

**TEXAS COUNCIL OF CHILD WELFARE BOARDS, INC.**

**LADY BIRD LAKE ROOM, WYNDHAM GARDEN HOTEL  
AUSTIN, TX**

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2014-FULL BOARD**

The Full Board of TCCWB met on Thursday, September 11, 2014 with President Nancy Preston calling the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M.

Patsy Baggett determined that a quorum was established. The following were in attendance:

- Region 1: Anna Rigler, Faye Sigle
- Region 2: Patsy Baggett
- Region 3: None
- Region 4: Sandy Hilliard, Nancy Eldridge, Nancy Preston
- Region 5: Wendy Frederick
- Region 6: Lynda Topp, Jeanette Elias, Janet Stansbury
- Region 7: David Williams, Jean Stamp
- Region 8: None
- Region 9: Laura Keith
- Region 10: Vicki Maline, Karen Cook
- Members-at large: David Cory, Joel Levine
- Executive Director: Shannon Ireland
- State DFPS Office: Valinda Bolton

The Board was excited to welcome three new attendees to the meeting. However, there still continues to be concern about attendance to the meeting. All regions were represented with the exceptions of Regions 3, 8, 11. Discussion was held regarding how to improve attendance.

Minutes were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Shannon Ireland presented the report for David Williams. All billings through August 2014 have been sent to the DFPS office.

Pending reimbursement requests include:

Council-\$3,010.24	July 2014
Council-\$5,536.91	August 2014
CAPTA-\$2,133.66	July 2014
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**Total receivables=\$12,814.47** (Yet to be paid by State Office)

**Current Chase Bank Account Balance as of September 9, 2014**

**Total Cash Balance=\$54, 846.35** DFPS made an error and deposited \$21,336.66 into the TCCWB CAPTA account. Shannon is currently working with DFPS to correct this. The total should have been \$2133.66

- CAPTA-\$25,052.11 (-\$21,336.66 State Office error)=\$5,849.11
- Council-\$5,385,10
- Discretionary Funds-\$9,768.06
- License Plate-\$14,641.08 (FY 13 \$10,819.49 & FY 14 Q1 \$1721.45, FY Q2 \$2100.14 received payments)

**Total Available to Council=\$48,457.82** (Excluding state office error)

Council grant increased \$3000.00 to cover travel. Shannon has been paid through August 2014 on her part-time Executive Director’s salary. All Council members have been paid to date for their submitted travel vouchers.

**2104 Awards Ceremony**-Total out-of-pocket expenses for the 2013 Awards Ceremony was \$2001.67. To date \$275.00 has been collected to deter the cost of the upcoming awards luncheon. (San Saba, Van Zandt, Wichita Falls, Montague Counties have each donated &50.00, and Region 1 donated \$75.00.)

**Status of Contracts-**

**Council Contract**-covers council member travel, materials, supplies, equipment, fees, etc. The Council contract ended August 31, 2014. \$25,001.78 of the total \$25,008.00 has been used. The new FY14 Council Contract has been signed. DFPS increased the contract by \$3000.00 to assist with travel costs for TCCWB to add an additional meeting during the year.

**Funding Breakdown-**

<b>Council Travel</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
<b>Materials &amp; Supplies</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Equipment</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>
<b>Other: fees, internet, website, etc.</b>	<b>\$ 7,258.00</b>
<b>TOTAL-</b>	<b>\$28,008.00</b>

**CAPTA Grant**-covers Executive Director’s part-time salary

The CAPTA Grant will end September 30, 2014. At that time the entire \$25,604.00 will have been used. There was no increase in the funding for this grant.

**Executive Director’s Report:**

Ms. Ireland provided more input regarding the One Simple Wish program. The Executive committee had moved, and it was approved to have the Awards and Resource committees to take the program under advisement, and develop guidelines for criteria and logistics for monitoring the program. This is a nationwide nonprofit that allows for anyone to grant wishes for children in foster care. This will provide for these children when local boards may not be able to grant these wishes. TCCWB has been approved to become a Community Partner and can post wishes on the website on behalf of Texas children in care. Shannon has been working with Josh ant Willard Interactive on the website. Ideas, requests, and wishes from the committees have been taken in to account to build an outline for the flow of the website. Shannon, Nancy Preston, and David Cory will continue to work on details. DFPS has approved the use of contract funds for the website development. A new performance measure is required twice a year by Legal and Texas Administrative Code (TAC). The Education Committee and TWCCB secretary with collaborate with the executive director to obtain and compile the information.

