

TEXAS COUNCIL OF CHILD WELFARE BOARDS, INC.

CCONFERENCE CALL-APRIL 14, 2015

President David Cory called to order the meeting of the Executive Board of the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards, Inc. at 7:05 PM. Pasty Baggett established the quorum. Members participating in the conference call were David Cory-President, Jeanne Stamp-Vice President, David Williams-Treasurer, Anna Rigler-Co-Secretary, Pasty Baggett-Parliamentarian, Nancy Preston-Past President. Shannon Ireland-Executive Director, Janet Stansbury, Sandy Hilliard, Vicki Maline, and Jeannette Elias.

Upcoming meetings and events were discussed. Summer planning will be held June 3rd and 4th at the Habitat Suites in Austin. The meeting on June 3rd will be from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM. The meeting on the 4th will be from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. The Fall Meeting will be September 9-10, 2015 at the Wyndham Garden Inn, Austin. The Awards Luncheon will be held September 11, 2015 at that location also. The 30th Annual PCAT Conference will be January 25-26, 2016 at the Westin Park Central Hotel, Dallas, TX.

Executive Director's Report:

Shannon Ireland, Exec. Director suggested that the website be used for RSVPs to the luncheon, and also for details regarding the luncheon and awards ceremony. She also suggested that the committees review and update information. Advocacy can provide general information regarding Go Blue Day, Resources can check what is already on their tab, and Education also needs to check for any changes to be made.

Committee Updates:

Advocacy-Janet Stansbury reported on the rescheduled Capitol Day. Those members present met with Dan Patrick. Janet also said the gumballs made a big impression. David Williams made the suggestion that we plan to have Capitol Day earlier in the year prior to decisions being made regarding Child Protection issues.

Education-Jeanne Stamp and David Cory suggested that the Operations Manual be reviewed and updated. David Williams stated that the board look at training for local boards and specifics that should be included. Topics need to address why the local boards are there, what happens when a child enters care, and how local boards can help. Also, there needs to be training on how to access information for numbers in each specific county. A directory of abbreviations used by CPS would be helpful. It was agreed that the training should be able to be completed in about an hour in order to be most effective.

Resources- Vicki Maline reported that the Resources tab on the website has trainings listed for local boards, along with links. Shannon has been working on updating posts and resources lists. David Williams reported on his communications with McDonald's regarding the tray liners. He was pleased with the response he was finally able to get from them. There are still details to be worked out on the liners. Also, CarePortal has been rolled out in the areas of Austin, Central Texas, and

the El Paso, Alpine, Ft. Davis areas. It will be coming to the Lubbock-Amarillo region next.

Awards-Jeannette reported that the theme being considered for September's awards is a baseball theme. The menu will be similar to last year's awards, and the cost projection is \$1200 for food and beverages. The committee is aiming for about 70 people. One area under consideration is a speaker.

Miscellaneous Business:

David Cory discussed the issue of consolidation of services, moving CPS to HHS. Some felt that CPS would get lost in the move, and felt that prevention needs to remain under CPS. David Williams sent a letter with a recommendation for an interim study to be sure consideration of these issues is given before any move is made.

An update of the roster and committee members needs to be done. David Cory would also like to have structural interviews with Regional Directors regarding functionality of each region, which is working well, and how to help those that are not.

A media statement policy is needed and David Williams, along with Patsy Baggett will look into this matter. One area to include is a statement regarding open cases and whom to contact with questions regarding them.

Another area for updating is the by-laws. David Cory appointed a committee consisting of Patsy Baggett-Chair, David Williams, Jeanne Stamp, and David Cory-Ex Officio. Areas that need to be addressed include electronic voting and establishing the fiscal year.

David Cory reported on Play it Safe, including the research at UTA, progress regarding funding, which is slowing the process, and mentioning that the Women's Center of Tarrant County is moving on marketing the program.

Regarding the website, Shannon Ireland reported that each committee has its own page, and she would like to receive schedules of meetings, activities, or other pertinent information, as well as pictures of activities and news events from the regions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Rigler