

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, July 13, 2011
Kids Central Inc., All Purpose Room

Present – Cynthia Schuler, John Aitken, Irene Rickus, Joanne Billingsley, Bobby James, Gail Burry, Jim Bullock, Philip Courter, Dyer Michell, Rebecca Schatt, Stephen Spivey, Steve Yates, Trudy Holden, Brad Thorpe, Mike Jordan, Sec. David Wilkins, Barbara Myshrall (minutes)

Absent – John Lege, Rodney Rocker, Russell Rasco

I. Welcome and Call to Order Steven Yates

II. Chairman's Remarks Steven Yates

a. Welcome Secretary David Wilkins

Steve welcomed Secretary David Wilkins and other guests to the meeting.

b. Review of Board Minutes from June

Steve Spivey made a motion to approve the minutes, Bobby James seconded, all in favor and unanimously approved.

b. Electronic Blue Book Demonstration

Gail Burry gave the history of the conception of the electronic blue book. Kevin Maloney provided a presentation on the electronic blue book, demonstrating what the family care manager sees and then what the foster parent sees when they log into the electronic blue book. He discussed the vision for DCF going forward,

Question and answers:

Steven Spivey: Provided history on Kids Central strategies, and how our approach was affected by the equity issue. Wilkins responded that he and the governor believe that equity is the way to go, and there will be an equity model going forward.

Second question was regarding procurement. Sec. Wilkins addressed the procurement process and indicated that DCF was working to make it better.

Steve Yates: Question was regarding family finding, and how it is almost foreign to the current investigations when it works so well.

c. Secretary Wilkins Remarks

Secretary David Wilkins

The Secretary addressed the board. He commended the bluebook effort and the neighborhood projects. He gave a brief history on what transpired since he assumed his new position.

d. Train the Trainer

40 Developmental Assets – Proposed Dates will be Aug 29th and the 30th for the 40 Developmental Assets. Please try and attend. Please respond to Danielle Damato directly, training will be at 9am – 4pm.

- e. Business Development Committee – Standing Committee
Motion to approve Business Development as a standing committee made by Becky Schatt, Dyer Michell seconded, all in favor and unanimously approved.

III. President’s Report Cynthia Schuler

- a. Performance Measures
Cyndi commented that our performance measures are outstanding (all green) and we also accomplished 199 adoptions last year, we services 15,398 children with prevention and diversion services.

Mark and Phillips and Karen Lamb from YFA were introduced and commended for the outstanding work at YFA.

- a. Department Updates and Data
- b. Highlight Prevention and Diversion
- c. Speaker’s Bureau Training Reminder
We are setting up speaker’s bureau where board members go out to speak to groups to make the final ask for donations. We will do this at the September board meeting.

Welcome Kurt Kelly and Laura Lynch, new board members.

IV. Operations Report Irene Rickus

- a. Family Finders Success Stories
- b. Data graphs and charts
Caseload slightly up for number of children served. We will be taking a look at it.
Irene also commended YFA again for an adoption that took place with a mother who stayed involved with YFA and her child after voluntarily surrendering her child because she could not take care of them.

V. Financial Report Dyer Michell
Skipping finance report. We paid out the incentive as a result of a finance conference call. We were at 85% and it was a good year benefiting from the balanced scorecard.

VI. Committees	
Audit Committee	G. Burry
Best Practices Committee	P. Courter
Board Development Committee	G. Burry
Business Development	S. Spivey
Community Assessment	S. Yates
Community Development Committee	B. Schatt
Executive Committee	S. Yates
Legislative Committee	B. Thorpe

VII. Media Clips

VII. Unfinished Business / New Business

A brief discussion on holding monthly board meetings during legislative session. Meetings will alternate from full board meeting to Legislative update on the off months.

No new business or unfinished business.

Scheduled new board member orientation.

IX. Next Meeting – September 22, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. in the Kids Central All Purpose Room

X. Adjournment 2:09 pm