

**Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards, Inc.**  
**Executive Committee Conference Call**  
**August 17, 2016**  
**5:30pm Meeting Minutes**

President David Cory called to order the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards, Inc. at 5:30pm, Wednesday, August 17, 2016. Members participating in the conference call were: Catherine Earley, Anna Rigler, David Cory, Karen Cook, Shannon Ireland, Sandy Hilliard, Joel Levine, and Jeanne Stamp.

David Cory opened the meeting by asking about the planning for the awards banquet. Shannon Ireland reported that to date, \$935 had been donated to go toward the awards banquet and the student awards of \$1000 for each of the two awards. There was discussion about whether we would give \$1000 for each award and Sandy Hilliard made the motion that each youth winner be given \$1000. Anna seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

There was also discussion on what the name of the award for the Outstanding Youth would be. Sandy Hilliard made the motion to name the outstanding youth awards The David and Lynda Topp Awards. Karen Cook seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Shannon asked the regions who had winners to please provide pictures of the winners for a slide show that will be going as people come into to the banquet. Sandy Hilliard told Shannon that she would scan and send them to her the next day. Shannon reported that at this time 26 people have RSVP for the Awards Banquet. Shannon asked board members who would be at the banquet to please RSVP on the website, so the awards committee will know how many to plan for.

David Cory asked Catherine Earley for a report on the Re-Branding Committee. Catherine reported that the website is making great progress. She reported that they are needing a way to get contact info for organizations like CASA and other community partners. She said they were wanting to have all the resources easy to find on the website. She also reported that Shannon is helping set up an email to be used. Shannon reported that the Texas CASA website has all the counties listed and the contact info in one place. Catherine stated that the website should go live the end of September. The students from Beautiful Social are making a site visit soon.

Catherine reported that David Williams filed the Trademark for Fostering Brighter Futures and the Logo. Thank You David! Carole Foster is still working on the grant proposal. Thank you Carole!

Shannon reported the money had come in from the TX DMV for the 2015 License Plate Campaign. We will be able to send money to the CWBs now.

She also reported that the new contracts are identical to last year's contract. She also stated that we had money from travel that was not used because the planning meeting scheduled for June had been cancelled. She is waiting for the state to approve moving it to be used for handouts and printing.

David Cory asked the board if there were any suggestions on who we could partner with since Prevent Child Abuse Texas was closing. After some discussion, he suggested checking out TNOYS, (Texas Network of Youth Services).

The meeting adjourned at 6:31pm

Karen Cook  
Secretary