



**Champaign County Children's Advocacy Center
Governing Board
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 25, 2004
1601 E. Main Street
Urbana, Illinois**

Minutes

Members Present: Acting Chair Elizabeth Dobson, State's Attorney's Office
Sgt. Roy Acree, University of Illinois Police Department
Detective Dan Ault, Rantoul Police Department
Lt. Kris Bolt, Champaign County Sheriff's Office
Deputy Chief Troy Daniels, Champaign Police Department
Ms. Gina Jackson, Champaign County Mental Health Board
Regional Superintendent Judy Pacey, Regional Office of Education
Assistant Director Robert Schwieter, Probation & Court Services
Department
Jill Tichenor, Field Services Manager, Illinois Department of Children and
Family Services

Members Absent: Carle Clinic
Mahomet Police Department
Provena Behavioral Health at Centerpoint
Urbana Police Department

Others Attending: Michael Williams, Executive Director, CAC
Scott Adams, Krannert Center For the Performing Arts
Jean Huddleston, Krannert Center For the Performing Arts

NOTE: Prior to today's meeting, Mr. Williams learned that CAC Board Chairman John Piland would be unable to attend the meeting. Pursuant to the authority granted to the Chairman in Section 5a of the CAC's Constitution and By Laws, Mr. Piland appointed Assistant State's Attorney Elizabeth Dobson as Acting Chair for today's meeting.

Call to Order

After finding a quorum present, Acting Chair Elizabeth Dobson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Approval of Minutes

Lt. Bolt offered a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2004 Regular Meeting of the CAC Governing Board. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tichenor. There was no further discussion. Motion approved.

Welcome Guests from Krannert Center For the Performing Arts

Mr. Williams introduced Jean Huddleston and Scott Adams, who had been invited by the Board to today's meeting to represent the employees of Krannert Center For the Performing Arts. During the holiday season, employees of the Krannert Center donated several items to the CAC, including DVD and VHS players, DVD and VHS movies, floor pillows, and stuffed animals. Mr. Williams and the Board thanked Ms. Huddleston and Mr. Adams for the very generous donation and described how those donations are being used to make children feel safe, comfortable and welcome at the CAC. Mr. Williams also presented Ms. Huddleston and Mr. Adams with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the children and families served by the Children's Advocacy Center.

Budget Report

A copy of the CAC Budget Report for the month ended February 28, 2004 was provided to each of the Board members. Other than training expenses, which totaled \$4,083.90, Mr. Williams stated that there were no unusual expenditures to report for the month of February. Training expenditures included costs related to sending three members of the Multidisciplinary Team to the *18th Annual San Diego Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment*, as well as costs associated with sending CCSO Investigators Greg Mills and David Coffey to *Child Forensic Interviewing Training* in Huntsville, Alabama. In addition, the CAC paid the registration fees for 34 members of the Multidisciplinary Team and other professionals involved in the investigation and management of sexual assault cases to attend the *Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Seminar* held on February 20th.

Mr. Williams announced that applications for continued funding from the Illinois Attorney General's Office and the Champaign County Mental Health Board were submitted on February 24, 2004 and March 3, 2004, respectively. Mr. Williams will be attending the next CCMHB meeting, scheduled for April 6, 2004, at which time he will present information about the implementation of our current Purchase of Care Contract with the CCMHB.

Director's Report

On February 27, 2004, Mr. Williams, along with Matt Burgess and Todd Blazaitis of Centerpoint, met with Jamie Connelly, our Grant Monitor from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, to review and discuss the Crisis Intervention Program. After reviewing the progress of the project, the discussion focused on ways to generate additional revenue for Provena Behavioral Health. At the present time, revenue has fallen short of expectations, while matching contributions have far exceeded projections. Ms. Connelly agreed to discuss with the Authority several possibilities for increasing revenue which include: increasing the rate we are authorized to charge for direct services (currently \$78 per hour); authorizing us to charge for travel time; and implementing a higher rate for outreach services and/or a higher rate for initial interviews conducted at the CAC. Ms. Connelly expressed her satisfaction with the program and indicated that, although she cannot offer any assurances at this time, she fully expects that the Authority will continue to fund the program when the current grant expires on October 30, 2004.

On Tuesday, March 2, 2004, the Children's Advocacy Center hosted a press conference to announce receipt of our 2004 Full Member Program Support Grant from the National Children's Alliance. Betsy Goulet, formerly of the Illinois Attorney General's Office and now a site reviewer for the NCA, presented a plaque commemorating our full membership in the NCA to CAC Governing Board Chairman John Piland. The press conference also served as an opportunity for State's Attorney Piland to highlight the services being offered to victims and their non-offending family members through the CAC and the Crisis Intervention Services Program. The press conference was covered by both local network television affiliates (Channel 3 and Channel 15).

Mr. Williams announced that the Public Service Announcements being produced in cooperation with A Woman's Fund/Rape Crisis Services were completed during the month of March and will air on local television stations beginning April 1st. The broadcast of the PSAs will coincide with the beginning of National Child Abuse Prevention Month and National Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The PSAs will be premiered for the media at a joint press conference scheduled for Wednesday, March 31st at 5:00 p.m. The press conference will be followed by an Open House at the CAC. All of the people involved in the production of the PSAs have been invited to the Open House as our way of thanking them for their contributions to this project. Mr. Williams encouraged Board members to attend the press conference and Open House, if at all possible. At the request of Superintendent Pacey, Mr. Williams will send an e-mail to Board members reminding them of the date of the Press Conference and Open House.

Mr. Williams reported that he is continuing to work with a coalition of agencies, organizations and individuals who are planning events to commemorate Child Abuse Prevention Month (April). Those events will include the aforementioned Press Conference/Open House at the CAC, a Kickoff Event at Marketplace Mall on April 2nd, a candlelight vigil sponsored by CASA on April 4th, and a children's festival at Douglass Park on April 24th.

Each of the Board members was provided with a Summary of CAC Activity for the month of February, which was prepared by Case Manager Jill Breen. During the month of February, 14 children were interviewed at the CAC. That number includes 11 children accepted for Case Management services, 2 non-victim siblings, and 1 alleged juvenile offender. Thus far during March, 12 children have been interviewed at the Center. That number includes 10 children for whom the Center is coordinating services, and 2 children for whom the CAC is not providing ongoing services.

Communications

Mr. Williams reported that no communications had been received on behalf of the Board.

Other Business

None.

New Business

None.

Announcements

Mr. Williams announced that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Superintendent Pacey offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 a.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jackson. There was no further discussion, the motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael B. Williams
Executive Director