



**Champaign County Children's Advocacy Center  
Governing Board  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, May 26, 2011  
201 W. Kenyon Road, Suite 1  
Champaign, Illinois**

***Minutes***

Members Present: Dr. Kathleen Buetow, Secretary/Treasurer, Carle Clinic  
(In Person) Lt. Roy Acree, University of Illinois Police Department  
Sgt. Michael Atkinson, Illinois State Police  
Ms. Tamela Atwood, Child Protection Supervisor, Illinois Department  
of Children & Family Services  
Sgt. Marc Beach, Rantoul Police Department  
Assistant Superintendent Barb Daly, Regional Office of Education  
Chief Jerry Gamble, Mahomet Police Department  
Ms. Janet Wells, Supervisor, Champaign County Probation & Court  
Services Department

Members Absent: Champaign County Mental Health Board  
Champaign County Sheriff's Office  
Champaign County State's Attorney's Office  
Champaign Police Department  
Community Elements  
Urbana Police Department

Others Attending: Michael Williams, Executive Director, CAC

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***In the absence of State's Attorney Julia Rietz, Chair, Dr. Buetow served as Acting  
Chair for the meeting.***

**Call to Order**

After finding a quorum present, Dr. Buetow called the meeting to order at 9:05  
a.m. Introductions were made.



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## **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Chief Gamble made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Governing Board. The motion was seconded by Ms. Atwood. There was no further discussion and the motion was approved.

## **Renewal of Lease Agreement with Champaign-Urbana Public Health District**

Mr. Williams advised the Board that our current Lease Agreement with the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District will expire on July 31, 2011. The terms of the Lease Agreement provide that the lease may be renewed for one year (for a maximum of two renewals). Mr. Williams stated that, in accordance with the provisions of the Lease Agreement, he advised CUPHD Administrator Julie Pryde earlier this month of our intention to renew the lease. As of August 1, 2011, the monthly rent will increase to \$1,353 (from \$1,316), utilities will increase to \$136 per month (from \$132), and telephone costs will increase to \$27 per phone (from \$26). The increases are based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index over the past year (2.84%). Mr. Williams requested that the Board approve renewal of our lease with the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District.

Sgt. Beach made a motion to approve renewal of the Lease Agreement between the Champaign County Children's Advocacy Center and the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District for a one-year period beginning August 1, 2011. The motion was seconded by Ms. Daly. There was no further discussion and the motion was approved.

## **Budget Report**

Mr. Williams provided Board members with copies of the CAC Budget Report for the month ended April 30, 2011. Mr. Williams stated that there were no unusual expenditures to report for the month of April and he noted that the CAC had a negative cash balance of \$5,563.70 as of April 30, 2011. Mr. Williams stated that the negative fund balance is primarily a result of the delay in payments from grantors, particularly those affiliated with the State of Illinois. The April 30<sup>th</sup> fund balance does not include \$25,562.76 in payments which have since been received from the Illinois Attorney General (\$4,037.50), the Illinois Department of Children & Family Services (\$9,025.26), and the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (\$12,500.00). Mr. Williams added that the above payment from DCFS was a portion of our Fourth Quarter payment and we are still awaiting our Third Quarter payment from DCFS (\$17,106.25)

## **Director's Report**

Mr. Williams reported that the 2011 Champions4Children Walk was held on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. A total of 38 individuals registered in advance for the Walk. Despite early morning rain, 36 Champions4Children walkers met at the Courthouse on

Saturday morning. After welcoming remarks by Mr. Williams and entertainment by Mr. Williams' sister, Debbie Miller, our Grand Marshal, State Representative Naomi Jakobsson, spoke to the crowd before cutting the ribbon. Representative Jakobsson then led the walkers on the short walk to Crystal Lake Park where we joined over 600 walkers and runners in the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Twin Cities Twosome. Although donations are still being received, the proceeds of the Walk, thus far, total \$3,865, which includes \$2,165 in donations plus \$1,700 in sponsorships. This is a decrease of approximately \$1,000 from last year. Nevertheless, Mr. Williams thought the event went very well and he expressed his appreciation to the organizers of the Twin Cities Twosome for another successful partnership. Mr. Williams thanked all of our donors and sponsors, which included Fetch! Pet Care of Champaign-Urbana, the Pavilion, Urbana Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 70, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Reynolds Towing Service, Inc. Mr. Williams also congratulated Board member Juli Kartel, who won the Women's Open Walk at the Twin Cities Twosome.

On Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, Shooter's Bar & Grill in Rantoul hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Benefit Poker Run. The Champaign County CAC was designated as the beneficiary of the event. Again, despite early morning rain, twenty bikers along with their family members and friends completed the Poker Run, which included stops at Last Call in Penfield, The Pink House in Ogden, Philo Tavern, and Lake of the Woods Bar in Mahomet. The sun came out along the way and we received a gracious welcome at every stop. Mr. Williams thanked Rachel Knight, who did such an outstanding job organizing the event, and Dale Eaker and his staff at Shooter's for being such generous hosts. Mr. Williams also thanked The Pink House for donating a portion of Saturday's food sales to the Children's Advocacy Center. Mr. Williams reported that we received a total of \$1,370 in cash donations, plus a \$25 gift card to Wal-Mart.

Mr. Williams stated that both the Champions4Children Walk and the Benefit Poker Run not only raised money to support our work with abused children and their families, they were also wonderful opportunities to renew friendships, make new friends, and forge new partnerships for the Children's Advocacy Center. Mr. Williams stated it was indeed heartwarming to see so many people take time out of their busy schedules and dig deep into their pockets to ensure that abused children receive the help they need.

Mr. Williams reported that local peer review for forensic interviewers scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to lack of participation. Four investigators signed up to attend; however, three of those investigators had to cancel. Mr. Williams stated that he would attempt to reschedule peer review in the next few weeks.

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, the Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois (CACI), along with the Champaign County CAC, the Macon County CAC and the East Central Illinois CAC, will present a training entitled "*Complex Issues in Child Abuse Investigations.*" The training will be held at ILEAS in Urbana. The presenter will be Justin Fitzsimmons, Senior Attorney with the National District Attorneys Association, and the topics to be presented include:

- *When a Child Takes it Back: Recantation in Cases of Child Abuse*
- *The Compliant/Adolescent Victim*

- *Preparing for and Testifying in Court*

The CACI and the sponsoring CACs are each contributing to the cost of this training program. Our share is \$500. There is no registration fee for participants and lunch will be provided. The training is open to all members of the CAC Multidisciplinary Team. Mr. Williams sent a training announcement to Team members and supervisors earlier this month and he provided Board members with a copy of the training flyer. Mr. Williams encouraged Team members to register for the training program. In response to a question from Ms. Daly, Mr. Williams stated that education professionals would be welcome to attend this training event.

Mr. Williams reported that our support group for girls ages 8-11 wrapped up on April 28<sup>th</sup>. The support group lasted for 9 weeks and an average of 3-5 girls attended each week. The group was facilitated by Therapist Joanna Kling, who was assisted by our intern from the University of Illinois, Colleen Hurley. Ms. Hurley also completed her internship at the CAC on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Each of the Board members was provided with a Summary of CAC Activity for the month of April. During April, 20 children were interviewed at the CAC, which included 14 children accepted for case management services, 4 children for whom the CAC did not provide follow-up services, and 2 non-victim siblings/witnesses. In addition, one young child (5 years of age) who refused to be interviewed was assessed and accepted for services.

Thus far during May, 11 children have been interviewed at the CAC, which includes 4 children accepted for case management services, 2 children for whom the CAC did not provide follow-up services, 3 non-victim siblings/witnesses and 2 juvenile suspects (ages 9 and 11). In addition, one child who was too young to be interviewed at the CAC (age 3) was assessed and accepted for services.

### **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 meeting of the CAC Governing Board is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2011.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael B. Williams  
Executive Director