

Abilene/Taylor County Child Advocacy Center Board Meeting Minutes 3/2/2021

Members present:

Kari Leong Dan Cox Karon Bingaman Hall

Casey Wasson Richey

Jason Shaw Leslie Holley Todd Etheredge Marcus Dudley Melinda Beard Dee Moore Janey Wawerna

Sherita Nickerson

Call to Order at 1600 by Jason Shaw Introduction of members

Minutes

1. Approve minutes from meeting on January 5, 2021

- a. Motion to approve by Dee Moore
- b. Second by Sherita Nickerson
- c. Motion to approve passed

Agenda Items

- 1. Approve Strategic plan questions voiced, will Care Coordination be specifically directed at sex trafficking. Per Melinda, the new program is specifically for sex trafficking victims; will be in addition to MDT services already in place
 - a. Motion to approve by Dan Cox
 - b. Second by Todd Etheredge
 - c. Motion to approve passed
- 2. Child Abuse Awareness
 - a. 3rd graders fundraiser/alternative prizes
 - -Question regarding use of funds received; per Melinda, money will go to anything CAC grants do not cover
 - -Chief Perry was reaching out to AISD superintendent regarding fundraiser but is not currently present at this time, Chief Dudley will make contact with him regarding status; Karon Hall will contact WISD; Jason Shaw will contact Jim Ned superintendent; Melinda Beard will contact Merkel schools
 - Kari Leong suggested in class reward versus coupons to PrimeTime as some students would not be able to utilize them due to parent involvement, transportation, etc.
 - -Melinda will email board when volunteers are needed to stuff and sort handout information
 - b. April Events trailer, high schools, colleges

- Suggestions include having high school and college students design posters; getting outreach
- Trailer events Set up on campuses? Is this a possibility? Sherita Nickerson will reach out to ACU.
- Outreach opportunities Set up at Abilene Youth Sports Authority, Chief Dudley and Melinda will reach out to Coach Brandon Osborne
- KTAB/KRBC Stations agreed to run PSAs but would like to review; stations would also like information on statistics
- 3. Director's Report
 - a. CACTX Webinar Any interest in viewing the webinars during a board meeting? Consensus is viewing on own time. Melinda will resend links
 - b. CSE-IT CAC trained to use this identification tool and will put into use 3/1/2021. Goal is care coordination team/frontline to have this assessment tool (CASA, schools, clergy)
 - c. Training funds Excess Grant funds last fiscal year due to COVID; full funds for 2021 are expected but due to further cancellations, training budget is in excess and will need to be utilized or notification made to the state for reallocation; Melinda is looking for opportunities with MDT which make include training (to be done by the end of August 2021 but plan now) and some will be used with RVCC for play therapy training

Adjournment @ 1652

Casey Richery 4.4.21