

**Colorado Child and Adolescent Mental Health Coalition
Minutes of Board Meeting April 4, 2003**

Future Meetings:

Next Coalition Board Meeting: Friday, June 6, 2003 1:30-3:00, at Colorado Mental Health Institute, Ft. Logan, 3520 W. Oxford, Denver.

Board Members in attendance at 4/4/03 mtng:

Debbie Curtis, Elissa Stein, Allen Pollack, Frank Bennett, Charles Perez, Debra Cady, Terry Hoffman, and John Dengler.

The meeting was called to order by President, **Debra**.

The meeting opened with the presentation of the Foster Parent of the Year Award to **Louise East**, who was in attendance for this purpose.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved with no changes.

Treasurer's report was not available, as Linda Turner was not able to attend the meeting.

Debbie and Frank reported on the conference. We had 315 paid participants and 37 presenters. The ratings on evaluations by participants were excellent, even though the conference was shortened by ½ day by the snowstorm. (It was agreed that we would purchase souvenir snow scrapers for the two presenters who were snowed in for days following the conference.)

We received very positive feedback about the Pueblo Convention Center and staff, though the keynote room set-up was awkward. We agreed to address this with the convention center if we hold the conference there in the future.

We then discussed ideas for the conference next year. There was general agreement that we should not return to Pueblo for the next conference, as we want to keep moving the location around the state in order to make it available to more people. Possibilities suggested were The Sheraton or the Doubletree in Colorado Springs, or other locations in Denver or Ft. Collins. **Debbie** will check prices and get back to the group.

Debra then led a discussion of ideas for new directions for the next year. Though we didn't make any final decisions, the discussion raised a number of positive things the Coalition could do, including:

- 1) provide more technical assistance regarding the system of care
- 2) provide information regarding becoming more open to the system of care
- 3) more empirically-based research of programs
- 4) provide accurate, agreed-upon information; a clearinghouse for children's and adolescent's mental health, including all presentations from the annual conference

A subcommittee was named to research these ideas further, consisting of **Debra, Elissa, &Debbie**.

The final item discussed was Requests for Technical Assistance. We agreed that we need to advertise on our new website and that we need to narrow the focus of what we'd like to fund.

The discussion soon raised the issues of knowing our financial situation, determining a limit of a dollar amount and a number of awards given per year. Also raised were the questions of whether our grant would supplant other funds for the requested projects, who is the target audience, and the impact of previous training.

Debra appointed a subcommittee to review applications and to set criteria for making these determinations. Members are: **Frank, Elissa, and Charles**.

The issue of website development was raised, but was tabled until the next meeting due to lack of time.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Dengler
CCAMHC Board Secretary