

Marion County Children's Alliance
Board of Directors
September 1, 2010
11:30 a.m.

Board Members present: Lori Boring, Jim Bullock, Scott Hackmyer, Kurt Kelly, Jim McCune, Jim Payton, Steve Purves and Maureen Quinlan

The meeting was called to order by Scott Hackmyer and thanks were extended to Dennis Baxley for the successful Charity Cookout held last Friday. Judge Jim McCune was welcomed as a new Board member. The Board was also informed of John Cooper's resignation letter.

Invocation by Rev. Jim Bullock.

A plaque was presented to Jim Payton for his service to the community and the Alliance.

New participating members and organizations were asked to introduce themselves.

Duggan & Joiner delivered the annual audit report. Patsy Lancaster introduced Julie Poole, Lead Auditor and stated pages 1 & 2 were a "clean opinion," pages 4 & 5 were the statement of activity. There was over \$1.5 mil for support and revenue; \$1 mil plus in expenses; the notes to the financial statement remain the same; all, including final reports are in compliance and a clean opinion. Motion to approve the audit was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Approval of the May 2010 Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the May 2010 Board of Directors meeting was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Coordinators Report: Dr. Jordan stated the Alliance has a new Partner – the Chamber of Commerce, for the Annual "Children First" Breakfast to be held on October 27. The Keynote Speaker is Dr. Wil Blechman who is working on a pilot program and statewide initiative to make early childhood a priority. Save the Date cards have been distributed with the agenda. Be sure to ask a friend to join you for the Breakfast.

Community Council Against Substance Abuse (CCASA) is dissolving and the Board was asked if they would be willing to have the Alliance take it on. Mr. Purves asked if there were any resources available. Scott stated that it was more an overseeing of grants received. Dr. Jordan stated the aim is for them to eventually become semiautonomous. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Mike Jordan gave an update on the following: CLM Workforce pathway grants (2); Summer Activity Guide (SAG); Charity Cookout; Medical Assistance Fund; Year-to-Date financials; Provider Survey; Workgroup Functioning Summary and the Know the Law booklet.

Scott Hackmyer asked that a thank you message be given to Cyndi Schuler – RE: it is recognized that a major impact for children has been made by Kids Central.

Organization Reports:

Kids Central (KCI) – Danielle Damato filled in for Ms. Schuler. Ms. Damato stated that Kids Central appreciated all the work the Alliance does and extended thanks for the framework in place.

Kids Central is working on a new national project to improve foster care stability.

Workgroups & Staff Reports:

Family Violence Prevention Workgroup – Monica Bryant reported that a Mother’s Day Wrap was held at the Paddock Mall. A Domestic Violence fundraiser will be held at the Paddock Mall on September 26. Tickets are \$20.

Afterschool and Summer Programs – Mike Jordan reported for Nancy Castillo who is out of town for a family emergency. The Alliance Summer Academy kept 789 youth busy with fun learning and wellness.

The 3rd year Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) grant will finish up in December.

The Alliance Supplemental Educational Services (SES) program had 80 students last year and is hoping to expand on that number this school year.

Grants Development – Gerry Brent reported 62 attendees at the last meeting. The next meeting speaker will be Senta Goudy, Chief of Prevention, Florida Office of Drug Control Policy. The average attendance is 35-40 participants each month.

A grant sharing database of more than 250 e-mail subscribers is maintained. Assistance for 15 organizations needing understanding on why their KCI grant applications were denied is being given.

Childhood Nutrition – Joanna Bennett reported. A Get Fit grant was received from General Mills for the Alliance and community sponsors. It entails a six week family challenge. September 11th is the kickoff.

Autism & Other Disabilities Workgroup - Sylvia Miller reported. Brief “Pilot Kids” description and update. Brief statement how AODW became MCDA. Their website is: www.mcdisabilityalliance.org. There are over 52 agencies represented. Work is being done to establish a Board of Directors.

Sportsability, Disability Awareness to be held Oct. 1 & 2nd.

