

## **OHPSAC Minutes September 9, 2010**

**Attendance:** Linda Lewin, Alice Robinson-Bond, Chris Julian, James Landon, Jill Kilanowski, Mark McMillian (via telephone), Gail Hornor

Excused absences: Brian Wear car not working suddenly, Julie Kenniston has an obligation, Beth Ann Rodriguez recovering from surgery, Amy Roberts cannot get away from her office appointment.

Unknown status – Erna O.

Called to order at 10:10 by Linda Lewin

**Website** reviewed by board and some modifications and corrections to be done by Ryan Prestel: need to update list of board members, new OHIO photo (board really likes this photo), board is requesting to look again at the website and add more photos. The background recommended to be changed to white. James said it does print with a white background. Please change Chris to Christine, credentials will be added with names.

OHPSAC gmail account has been made for Jkilanowski . Not done properly. The name for the gmail account needs to be changed to OHPSAC @gmail.com.

Who on the board can be used to make minor changes to website? James suggested Amy Roberts may be able to do this.

How we could add more substance to our website was discussed -recommendation by Chris J to include more information on upcoming conferences and more resources.

Discussion followed to use a France Payne Bolton student named Katie (our summer research assistant) to construct list serve for members. Also, create a list of organizations that do similar things, it's a waste of resources when several agencies overlap with what they can offer parents, families and professionals. It was suggested to create a resource list, county by county. There are existing lists and these will be looked at for possible combination of names and contact information. A potential result of this endeavor would be for the heads of each organization to come together once a year to discuss how they are involved in child abuse and protection. It is the opinion of the board that there is overlapping work being done. To be included in this list will be the agency name, contact, and blurb on what the organization does. Ohio Association of child care organizations has a list of agencies in this area. Can we join with them? We do not want to duplicate work already been done.

Another area that can be added to the website is the information about family violence prevention. Is there overlap with agencies? This would increase awareness. Jill has a list for Hispanics and will bring to the next meeting. Ohio Children's Trust Fund may be a source of another resource list. PCSAO has links for every county and they may be able to help provide names of contacts. PCSAO has a link on our website to help people locate resources. James will contact Ohio Children's Trust Fund (running PCAO) and Amy can help Public Children Services Agency Organization (PCSAO) public children's services agency organization to see if there is a list of organizations. They have accepted cold calls for information similar to a triage for help. Can we –would we get this on the website? If we, as OPHPSAC,

are not aware of resources there is inefficiency and ineffectiveness. We need to get substance on our website. Gail asked if we linked with the Ohio Network of Children's Advocacy Centers (ONCAC) because they may have information. Can we collaborate on things to get things done and have co-sponsors on projects? Various board members will bring to the next meeting to share.

### **Presidents' report**

Our chapter has never done fundraising. We have been able to conduct business without fund raising. We used to get \$6 per member quarterly but the national organization had difficulty with state accounts when chapters became inactive. As a result national chose to go to the annual grant procedure.

Linda informed the board that monthly telephone conference calls for presidents have been changed to quarterly. They were too frequent and became inefficient.

### **Treasurer's report**

Mark - balance in the treasury is \$ 4,393.72. Last 2 transaction= \$ 975 added from grant from national, expense Aug 18<sup>th</sup> = \$150 payment for archival work done in the summer by a Frances Payne Bolton nursing student.

### **Newsletter**

Julie will include a quick blurb on the conference in Chicago.

Chris J will submit the featured member article on Julie K to Mark .

Brian Wear sends out the newsletter via the list serve.

Jill will ask Brian for spring 2010 newsletter and post to the newsletter to the website.

Article on State vs Arnold and its impact on hospital social workers comments - can be partially admitted to the court. Alice will do this – 500 words.

Gail can write a short article on children witnessing domestic violence about 250 words.

Mark will send out a draft of the newsletter for editing and correcting by September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Send all articles for newsletter to [Mark\\_mcmillian@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Mark_mcmillian@sbcglobal.net)

Mark will send out a version of the newsletter for editing and correcting.

Beth Ann will hopefully be able to submit her review of literature in the next newsletter.

### **General discussion**

The Board briefly discussed the State of Ohio Supreme Court Case vs. Arnold (June, 2000), regarding child sexual abuse.

## **Archives**

Signed accepted code of regulations-is it signed? Need to check this out. Who has old records?

The current Code of Regulations expires in 2012. Linda needs to check if it was signed.

Incorporation papers are 501 charitable status and filed with the Ohio Secretary of State. We need to obtain copies from the state for the archives. Linda will check this out. These documents must be signed to be effective. If addendum has been voted on and signed that is governing body. Linda will check this out. Past President Dr. Thackeray may need to sign old documents.

The banner has been found! It is in Linda possession. Where should it stay? Chris volunteered to store banner and archives in her office here at the Children's Advocacy Center. Linda will bring archives to next meeting for storage.

## **New Business**

Linda discovered APSAC pins. Board members that did not have a pin were given one. Linda will mail one to Mark M.

Mark asked about not having a table for PCSAO this year. Mark recommended to have a table next year. We did not have any new members join last year when we sponsored a table last year. Three board members volunteered to man the table for each day of the conference. We need to consider an agency membership. APSAC was working on having a group discount on membership from the same organization.

## **Board Member elections**

Term expirations are occurring this coming year. Julie will not continue since she has taken on a key leadership position in the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC). Chris and Jill will run again. We need to ask Erna. All interested in running for the Board need to write a short bio of 50 words and submit to Linda.

Patty Harrelson has resigned. Jill made a motion and seconded by Gail to have the open position replaced by Alice Robinson-Bond. All approved. Her term will expire 2011.

*Potential new board members:* We need a law enforcement officer to balance the multidisciplinary nature of the board. Suggested was a Chief of Police and Beyond the Silence instructor. It would be great to have someone from the Attorney General's office, someone from the governor's office, and potential agencies such as PCSAO.

Plan for 2011 elections: Send ballot out in January, have new people learn of the decision in February, and attend the March board meeting.

Linda will send a letter to the Ohio Chief of Police and the Sheriff's Office, Fraternal Order of Police, asking for a suggestion for law enforcement. Amy did send out a notice asking for interest in recruiting law enforcement. Does the administration support the attendance of being a board member by giving

them time away from the office or do they need to use a personal vacation day? This needs to be investigated.

Different names were discussed and will be contacted such as the Ohio Network of Children's Advocacy Centers. Amy reported that she has not yet been successful in her attempts to recruit from law enforcement officers if they are interested in joining OHPSAC.

Alice will send names from the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association (BSSA) to Linda who will contact them for recommendations for law enforcement representation to the Board.

December's Board Meeting will be a conference call. Linda will organize the conference call.

After corrections it was voted to approve the minutes with corrections. Chris and James made the motion and seconded, all approved.

*Potential problems to work on:*

What are we using for a distribution list? Patty was going to do this. Linda will ask if APSAC have a distribution list just for Ohio.

Linda suggested having the archive student create a distribution list. We are missing opportunities for board members by not acknowledging the list. Let's look at this. Just a reminder to send the minutes and newsletter and membership form to the nursing student for archives.

Linda will send the Board a copy of the current board members.

Disclaimer for webpage- table for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:09 PM.

Next Board meeting is via telephone conference on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 10-12.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Kilanowski, Secretary