

**Colorado Child and Adolescent Mental Health Coalition
Minutes of Board Meeting December 5, 2003
Colorado Mental Health Institute, Ft. Logan**

Future Meetings:

Next Coalition Board Meeting: Friday, February 6, 2004 1:30-4:00, at Colorado Mental Health Institute at Ft. Logan, 3520 W. Oxford, Denver. (Room to be announced.)

Board Members in attendance at 12/05 mtng:

Debra Cady, President, Frank Bennett, David Feinman, Bill Bane, Barbara Ryan, Linda Turner, John Dengler, and also present for the first part of the meeting were Monica Giles and Joe Sprague of the Center of Government Training (CGT).

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

Conference Committee Report. **Monica** and **Joe** then presented the update on progress since the last meeting. The committee has tentatively approved the preliminary conference line up and brochure, which consists of a solid itinerary of highly skilled and competent presenters on a number of currently "hot" relevant topics. Three keynote speakers have been confirmed. They are Lisa Boesky (whose fees will be paid by DCJ/OJJDP), Phillippe Cunningham, and Nii Armah Sowah. It was also announced that we're still in need sponsors for breaks and/or hospitality hours, luncheons, breakfasts, etc. Members were asked to check with agency contacts and then to submit names of potential sponsors to Joe or Monica or Debra. The draft brochure looks very professionally done, and was approved by the Board. **Debra** has said that she'll do the awards presentations this year and all the nominations are to be sent to CGT. A concern was expressed regarding the lack of parent involvement on Sunday, and potential solutions were discussed, including specific parent-oriented workshops, and multiple presentations which are currently projected to be offered just once on either Monday or Tuesday.

Secretary's report. Minutes of the October meeting were approved with the correction that was sent out regarding David's willingness to edit a resource list of agencies for inclusion on our Website.

Treasurer's report. **Linda** reported that our current balance, as of November 30 is \$19,069.41. This is down by \$228.55 from the last meeting due to expenses for the website, for the conference, and a report to the Secretary of State.

Bill suggested that the Children's Mental Health Directors would like to have their annual meeting at our conference, and questioned the feasibility of this. **Debra** said that it would be a simple matter of finding a room and time in which to conduct the meeting, and that it should require only a nominal fee, and that we'd be glad to have the meeting held during our conference.

The website was then discussed. It was determined that **Julie** will update and maintain it; **David** will be the CCAMHC contact person. **John** will get the minutes of each meeting to **David**, who in turn will get them to **Julie** who will post them on the website. **David** was authorized up to \$1000 to pay **Julie**.

Potential links to other websites were discussed, including:

About Our Kids (NYU website)

COCAF (Coalition of Adoptive Families)

National Child Traumatic Stress

National Center for PTSD

CO. Dept of Health Office of Suicide Prevention

Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health

Child Welfare League of America

Annie E. Casey Foundation

National Center for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

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All members were asked to send any more suggestions to **David Feinman**. His email address is: david.feinman@state.co.us

The next item discussed was Technical Assistance grants. The discussion was brief, as **Frank** reported that the committee (**Frank and Terry Hoffman**) had met and had decided that none of the proposals submitted to us met the criteria the Board had established. As a result, no technical assistance grant money will be awarded this year.

Due to the combined constraints of time and stress, it was agreed upon by the Board to table the next item on the agenda—Best Practices—until the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

John Dengler, LCSW, CAC III

CCAMHC Board Secretary