

MINNESOTA FAMILY SUPPORT & RECOVERY COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
3/17/2022
ZOOM

Members present: Amy Overacker, Patrick Hest, Jennifer Cooklock, Lori Hanson, Nathan Neuhart, Dawn Johnson, Lisa Kontz, Sara Wangsness, Rachelle Drakeford, Yvonne Cobb, Autumn Nelson, Kimberly Johnson, Carrie Gilbertson, Rhonda Jaeger, Sandy Thorne, Ben Stromberg, Trish Skophammer, Davis Luna, Michelle Schreifels, Jami Goodrum

Excused Absences: Jessica Dettmann, Sandy Slocum, Miles Hendrickson, David Lovik, Jamie Wirth, Lori Lofrano

Absent: Michelle Johnson, Karen Bryngelson, Scott Wotzka

Guest: Maria Alvillar Hinojosa

1. CALL TO ORDER - Amy
 - A. The meeting was called to order by Amy Overacker at 11:05 am after the program meeting. Meeting held via Zoom.
 - B. Lori took attendance

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT - Lori

Minutes from the 01/20/2022 meeting were mailed out by Lori prior to the meeting. Thanks to Sandy Thorne for covering and taking minutes at the last meeting!

Motion to approve the 01/20/2022 minutes made by Patrick Hest, Michele Schreifels 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT - Dawn

Report sent by Holly prior to the meeting. Not much activity, just the insurance payment. Savings balance \$30,016.96; Checking balance \$25,613.26. Treasurer's report put on the record. There were some questions regarding the balance in the account (over \$50k), our non-profit status, asset limits, reporting implications. Dawn will check on this.

4. COLLABORATIVE REPORTS
 - A. Child Support Advisory Board –Sandy Thorne

Minutes/items from that meeting were sent out with the agenda. No questions. Need an Advisory Board Replacement as Holly Mikeworth has resigned from the board.
 - B. MCRA – Dave Lovik (Lori reported)

Next meeting 4/20/2022 - to be held virtually. Topics yet to be determined.
 - C. MACSSA – Jami Goodrum Schwartz

Still not a lot happening on child support. The Self-Sufficiency committee is focusing on the cessation of interest charging. Tied up in the escalating mental health issues, targeted case management, waivers. Close to a settlement in the opiod lawsuit.
 - D. MCAA – Lisa Kontz
 - Started CS Zoom meetings a few months ago. They are the 1st Tuesday of the month at noon. Next one is May 3rd. There is no agenda, just discussion. These are accessed through the MCAA website. Join the child support forum.
 - CS Committee webinar – April 27th at noon. Melissa Rossow and Amy Anderson will be previewing the 1/2023 changes and giving some background info.

- E. CLV – Lisa Kontz
Restarting. Had a call out for new members and had had a great response. 20-25 responses! Reinstating the Enforcement CLV Group. Jessica from DHS and Jen Cooklock are the co-chairs and they are recruiting.
Next Exec Committee and Chairs meeting is 4/7/2022.
5. OLD BUSINESS
- A. Update to Constitution – Membership Article (just a reminder to address this!)
Need to add IV-D staff. Any other changes needed? Will hold off on this until we have other issues/things to change. Just keep an eye on it!
- B. Technology – Nothing new has been done. Patrick attended the Speaker’s Forum and there was a company handling things. However, as we are scaling back to only 3 sessions/time slot for this year’s conference, we can handle the technology ourselves for now.
Amy mentioned that there is a guidebook the MSSA is using for in-person.
6. NEW BUSINESS
- A. Filling of Vacancies
We have several resignations, changes. Need to fill positions for: Holly Mikeworth - At Large, Tony Mata -District 4, Jim Demgen – At Large (State), Lisa Kontz – District 1. (NOTE: Lisa is not leaving, but moving to Missy’s positions as MCAA and CLV rep.)
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- A. Legislative (Chair - Lisa Kontz)
- DHS-It’s been a pretty quiet session. This is good as they are still working on implementing past items.
 - Ramsey County is working on the cost-of-care foster care bill which provides discretion to the counties to pursue support in the cases based on the best interests of the child. Trish reported that there was a committee hearing in the House and there is a hearing next week with the Senate Committee. No questions have been coming, so it’s likely to go forward.
 - Implementations on track. Credit Bureau reporting 1/1/2023, New Guide 1/1/2023, Interest (finally!) 8/1/2022.
 - Discussion of ideas for next session – Income related changes recommended and approved through the CLV group concerning parents on GA/SSI. Also looking at proposals previously recommended by the Medical CLV Committee.
- B. Membership/Nominating Committee (Chair - Patrick Hest)
Nomination Committee: Need committee members. Sandy Thorne is currently co-chair, but the other person has retired. If interested, let Patrick know.
Awards Committee: Jen Cooklock chairs – Requests for nominees will be sent to the membership. Again, if interested, let Jen know.
- C. Conference Committee (Chair – Patrick Hest)
Went well. Decision was made to do virtual one more year, however we plan to be in-person next year, especially as it is our 50th Anniversary! Theme will be “Bouncing Back Together”. Opening keynote speaker to be Dr. Jermaine Davis. Many ideas for additional speakers were shared.
Plan is to slim down to a maximum of 3 sessions/time slot, with sessions being more “inclusive”/blended to reach more people in a session and work with our technology capabilities.

We may need to increase the cost to \$75/\$100 per person depending on our costs, having a cushion for next year. We will analyze the costs beforehand and see where we are. Discussion on how to do more social interactions during work hours but at end of the day. Question on if there would be push-back by counties if this is during “work hours”. Persons could opt-out...no requirement to participate. Suggestions on break out rooms, a structure to meet/chat “with purpose”, other networking options. Dawn will try to coordinate some ideas. Send thoughts to: Dawn.m.johnson@state.mn.us

- D. Communications Committee (Chair – Carrie Gilbertson)
Nothing new. The Committees tab on the website has a list of committees and chairs. This may need to be updated.

Motion to adjourn by Lisa Kontz, 2nd Amy Overacker. All in Favor, meeting adjourned.

Upcoming Meeting

04/21/2022	9:00am	Program Only
06/16/2022	9:00am – 1:00pm	Program and Legislative Committees followed by Full Board