Safe Kids – Donna McCroan reported. Thirty-six life jackets were provided by the Children’s Alliance; Vehicle safety & car seat program held; Sudden Infant Death (SID) door hangers distributed; Marion County SIDs statistics: 2006/8; 2007/14; 2008/10 and 2009/1, a dramatic decrease. Education is working. 580 bike safety with brain trauma; 500+ bike helmets distributed.

Scheduled Events: Oct 6 Walk-To-School; Oct 29 Halloween event

Teen Pregnancy Prevention - Rashad Jones, Marion County Health Department reported. July 29-first meeting with 18 participants held; August 26 – second meeting grew to 21 attendees. As of 9/1/2010 there were with 13 organizations represented. To reduce the incidents of teen pregnancy the following five zip codes are being targeted: 34482, 34475, 34474, 34472 and 34470.

Mentoring/Faith Community Network (FCN) – Rev. Jim Bullock reported there is lots of need for mentors. DJJ is being partnered with. Big Brothers Big Sisters is restarting in Marion County.

Roundtable:

Maureen Quinlan – Campaign Kickoff is September 15.

Jim Payton – Eight years ago he had no real concept of the needs of children in Marion County. He encourages everyone to not lose hope.

Jim McCune – Healing Heart event will be held at the Appleton Museum from September 12-October 10.

Kurt Kelly – In traveling throughout the state he has had a real opportunity to see the greatness of what's going on in Marion County.

Jim Bullock – Reminder of the One Ocala Breakfast.

- ELC - pajama drive; Powerful Parenting class at St. Teresa's to be held. Call 369-2315.
- GAL – October training is scheduled. Contact Rhoda 854-7359.
- Gwen Dawson, Ocala Housing Authority has expanded their services. Seven new contracts; nothing to do with public housing or section 8. Call 208-2829.
- CDS – Headstart is collecting books. Call 629-0055.
- Michael Hageloh extended an offer for any 501c(3) to schedule a time to appear on his show. He also offered his services to teach how to use the Internet correctly for social media. Call 369-0815.
- KCI – Two day Kinship Care Conference for caregivers and professionals; 2nd annual Tee off for Golf at Black Diamond. Both are on their website: <http://www.kidscentralinc.org/>
- Julie Linhart – Girl Scout recruitment starting. Contact her if interested in a vendor table for the “Children First” Breakfast on Oct. 27. Call 694-4425.
- C. Grimes – Havana Nights Oct. 23 to benefit Devereux Kids. Call Lola Gonzalez 361-6050.
- Patricia Sokol – CLM trainings all month. Call 854-2322 x1906 or e-mail: psokol@clmworkforce.com
- Scott Hackmyer – Dentists are needed to sign up for 2-3 hours for 1 week in Feb. for the Dental Bus. Call 598-1848.

Future Meetings:

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| Faith Community Network | Wednesday, 9/8 – noon, OPD |
| Safe Kids Coalition | Friday, 9/10 – 9:00 a.m., Health Dept. Coleman Ctr. Conf. Rm. |
| Family Violence Prevention | Monday, 9/13 – 11:00 a.m., Sheriff's Office |
| Marion County Disability Alliance | Tuesday, 9/14 – noon, ARC Marion |
| Mentoring Workgroup | Wednesday, 9/15– 11:30, Jail Admin. Conf. Room |
| Grant Advisory Workgroup | Thursday, 9/23 – 11:00 a.m., OPD |
| Teen Pregnancy Prevention | Thursday, 9/23 – 11:00 a.m., Health Dept. Coleman Ctr. |
| Tobacco Coalition | Thursday, 9/23 – 4:00 p.m., Health Dept. Coleman Ctr. Conf. Rm. |
| Childhood Nutrition | Monday, 9/27 – 9:00 a.m., Health Dept. Coleman Ctr. Conf. Rm. |
| Alliance Monthly Meeting | Wednesday, 10/6 – 11:30 a.m., Jail Adm. Bldg. |
| Alliance Annual Breakfast | Wednesday, 10/27 – 7:30 a.m., Hilton Hotel |
| Board of Directors | Wednesday, January 5, 2011 – 11:30 a.m., Jail Adm. Bldg. |

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.