



**Abilene/Taylor County Child Advocacy Center  
Board Meeting Minutes  
1/05/2021**

**Present:**

Melinda Beard  
Craig Shaw  
Jason Shaw  
Mike Perry

Debra McCracken  
Becky Poindexter  
Marcus Dudley

Leslie Holley  
Dee Moore  
Stanley Smith

- I. Call to Order at 1605 by Jason Shaw
- II. A. Motion to approve minutes from 11/03/2020 meeting made by Debra McCracken, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Becky Poindexter  
B. Minutes approved unanimously
- III. Election of Board officers  
A. Motion to appoint Board Chair- Jason Shaw, Vice-Chair- Leslie Holley, Secretary- Casey Wasson made by Dee Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debra McCracken  
B. Officers approved unanimously
- IV. Call for child abuse prevention ideas, outreach opportunities, and awareness events for 2021- may be shared via board email  
A. Potential to conduct the annual Change for Change event with winners being awarded certificates or vouchers for Primetime instead of collective event; Mike Perry will contact Dr. Young at AISD for feasibility  
B. Possible placement of CAC plaques at area businesses to increase awareness  
C. Potential for public service announcements over local television networks; Dee Moore will contact Travis Ruiz at KRBC for additional information
- V. Paper *Peri Trauma Counseling in Youth in Foster Care* written and presented by Jason Shaw  
A. Discussion of the prevention of separation trauma and PTSD and the importance of kinship placements  
B. Jason Shaw will provide training for CAC staff
- VI. Director's Report – Melinda Beard  
A. CAC intern no longer present  
B. 2020 statistics presented

1. Number of children served higher
  2. Number of forensic interviews higher
  3. Sexual abuse allegations higher at 80%
  4. Number of those receiving counseling/therapy decreased
- C. Bennie Mouser did not reapply to the board
- D. Board openings are available for community members
- E. Ashley completed all DFPS intake reviews for 2020; Brandon Gurganus will now assume this responsibility

VII. HHSC and VOCA grants

- A. Motion to approve Chief Marcus Dudley as the authorized official for HHSC and VOCA grants made by Dee Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Becky Poindexter
- B. Motion approved unanimously

VIII. Next Meeting Tuesday, 3/02/2021, 4:00 pm, APD Conference Room.

Recorded by Leslie Holley, DNP, RN, CNE

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