



**Champaign County Children's Advocacy Center
Governing Board
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 27, 2004
1601 E. Main Street
Urbana, Illinois**

Minutes

- Members Present: Chairman John Piland, State's Attorney
Secretary/Treasurer Kathleen Buetow, Carle Clinic
Mr. Matt Burgess, Clinical Specialist, Provena Behavioral Health at Centerpoint
Deputy Chief Troy Daniels, Champaign Police Department
Chief Dan Driscoll, Mahomet Police Department
Mr. Joseph Gordon, Director, Probation & Court Services Department
Regional Superintendent Judy Pacey, Regional Office of Education
- Members Absent: Champaign County Mental Health Board
Champaign County Sheriff's Office
Illinois Department of Children and Family Services
Rantoul Police Department
University of Illinois Police Department
Urbana Police Department
- Others Attending: Michael Williams, Executive Director, CAC
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Call to Order

After finding a quorum present, Chairman Piland called the meeting to order at 9:23 a.m.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Buetow offered a motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2004 Regular Meeting of the CAC Governing Board. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Pacey. There was no further discussion. Motion approved.

Target Stores 2004 Community Giving Program Grant Application

Mr. Williams provided Board members with a copy of an application for grant funding from the Target Stores 2004 Community Giving Program. Target awards annual grants up to \$3,000 for projects focusing on early childhood reading, arts, and family violence prevention. Mr. Williams has requested funding for our child victim support group program. In order to ensure that we met the application deadline of May 31, 2004, Mr. Williams has already submitted the application to the local Target store and he requested that the Board ratify submission of the grant application.

Deputy Chief Daniels offered a motion to ratify submission of the application for funding from the Target Stores 2004 Community Giving Program. The motion was seconded by Chief Driscoll. There was no further discussion. Motion approved.

Consideration of Resolution Supporting the Creation of Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board

Mr. Williams reported that he, along with other Mental Health Agencies Council members, had been approached by Dale Morrissey, Executive Director of Developmental Services Center, for support in the effort to pass a referendum supporting the creation of a Developmental Disabilities Board. If approved by the voters of Champaign County, a county-wide 10-cent rate increase will generate \$2,365,042 per year for the service system. A 3-member Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board (CCDDB) will be appointed by the County Board and the CCDDB will prioritize the funding needs, disperse the funds, and evaluate the performance of the funds. At present, developmental disabilities services receive approximately \$400,000 in funding from the Champaign County Mental Health Board. It is not known at this time whether that funding would continue to go to developmental disabilities services upon passage of the referendum or if it would be made available to other service providers funded by the Mental Health Board.

Mr. Williams provided CAC Board members with a draft Resolution supporting the creation of the Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board for their consideration. Mr. Williams advised that the Champaign County Mental Health Board has taken a neutral stance with respect to the referendum, focusing instead on providing information to the public. Mr. Williams added that he is aware that certain CCMHB staff members in their capacity as individual citizens are supporting passage of the referendum.

Further discussion ensued. Deputy Chief Daniels indicated it is his belief that the CAC Board should also adopt a neutral stance with respect to the referendum, although he and other CAC Board members may personally support its passage. Mr. Gordon agreed. Mr. Gordon also asked whether a decision about diverting CCMHB monies

currently earmarked for developmental disabilities services to other services would be made before or after the referendum. Mr. Williams stated he would attempt to get an answer to Mr. Gordon's question. It was the consensus of the Board to defer any further action on the proposed resolution at this time, pending receipt of additional information.

Budget Report

A copy of the CAC Budget Report for the month ended April 30, 2004 was provided to each of the Board members. Mr. Williams noted that the Center recently purchased two families of anatomically detailed dolls (one Caucasian and one African-American) at a total cost of \$714.70. Mr. Williams stated that there were no other unusual expenditures to report for the month of April.

Mr. Williams reported that he attended the annual CAC Directors' Retreat in Peoria on May 12, 13 and 14 where he received materials for continuation of our contract with DCFS for state FY 2005 beginning July 1, 2004. Those materials have been completed and returned to our grant monitor as required. The funding amount for state FY 2005 is \$70,000, which is consistent with our current contract. Of course, funding from DCFS is contingent upon the Governor's approval of the FY 2005 state budget.

Mr. Williams stated that he and Mr. Burgess attended a meeting in Bloomington last Friday, where they learned that the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Budget Committee has designated \$78,312 from Federal FY 2004 funds for continuation of the Crisis Intervention Services Program for an additional 12 months. The current grant for this program expires on October 31, 2004. Mr. Williams and Mr. Burgess will be working with our grant monitor to ensure that we meet the requirements for continuation funding. Mr. Williams and Mr. Burgess will also be discussing with the Authority ways to enhance the program, which may include greater involvement of the Crisis Interventionists in the CAC's support group program and/or involvement in the provision of case management services.

Mr. Williams reported that the Champaign County Mental Health Board (CCMHB) will meet on Tuesday, June 1, 2004, to make final decisions concerning FY 2005 applications for funding. CCMHB staff prepared program summaries for each application received and made recommendations to the Board for FY 2005 allocations. The application submitted by the Children's Advocacy Center was rated as HIGH COMPLIANCE and CCMHB staff is recommending that the Center receive funding in the amount of \$37,080 for FY 2005.

Director's Report

Mr. Williams reported that, at the request of Urbana Police Department Detective Deann Winn-Maurer, he was invited to speak at the Urbana Exchange Club's weekly meeting on April 28, 2004. Following his address, the Exchange Club presented Mr. Williams with a check in the amount of \$300 to be used to support the activities of the Children's Advocacy Center.

Mr. Williams announced that a team comprised of three members of our Multidisciplinary Team (Senior Assistant State's Attorney Michelle Brooks, DCFS Investigator Sheree Foley, and Rantoul Police Department Detective Alex Meyer) has been accepted to attend *Finding Words Illinois*, a child forensic interviewing program presented by the American Prosecutors Research Institute and CornerHouse. This intensive 5-day training session will be held in Springfield during the week of July 19th. During the first year of the program, teams attend the program tuition free. The CAC will only be responsible for lodging, travel and meal expenses. Mr. Williams noted that only 40 individuals from around the state (and only 10 from the Central region) were accepted for this program, and he feels honored that a team from our county was selected.

Each of the Board members was provided with a Summary of CAC Activity for the month of April, which was prepared by Case Manager Jill Breen. During the month of April, 19 children were interviewed at the CAC. That number includes 15 children accepted for Case Management services, 1 child for whom the Center is not coordinating services, and 3 non-victim siblings/witnesses. Thus far during May, 14 children have been interviewed at the Center, all of whom have been accepted for case management services.

Communications

None.

Other Business

Deputy Chief Daniels asked whether the CAC had been invited to speak at the Champaign Rotary or Kiwanis Clubs. Mr. Williams stated he had not but he would be happy to do so. Superintendent Pacey also suggested speaking to service clubs in Ford County. Although the CAC does not formally serve Ford County, DCFS and law enforcement officials from Ford County have used the Champaign County CAC for interviews on several occasions.

New Business

None.

Announcements

Mr. Williams announced that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 24, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Superintendent Pacey offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 a.m. The motion was seconded by Chief Driscoll. There was no further discussion, the motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael B. Williams
Executive Director