**State Office Report:**

Valinda Bolton, Community Affairs Liaison in the State Office for CPS provided updates and information to the group. There are three new template forms on the website-a business plan, minutes, and agenda that can be used by regions. We are now required by Texas Code to fill out the Performance Measure Data Report. The form was included in the packets. Each region has an assigned contract manager to assist with contracts. Documentation of sharing information with local and regional board is required if it has been paid for. Mrs. Bolton provided highlights on foster Care Redesign. The contract with Providence has been terminated. DFPS assumed responsibility for all children in Regions 2/9. Beginning July 2014, ACH Child/Family Services began providing services in Region 3B, which incorporates 7 counties. Beginning September 1, 2014, it began serving all children in the catchment area new to care, or in need of change of placement.

**Presentations:**

Kim Stiles-Podhajsky of CPS reported on the Texas Child and Family Services Review. She stated that Texas uses the same review instrument as the Federal Review. This instrument evaluates how states achieve safety, permanency, and well-being of children in care, identifying areas of strength and areas needing improvement. DFPS is preparing for the review which will be in the summer of 2016.

Jenny Hinson reported on the relationship of Child Welfare Boards and local school boards. She presented information comparing educational outcomes of youth in care as opposed to those who are not, and suggested ways local boards could help children in care.

Dianna Martinez from TexProtects presented highlights from the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative session regarding child protection. Texas Protects our Kids bill was passed, additional funding for DFPS and CPS staff was allotted, funding was restored for prevention programs, and more flexibility in response to investigations were some of the outcomes. She also discussed outcomes of the Sunset Review. The report is out and recommendations have been made, some of which have already begun to be addressed by DFPS.

Following these reports, President Preston appointed a nominating committee consisting of Anna Rigler, Chair, Lynda Topp, Jeanette Elias, David Williams, and Karen Cook.

**Convened to Standing Committee meetings.**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

**Friday, September 12, 2014**

President Preston called the meeting to order at 9: A.M. upon the establishment of a quorum. In attendance were Patsy Baggett, Nancy Preston, Laura Keith, Sandy Hilliard, Joel Levine, Karen Cook, Anna Rigler, David Cory, Jeanne Stamp, Faye Sigle, Jeannette Elias, David Williams, Lynda Topp, Vickie Maline, and Shannon Ireland.

**Standing Committees convened to finalize plans.****Reports of Committees:**

Sandy Hilliard reported for the Advocacy Committee on plans being made for Advocacy Day which will be March 5, 2014. Jeanne Stamp reported for the Education Committee regarding plans for the PCAT Conference in March and the upcoming PEI Conference in October. Vicki Maline of the Resources Committee reported on the status of the tray liners TCCWB is hoping to have in the McDonald's in Texas in April during Child Abuse Prevention month. She also reported on further discussions concerning One Simple Wish and how the Board could facilitate the process.

**Dates for upcoming meetings were set:**

January Conference calls-Executive Board January 22, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Full Board January 29, 2015 7:00 p.m.

**February 22-24, 2015**

Executive Board @ PCAT February 22, 2015 TBD

PCAT Conference February 23-24, 2015 Omni Mandalay Hotel, Las Colinas, TX

**March 3-5, 2015**

Executive Board March 3, 2015 2:00 p.m.

Full Board March 4, 2015 9:00 a.m.

Capitol Day, Austin, TX March 5, 2015 9:00 a.m.

March Meetings at Wyndham Garden Hotel, Austin, TX

April 10, 2015 Go Blue Day

Awards Luncheon and Ceremony followed the adjournment of the meeting. Jennifer Sims, Deputy Commander of DFPS spoke at the luncheon honoring the recipients of the TCCWB awards winners.

The winners announced included the following:

The Lynda and Dave Topp Female Outstanding Youth of the Year-Cara Wilmoth, Region 8

The Lynda and Dave Topp Male Outstanding Youth of the Year-MacKenzie Dulaney, Region 7

Foster Parent of the Year-Kelly Cole, Region 8

Outstanding Employee of the Year-Leshia Fisher, Region 2

Top Hand of the Year Award-Pastor Kile Bateman, Region 2

The Lucille Rochs Volunteers of the Year-David Fenoglio, Region 2 and Justin Weiner, Region 4

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Rigler

Secretary, TCCWB