

Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards, Inc.
Executive Committee Conference Call
Tuesday, January 7, 2020 - 6pm
Minutes

President, Tim Allen, called the conference call meeting to order at 6:05pm

In attendance were Janet Stansbury-6, Tim Allen-5, David Woodberry-7, Marilyn DeMontrond-6, Misty Standard-9, Jeanette Elias-6, David Williams-7, Karen Cook-2, Joel Levine-CPS, George Ford-ED, and Sandra Haire-Committees

George Ford, ED, provided an update on the Regional Contracts. The contracts were supposed to be renewed by September 1, however over a period of several months, there was communication with Valinda Bolton that contracts were not being executed. Eventually, there was a revision and RFA that was issued. Region 1 was able to get their application in. Region 2 and 9 did not receive notice. Region 7 was able to get the contract renewed. Out of all of our regions, only 5 had contracts, the rest did not. Region 2 and 9 will not have the support from the state this time. Regions 1, 2, 4, 7, & 9 had contracts previously. The timeline was exceedingly short for RFA. Region 6 does not have a contract. Concerns expressed by various members including funding being shared by multiple groups, and not specifically designated to TCCWB, similar to what happened with the Children's Defense Trust Fund. There is no consistency between the Regions in terms of what the CISs and Regional Directors are able to do in contract management/funding Region 6 was able to access some funds, with a contract, but they have a federal tax ID number.

Suggestions made were: We must communicate with them about the disparity in treatment between the Regions. Some suggested writing a letter to HHSC, appearing before the legislators. Can we appeal? Do we need to recommend again that all the Regions establish a 501c3? Where did the breakdown happen? Speak with the CIS for your Region and find out what is happening between the various Regions. Contact Valinda prior to the next meeting and ask her to come to the table with some information. This should be addressed in the February meeting.

George reported that there was a change made in the eligibility process for counties to receive license plate reimbursements. In prior years, the Executive Committee required a minimum of volunteer hours to be eligible for funds, or prove that you posted the posters. George is recommending that we bring this up for a change at the February meeting. There is money still out there that needs to be distributed.

The agenda for the TCCWB February 20-21 meeting was reviewed, and approved. Hotel information will be going out this week.

The TCCWB will give a presentation at VG Young School for County Commissioners on February 11th. Susan Redford met with Valinda Bolton and George in September. We were subsequently invited to speak at the February meeting to discuss the relationships between CC and CWBs. David Williams will be speaking on behalf of the Council. The plan is to invite Susan Redford to speak to the board at a later date.

The reception at the DFPS Leadership Conference hosted by Bexar, Dallas, Harris, Tarrant, and Travis CWBs went very well. The reception cost was \$6500, and was excellent PR for the TCCWB.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57pm

Submitted by Co-Secretaries:

Misty Standard

Karen Cook