



### **Child Advocacy Board Minutes 10/3/2023**

**Attendance:** Becky Poindexter, Casey Wasson, Craig Shaw, Dan Cox, Debra McCracken, Dee Moore, Janey Wawerna, Jason Shaw, Jim Hicks, Kari Leong, Karon Hall, Melinda Beard, Phil Crowley, and Sherita Nickerson

**Call to Order at 1606 by Jason Shaw**

- 1. Public comment on any item on the agenda – NONE**
- 2. Approve minutes from 8/1/2023 board meeting**
  - a. Motion by J. Hicks
  - b. 2nd by B. Poindexter
  - c. Motion passed, minutes approved as presented
- 3. Forward authorization for Annette Lerma to negotiate and execute contracts with CACTX for FY 24 and the remainder of FY 23.**
  - a. Motion by J. Hicks
  - b. 2nd by D. McCracken
  - c. Motion passed, authorization approved
- 4. Director's Report**
  - a. CAC Department Change - City Manager Hanna has repeatedly voiced concerns with CAC being under the PD umbrella. Conflict with MDT protocol revision noted. With changes in PD leadership, Hanna felt a change at this time would be beneficial. Model is that CAC should not be under partnership team. Board discussed the need to determine if a change of meeting location would be beneficial. J. Hicks volunteered grand jury room at the courthouse. Per city attorney, by laws would need to be changed were this to occur. This motion tabled to December meeting.
  - b. CAC Staff Update- Lashawn Parker currently in training. MDT Coordinator position, which will also oversee funding statistics and service targets. Service numbers have been trending down, per Melinda. 83% of reported cases need to be referred for services.
  - c. FY24 Grant Funding- All submitted grants have been approved
  - d. MDT protocol revision- Every 3 years, revisions are required. Current changes will require MDT protocol revision. To be included are care, coordination, public health, umbrella, and legislative changes.

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5. CAC Appreciation Plan.

- a. November 6-10th
- b. Monday: Coffee
- c. Tuesday: Brunch
- d. Wednesday: Cards
- e. Thursday: Candy
- f. Friday: Lunch
- g. Melinda will email the names of current employees. Bring cards to CAC by November 3.

Adjournment at 1701- Next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2023 at 4:00 pm

*Melinda Nelson*  
10/3/2023

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*[Signature]* 12/5/23