

**Colorado Child and Adolescent Mental Health Coalition
Minutes of Board Meeting February 7, 2003**

Future Meetings:

Next Coalition Board Meeting: Friday, April 4, 2003 12:00-2:30, at Jefferson Center for Mental Health, 5265 Vance, Arvada.

Board Members in attendance at 2/7/03 mtng:

Debbie Curtis, David Feinman, Elissa Stein, Allen Pollack, Christine Ely (by telephone), Frank Bennett, Charles Perez, Debra Cady, Terry Hoffman, and John Dengler.

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

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

Treasurer' report was read by **Elissa** and approved. After expenses for printing and mailing this year's conference brochure (\$3,455.44), the current balance is \$7,463.32. Treasurer's report approved.

Debbie reported on the conference. She said we've already received 21 paid registrations and 4 paid exhibits. Also, we've been promised a total of 100 scholarships so far. Only 8 rooms are left at the hotel for us to fill our quota. Final arrangements were discussed for the keynote speakers' expenses and fees, and final decisions were made about food for the meals and breaks

The next item for discussion was that of officers for the next two years. After some suggestions, it was decided that the appropriate action was to refer this to the nominating committee chaired by our Past President, **Cyndi Dodds**.

We then discussed the proposed Web Site for the Coalition. The Board approved the concepts Julie Sloan proposed and agreed to have her do the set-up. We decided that there is not a need to have our by-laws linked to the web site, but discussed a number of other links we'd like to see. Final decisions will be left until after the conference.

Terry Hoffman presented the need for nominations for awards for the luncheon at the conference. Nominations still needed are Educator, Volunteer, and Board Member.

Information Sharing ("Whining Time") began with **Frank** sharing that Aurora Mental Health is having to return all State General Fund moneys due to the current budget cuts. The state will use half of the funds (\$300,000+) for Federal Medicaid match, so the net loss will be just \$100,000, but this leaves no state budget dollars to negotiate next year.

Following Frank's example, other Board members gave examples of how their services are being eliminated or reduced by state and federal budget cuts. These included DYC, DHS/Child Welfare, Counties, and hospital programs.

Though no plan was developed at this time, it was agreed that something needs to change in order to impress legislators and the administration to adequately fund the programs (thereby helping the people) we represent.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Dengler
CCAMHC Board Secretary