

TEXAS COUNCIL OF CHILD WELFARE BOARDS, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

WYNDHAM GARDEN HOTEL, AUSTIN, TX

Minutes of April 1, 2014

The Executive Committee of the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards, Inc. was called to order by President Nancy Preston at 1:00 p.m. Members present were Nancy Preston, David Cory, David Williams, Patsy Baggett, Jeanette Elias, Vicki Maline, Sandy Hilliard, Jeanne Stamp, Anna Rigler, as well as Executive Director Shannon Ireland and George Johnson, bookkeeper/accountant.

Minutes of the January 16, 2014 conference call were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: All billings through February 2014 have been sent to the DFPS office. March billing will be sent in the first week of April. Pending reimbursements include:

- Council-\$515.32 January 2014
- Council-\$131.27 February 2014
- CAPTA-\$2,133.66 January 2014
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Total Receivables = \$4,913.91(yet to be paid)

Current Chase Bank Account Balance as of April 1, 2014

Total Cash Balance = \$39,061.54

- **CAPTA - \$2,212.33**
- **Council - \$5,136.93**
- **Discretionary Funds - \$17,071.20**
- **License Plate - \$14,641.08 (FY13 \$10,819.49, FY14 Q1 & Q2 \$3,821.59 received payments)**

Total Available to Council = \$43,975.45

Shannon has been paid through April 1, 2014 on her part time salary. The last PCAT Conference receipts have been received. The TCCWB Members that attended and turned in reimbursement requests will be paid the first week of April. It was reported that we are changing over to Quicken Books. \$117.00 needs to be charged to Council per quarter to allow Shannon Ireland and David Williams to log in to Quicken. David Cory stated that the reimbursement forms need to be updated to reflect the current state reimbursement rate. Total expenses for the TCCWB Awards Ceremony came to \$2,001.67. Money totaling \$1,268.00 was received to help offset costs from the following: CWB donations-\$625.00, DFPS staff-\$115.00, and Council Contract paid \$528.00 for a total of \$1,268.00.

Executive Director's Report: Shannon Ireland reported that the board participated in the Partners in Prevention Conference in Round Rock in January. David Cory secured an exhibitor's table and Region 7 assisted at the table. The PCAT Conference was held in San Antonio in March. TCCWB provided training opportunities through a special Child Welfare Board track. The power point training as well as handouts are available on the website. Upcoming dates include Go Blue Day on April 9th. The Executive Committee Summer Planning Session will be held in Austin July 9 &10, 2014. As of February 1, Lisa Black

is the new leader of Child Protective Services. She has a 28-year history with CPS. Mrs. Black succeeds Audrey Deckinga, who retired December 31, 2013. Volunteer value of time has increased to \$22.57. Charitable organizations can use this estimate to quantify the value of time provided by volunteers. Per the state office as of January 2014, this can be used to record the value of Child Welfare Boards volunteer time as well. Also as of January 1, 2014, insurance for former foster youth has changed, providing insurance for many foster youth who had aged out of care. The short film ReMoved be viewed by members at the full board meeting. This film is the story of a young girl taken from her home and placed into foster care.

Following the executive director's report, there was a time for questions and discussion regarding policy on conflict of interest.

- Can foster parents serve on the CWB in a voting capacity? Per the DFPS Handbook, the answer is no. Foster parents may serve as liasons, and are welcome in that capacity.
- Can a CASA volunteers be on the CWB? Yes.
- Can CWB's spend money on children not from their home county? Yes, if they are residing in that county.

Standing Committee Reports: Education-Jeanne Stamp reported that the PCAT conference was well attended, and that TCCWB provided sessions at the conference. The committee has finalized its portion of the draft in Strategic Plan in the Operations Manual. The committee would like to be able to place a downloadable brochure and insert for counties to report information and statistics. David Williams mentioned the Play It Safe program developed by the Texas Women's Center of Tarrant County. He suggested that this was a very good program for the prevention of child abuse. It has components for grades PreK-6 and 7-12. The executive committee discussed the possibility of endorsing this program to use in the schools. It was recommended that the education committee look at the program prior to endorsing. Contact information is www.PlayItSafe.org, (888) 984-2294, info@PlayItSafe.org. Advocacy-Discussion was held regarding the possibility of having a co-chair for this committee. Sandy Hilliard was recommended as a possible co-chair. Capital Day for 2015 is yet to be set. Resource Development-Vicki Maline reported that work has proceeded on the website. The committee will examine the questions that have been sent by Shannon Ireland regarding the website-who is our target audience, what resources by topic should be addressed, can there be a place for donations, and who are the visitors to the website. Awards-Jeanette Elias stated that the Awards Committee will meet this summer to make plans for the September awards ceremony. The budget has been received. Some items may be deleted. The major cost of the ceremony is the meal. Some items for clarification include payment for CPS staff to attend, number of people from each county who can attend per recipient, and notifying local papers of winners.

Old Business: Website-A vote will be needed at some point in order to enter into a contract with Willard Interactive so that we may proceed with the website. At this time, preparations are being made and questions developed prior to entering into a contract with the consultant. David Williams, David Cory, and Shannon Ireland have been in communication with the consultant. The executive committee and the standing committees have objectives to address in regard to the website. PCAT Conference-the PCAT conference was well attended and there were many materials handed out by the TCCWB members. Training for Child Welfare Boards was also provided.

New Business: President Nancy Preston suggested that the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards has found its project-to be a conduit of information for the state. This is in view of the directives given by the state to produce deliverables.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm by President Preston.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Rigler

Secretary