

TEXAS COUNCIL OF CHILD WELFARE BOARDS, INC.
FULL BOARD MEETING
WYNDHAM GARDEN HOTEL, AUSTIN, TX
MARCH 22, 2016
MINUTES

President David Cory called to order the meeting of the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards, Inc. at 9:05am. A quorum was established and the following were in attendance:

Region 1: Anna Rigler, Faye Sigle
Region 2: Roberta Broussard, Patsy Baggett
Region 3: None
Region 4: Sandy Hilliard
Region 5: Steve Meadows, Tim Allen
Region 6: Jeannette Elias
Region 7: Jeanne Stamp, David Woodberry, David Williams
Region 8: Carole Foster
Region 9: Laura Keith
Region 10: Vicki Maline, Karen Cook
Region 11: None
MAL: David Corey, Joel Levine, Catherine Earley
CPS: Janet Jackson
ED: Shannon Ireland

The minutes for the September 10th & 11th, 2015 Full Board Meeting were approved as corrected. Introductions were made as each person introduced themselves and stated why they got involved with TCCWB.

David Williams was caught up in traffic, so Shannon Ireland gave the Treasurers Report: All billing for the TCCWB has been sent through February 2016.

Pending reimbursement request include:

CAPTA - \$2,133.66	December 2015
CAPTA - \$2,133.66	January 2016
CAPTA - \$2,133.66	February 2016

Council - \$296.31	December 2015
Council - \$4,086.31	January 2016
Council - \$227.02	February 2016

Total Receivables = \$11,010.65 (yet to be paid by State office)

Current Chase Bank Account Balances as of March 20, 2016

Total Cash Balance =	\$27,552.74
CAPTA -	\$4,422.38
Council -	\$3,000.00
Discretionary Funds -	\$9,974.54
License Plate -	\$10,155.82

PAYPAL Donation Account —	\$477.45
Total Available to Council =	\$39,040.84

Shannan has been paid through March 2016 on her part time salary. All board travel reimbursements that have been turned in, have been paid.

Awards

To date we have received \$100.00 from the county boards.

\$50.00 Wichita County

\$50.00 Chambers County

License Plate Funding

\$ 8,541.19 FY15 Q1-Q4

\$ 1,614.63 FY16 Q1

\$10,155.82

TOTAL AVAILABLE AS OF MARCH 20, 2016

The Texas DMV has yet to release the individual county plate sales for FY15. Without these figures, we cannot begin the new license plate campaign nor process payments for participating counties. TCCWB will continue to follow up with the DMV office and as soon as we have the updated information we will begin the license plate campaign

Shannon Ireland gave the Executive Director's Report:

Shannon suggested that each CWB donate \$50 for the youth awards. She asked that the awards be designated as: Student Awards. We have some donations from Amazon Smiles. David and Lynda Topp donate \$1000 for the \$2000 in Youth Awards. The board raises the remaining \$1000 needed for the \$1000 for each Outstanding Youth.

We are still waiting on the DMV to disperse the funding for the license plates.

David stated that we as board members need to support TCCWB to further the goals of our organization. Shannon stated that PAYPAL is the easiest way to make a donation. Comments can be made to how it is to be directed. Jean Stamp asked about the possibility of donating some of the reimbursement money back to the board. Shannon said she would check into it. David Cory suggested modifying the reimbursement form and David Williams suggested budgeting for the award.

Shannon suggested that everyone take some of the handouts in the back of the room back to their local boards.

Tonight, instead of going out to dinner together, we are meeting here for Pizza and Movie Night to view the documentary **Tough Love**. There will also be popcorn.

The movie shows what it looks like for the biological parents to gain back custody of their child(ren).

Shannon reported that Andrea Sparks, ED for Missing and Exploited Kids is leaving and taking the Human Trafficking Unit of the Attorney General's Office. There is a significant number of kids in foster care who end up in sex trafficking. Foster kids who run away are very vulnerable to being picked up by pimps very soon after they run away. Shannon asked that it be considered as a training and education topic for our board.

Awards Nomination Forms are due June 1st and need to be sent to the PO Box.

Valinda Bolton gave a report on Child Protective Services. The department is going through a lot of transition right now. Judge Specia is retiring. No news about who or when they might have a new commissioner. The Department is still in good shape. Valinda spoke a little on the Judge Jacks ruling. She said Special Masters were named and will start April 1st.

Yesterday Valinda attended a training looking at serving the LGBTQ youth in care. This population is at great risk for exploitation. She encouraged us to go to any training we can.

Valinda opened the floor for questions. There was discussion on appropriation from the legislature to CPS and what would be the best use of funding. Valinda spoke about the the issue of hiring, training, and keeping caseworkers.

David Williams asked if the department had an idea of what amount of funds the ruling will cost the department. Valinda reported that now that they know that there will be special masters, they will be able to figure out the funds. She stated that since the lawsuit was filed 5 years ago, many of the complaints have already been resolved which involved foster care and residential placement.

Joel Levine asked about The CANS initiative (Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths). Valinda stated that it will roll out September 1.

The meeting adjourned.