



**Champaign County Children's Advocacy Center
Governing Board
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 27, 2010
201 W. Kenyon Road, Suite 1
Champaign, Illinois**

Minutes

Members Present: State's Attorney Julia Rietz, Chair
(In-Person) Dr. Kathleen Buetow, Secretary/Treasurer, Carle Clinic
Tamela Atwood, Child Protection Supervisor, Illinois Department of
Children & Family Services
Sgt. Marc Beach, Rantoul Police Department
Joseph Gordon, Director, Champaign County Probation & Court
Services Department
Lt. Greg Lindemulder, Illinois State Police
Inv. Duane Smith, Urbana Police Department
Dr. Deborah Townsend, Champaign County Mental Health Board

Members Absent: Champaign County Sheriff's Office
Champaign Police Department
Mahomet Police Department
Mental Health Center of Champaign County
Regional Office of Education
University of Illinois Police Department

Others Attending: Michael Williams, Executive Director, CAC

***Note: Until the arrival of State's Attorney Julia Rietz, Chair, Secretary/Treasurer
Dr. Kathleen Buetow served as Acting Chair.***

Call to Order

After finding a quorum present, Dr. Buetow, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.



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Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Approval of Minutes

Sgt. Beach made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Governing Board. The motion was seconded by Lt. Lindemulder. There was no further discussion and the minutes were approved as presented.

Budget Report

Mr. Williams provided Board members with a copy of the Budget Report for the month ended April 30, 2010. Mr. Williams stated that there were no unusual expenditures to report for the month of April; however, he did highlight the \$608 payment made to Seico Security Systems for the additional microphone installed in each of the interview rooms. This project was primarily funded by a grant from the Junior League of Champaign-Urbana.

Mr. Williams reported that the CAC had a positive cash balance of \$32,407.89 as of April 30, 2010. Mr. Williams added that we recently received a partial Fourth Quarter payment from DCFS. Mr. Williams explained that this is because our funding from DCFS comes from more than one fund and that DCFS disburses payments as monies become available. At this point, the only payment delay from any of our funding agencies is the remainder of the Fourth Quarter payment from DCFS (approximately \$10,000).

Director's Report

State's Attorney Julia Rietz, Chair, joined the meeting in progress.

Mr. Williams provided a report on the 2010 Champions4Children Walk, which was held on Saturday, May 15th. A total of 66 individuals registered for the walk in Champaign County. Twelve registrants did not show up, leaving a total of 54 walkers. A pre-race Happy Hour was held at The Philo Tavern on the evening before the walk. Approximately 20 people attended that event.

Mr. Williams reported that 26 CACs held walks in their communities on May 15th. Statewide, more than 1,800 individuals walked in support of children's advocacy centers. This was the third year for the Champions4Children Walk, but the first year utilizing this format.

Mr. Williams thanked State's Attorney and Board Chair Julia Rietz who stepped in as Grand Marshal for Senator Mike Frerichs, who cancelled due to a scheduling conflict. Following a kickoff and ribbon cutting ceremony at the Courthouse, Ms. Rietz led the Champions4Children to Crystal Lake Park, where we joined more than 700 individuals participating in the Twin Cities Twosome. Mr. Williams thanked those Board members who made donations and he also thanked Board members Jane Quinlan and

Amy Hurst for walking. Janet Wells, who often represents the Probation & Court Services Department at Board meetings, also walked.

To date, the CAC has received just under \$4,800 in donations, which includes \$1,900 in sponsorships paid by Fetch! Pet Care of Champaign-Urbana (\$300), Pavilion Behavioral Health System (\$500), Thrivent Financial for Lutherans (\$500), the Urbana Fraternal Order of Police (\$500) and Reynolds Towing Service (\$100). Mr. Williams indicated that he expects to receive a small amount of additional donations. All donations are sent to the Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois. Eighty-five percent of donations will be returned to the Champaign County CAC and 15% will be used to help defray expenses and support the work of the Chapter Office. Mr. Williams advised Board members that they can view photos of the walk at the CAC's website: www.co.champaign.il.us/cac.

Mr. Williams stated that the collaboration with the Twin Cities Twosome was very beneficial for the CAC. The organizers of the Twin Cities Twosome were very happy that we partnered with them this year and are hoping that we can do so again next year. The only change Mr. Williams suggested for next year is that we not offer the Twosome divisions to those individuals who are participating in the Champions4Children Walk. The Twosome divisions seemed to be very confusing. Next year, we will simply ask C4C registrants to participate in either the 5K walk or the 5K run.

Although the event was very successful overall, Mr. Williams expressed some disappointment that more law enforcement members of the CAC Team were not involved. Mr. Williams stated that the Urbana FOP made a generous donation of \$500 and several detectives made individual donations; however, no law enforcement officers participated in the walk itself. Mr. Williams asked Board members to provide him with input and suggestions as to how we can engage law enforcement members of the Team in next year's walk.

Ms. Rietz commented on how well the walk was organized and complimented Mr. Williams for his efforts.

Each of the Board members was provided with a Summary of CAC Activity for the month of April. During April, 17 children were interviewed at the CAC, which included 11 children who were accepted for case management services, 3 children for whom the CAC did not provide follow-up services, 2 non-victim siblings/witnesses, and 1 child who was interviewed at the CAC by an investigator from the Piatt County Sheriff's Office. Thus far during the month of May, 23 children have been interviewed at the CAC, which includes 17 children accepted for case management services, 5 non-victim siblings, and 1 child who was interviewed at the CAC by investigators from the Illinois State Police and DCFS-Danville Field Office. In addition, one child who was not interviewed at the Center was assessed and accepted for services.

In response to a question from Dr. Townsend, Mr. Williams stated he is very pleased with our contractual arrangement with Therapists Joanna Kling and Chris Washo to provide crisis intervention services to clients of the CAC. Mr. Williams added he has been pleasantly surprised at how often Ms. Kling and Ms. Washo are able to be present

for initial interviews at the CAC. He was not sure their schedules would permit them to be available as often as they are. Mr. Williams is hoping that this will have a positive impact on the number of families that engage in services beyond the initial interview.

Communications

Mr. Williams stated 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 24, 2010.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael B. Williams
Executive Director