



**Champaign County Children's Advocacy Center
Governing Board
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 22, 2008
201 W. Kenyon Road, Suite 1
Champaign, Illinois**

Minutes

Members Present: Ms. Amy Hurst, Intensive Outreach Services Supervisor, Mental Health Center of Champaign County
(In Person) Assistant Superintendent Barb Daly, Regional Office of Education
Investigator Rob Murphy, University of Illinois Police Department
Investigator Duane Smith, Urbana Police Department
Dr. Deborah Townsend, Champaign County Mental Health Board
Mr. Rob Wyre, Supervisor, Champaign County Probation and Court Services Department

Members Present: Ms. Tamela Atwood, Supervisor, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services
(Via Telephone)

Members Absent: Carle Clinic
Champaign County Sheriff's Office
Champaign County State's Attorney's Office
Champaign Police Department
Mahomet Police Department
Rantoul Police Department

Others Attending: Michael Williams, Executive Director, CAC

In the absence of State's Attorney Julia Rietz, Dr. Deborah Townsend served as Acting Chair.

Call to Order

After finding a quorum present, Dr. Townsend called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. Introductions were made.



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Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Daly made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Governing Board. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hurst. There was no further discussion. Motion approved.

Budget Report

A copy of the CAC Budget Report for the month ended April 30, 2008 was provided to each of the Board members. Mr. Williams stated that there were no unusual expenditures to report for the month of April.

Mr. Williams reported that, earlier this month, he received approval to amend our DCFS contract for FY 2008, which ends on June 30, 2008. With the reallocation of funds, the Center will purchase two personal computers to replace those being used by Mr. Williams and CAC Case Manager Elaine Carter. The CAC will also purchase a 4-drawer lateral filing cabinet for storing closed client files. Additional reallocations were made to reflect anticipated expenditures for the remainder of State FY 2008.

Director's Report

Mr. Williams reported on the *Champions for Children Walk*, which was held from May 16-19, 2008. The Walk was held in four stages: Friday in Sangamon County, Saturday in McLean County, Sunday in Will County, and Monday in Chicago. Lt. Governor Pat Quinn served as Grand Marshall and participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony in Springfield on Friday. DCFS Director Ewrin McEwen completed the Chicago stage of the Walk. Also joining the Walk in Chicago were Teresa Huizar, the Executive Director of the National Children's Alliance in Washington D.C., and Jane Bruan, Project Director for the Midwest Regional CAC in Minneapolis. Mr. Williams stated that over 250 walkers participated in the four-day event. Mr. Williams completed the entire 55-mile route and he obtained pledges for just over \$2,900. Eighty percent of that amount will be returned to the Champaign County CAC, and the remaining 20% will be used to help defray expenses. This undesignated revenue will help us to meet unexpected needs at the CAC. Mr. Williams thanked the Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois (CACI) for organizing the Walk and all of those who made pledges. In response to a question from Ms. Hurst, Mr. Williams stated that he believes the CACI wants to make the Walk an annual event.

Mr. Williams reported that the two-day seminar entitled *Child Sexual Assault: Interview, Investigation & Prosecution* was held at the Champaign Police Department on May 15-16, 2008 as planned. The Children's Advocacy Center was a co-sponsor of the seminar along with the East Central Illinois Police Training Project. Mr. Williams will be meeting with Mark Krug of the Police Training Project to discuss attendance and

to review the evaluations completed by training participants. Mr. Williams thanked the Police Training Project for their support of this program and he expressed hope that the CAC will be able to collaborate with the Police Training Project to sponsor future trainings for CAC Team members.

Mr. Williams also advised the Board that three MDT investigators (Marc Beach of the Rantoul Police Department, Shane Cook of the Sheriff's Office, and Rebecca Goodwin of the Mahomet Police Department) along with Assistant State's Attorney Stephanie Webber completed *Finding Words Illinois* in Springfield during the week of April 28-May 2, 2008.

Mr. Williams reported that our 12-week support group program for girls ages 8-12 wrapped up on April 24th and Laura Gelsthorpe, an Intern from the University of Illinois who coordinated the support group, completed her internship the following day. Following last month's Board meeting, Mr. Williams submitted our application for continued funding from Target Stores Community Giving Program. If funds are awarded, they will be designated for future support groups.

On May 13, 2008, the CAC hosted the monthly meeting of the Rural Police Chiefs' Association. This was an opportunity to introduce the rural police departments to the new facility and to answer their questions about CAC protocol and procedure.

Mr. Williams reported that he is working with Urbana Public Television to produce a short (5-6 minute) Public Service Announcement about the Children's Advocacy Center. Once completed, the PSA will be shown on UPTV and will be available on our website.

Each of the Board members was provided with a Summary of CAC Activity for the month of April. During the month of April, 22 children were interviewed at the CAC, which included 17 children accepted for case management services, a follow-up interview with a child who was initially interviewed at the CAC in February 2006, 3 non-victim siblings/witnesses, and 1 alleged juvenile offender. In addition, one child who was interviewed outside the CAC was referred to the Center for services. Thus far during May, 14 children have been interviewed at the Center, which includes 9 children accepted for case management services, 3 children for whom the Center is not providing follow-up services, and 2 non-victim siblings/witnesses.

Dr. Townsend complimented Mr. Williams on the wonderful work done at the Children's Advocacy Center over the past month.

Communications

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

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Announcements

Mr. Williams announced that the next Board meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2008. Mr. Williams also reminded Board members that the Board meeting for July has been cancelled.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Wyre made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hurst. There was no further discussion and the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael B. Williams
Executive Director