Regular Meetings

The board shall hold meetings every two months at the law enforcement center. Notice of the meeting shall be sent to all directors at least one week in advance.

3.02 Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or any two board members.

3.03 Quorum

No business at a regular or special meeting shall be conducted without a quorum of directors. A quorum will be 1/3 of the current voting membership of the board.

3.04 Conflict

No member should vote on a question in which he or she has a direct or indirect personal or financial interest which is not common to other members of the Board.

3.05 Compensation

All directors shall serve without compensation.

3.06 Committees

There shall be an awareness committee each year. Other committees may be formed by the Chairman as necessary.

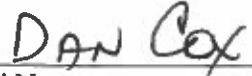
CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Bylaws of the Abilene/Taylor County Child Advocacy Center Advocacy Board and that such bylaws were duly adopted by the board of directors January 8, 2019.

ATTEST:



Chairman of the Board



Printed Name