

**Executive Committee Summer Planning Minutes
Habitat Suites, Austin, TX--June 3&4, 2015**

The Executive Committee of the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards, Inc. was called to order by President David Cory Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 1:04 pm.

Members present were: David Cory, Nancy Preston, Jeanne Stamp, David Williams, Anna Rigler, Karen Cook, Jeannette Elias, Sandy Hilliard, Joel Levine, Vicki Maline, and Janet Stansbury. Shannon Ireland, Executive Director, was present by conference call.

David Cory opened the meeting by giving an overview of the planning session. Several examples of Regional CWB Contacts (Boiler Plates) were distributed for members to consider. Mr. Cory stated that he wanted to offer a format for collecting board contact information that could be adopted by every region throughout the state. The advantage of standardized format would allow Shannon to manage a statewide contact list for the 210+ Child Welfare Boards and 11 Region Councils.

Executive Director Report: Shannon Ireland gave an overview of her part of the planning session. She mentioned that the donations have been low this year. There was discussion about how to increase donations. Listing donor names, but not the amount donated, on the website was suggested to increase awareness of our need for donations. Nancy Preston brought up the large recurring contributions that David & Linda Topp give to two foster youth each year. There was discussion about running the donation through TCCWB, in order to offer a tax advantage for contributors and an enhanced donation list for TCCWB when making grant applications. The Topps would continue to personally make the presentation of the checks to the recipients. David Williams will talk to the Topps about this possible change.

Ms. Ireland asked how we wanted to handle donations, honorariums, and memorials. Sandy Hilliard has been writing acknowledgments and thank you notes for donations and volunteered to continue. David Cory asked Shannon Ireland, David Williams, Jeanne Stamp, Sandy Hilliard and Nancy Preston to form an Ad Hoc Donations Committee. David Williams and Jeanne Stamp will co-chair this committee whose charge is to propose an addition to the Operations Manual to address solicitation, receipt, and acknowledgement of the most common types of donations.

Report on the 84th Legislature: Will Francis, LMSW, Government Relations Director, Texas Chapter NASW, and Child Protection Roundtable member, gave a report on the 84th Legislature. He reported that this has been a very successful legislative session. He distributed an overview of the bills that have been presented this session that impacted children in care. A copy of the information provided is attached. Mr. Francis's presentation was well received by the committee and the possibility of receiving more information for our website and newsletter was raised. David Cory agreed to follow up with a specific request.

Advocacy Committee Report: Janet Stansbury gave the report. She reported that the past year accomplishments were: the organizing and implementation of Capital Day on April 1st, 2015, production of the newsletter. The goals for the 2015-1016 year are: 1. Use of the newsletter to communicate topics/issues from advocacy groups targeting regional and local boards. 2. Invite liaisons to form advocacy groups to speak at TCCWB meetings about topics/issues. 3. Explore ways for NASW Texas and TCCWB to work together. 4. Send content information at least quarterly for Shannon to distribute. A more detailed explanation of the accomplishments and goals is attached.

Awards Committee Report: Jeanette Elias gave the report. She stated that the theme for the awards banquet scheduled for September 11, 2015 is "Step Up to the Plate for Kids". Decorations will be baseball themed. The entertainment will be children from the program, Kids in a New Groove. Lynda Topp will order the plaques and Patsy is helping with program. Voting for the awards will be done on-line this summer. Honorees will be sent a letter after they have been selected.

The meeting was adjourned by David Cory at 5:10pm.

Day Two:

The Executive Committee of the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards, Inc. was called to order by President David Cory, Thursday, June 4th, 2015 at 9:14 am. Members present were: David Cory, Nancy Preston, Jeanne Stamp, David Williams, Anna Rigler, Karen Cook, Jeannette Elias, Sandy Hilliard, Joel Levine, and Vicki Maline. Shannon Ireland, Executive Director, was present by conference call.

Education Committee Report: Jeanne Stamp reported the past year accomplishments were:

1. PCAT conference in Dallas in February: Organization of the booth, provided educational workshops, and held two CWB training sessions. 2. Monitored TexProtects Roundtable participation for advocacy on legislative issues. Partners in Prevention Conference in Round Rock in October: Coordination of booth, and session presentation. Goals for the 2015-2016 year are: 1. Recruit a stable membership for the Education Committee and possible new leadership. 2. Review the Training Manual for additions, changes and/or deletions and review how the manual is posted on the website and if any changes need to be made. 3. Training methods and training development. The full Education Committee Report is attached.

Resource Development Committee: Vicki Maline gave the report. Ms. Maline reported that the past year accomplishments were: 1. Approved and presented funding for completion of a new TCCWB website. 2. McDonald's tray liners to advocate for Prevention of Child Abuse have been a struggle and are still being pursued. 3. Materials to be handed out at conferences were purchased and distributed. The goals for the year 2015-2016 year are: 1. Continue to develop useful information for the TCCWB website. 2. Implement the plan for a new poster advertising the sale of TCCWB license plates. The committee will develop a campaign throughout all regions to push the sale of license plates. 3. Add a variety of vendors to the TCCWB website where counties can quickly find vendors who may be able to provide materials that promote CWBs and their quest for child abuse prevention. The full Resource Development Committee Report is attached.

Valinda Bolton Report: Ms. Bolton reported that the Care Portal is very successful and she believes it will expand quickly into the other regions of Texas. Other items she touched on were the urgency for permanency outcome. She stated that permanency for kids is the number one focus. Ms. Bolton also reported that Alternative Response is gaining momentum. Although it is Federally mandated, Texas is the last state to implement it. She reported that it is service oriented and not investigation oriented.

Review of By-Laws: David Williams reviewed the by-laws with the committee. There was discussion about changing the election of officers to even years and the fiscal year to be the same as with the IRS.

New Business and Wrap-up: There was discussion about how we can help and support the Rainbow Rooms since Greater Texas Community Partners/Giving Texas Children Promise closed. The schedule for the TCCWB meeting in September was discussed. David Williams proposed that the executive committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 9th be canceled. After discussion it was decided that there would be a conference call Thursday, August 6th at 7pm. The executive committee will meet Thursday, September 10th at 9am and the full board will meet on Thursday, September 10th at 1pm. The Awards Banquet will be Friday, September 11th from 11am to 2pm.

Shannon Ireland asked for and received approval for both posters to be used for the TCCWB license plate campaign. After discussion, the posters will no longer be tied to the county completion of a survey. Any county will be able to post the TCCWB license plate posters.

David Cory passed out a draft pricing list for Play It Safe! Many felt that the proposed prices were too high and most Child Welfare Boards would not be able to purchase the program. Mr. Cory stated that this was not a final price list and that he relay the consensus of the committee to the Play It Safe! program. The Play it Safe! price list is attached.

Motions: The motion was made by David Williams and seconded by Sandy Hilliard that David Cory, President, and Shannon Ireland, Executive Director be authorized to negotiate and sign contracts with DFPS. The motion carried.

Nancy Preston made the motion that past representatives from TCCWB to external organizations be continued. The motion was seconded by Sandy Hilliard. The motion carried.

David Cory, President adjourned the meeting at 2:03pm.

Submitted by Karen Cook, Co-Secretary