

**MINNESOTA FAMILY SUPPORT & RECOVERY COUNCIL**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - MINUTES**  
**6/15/2023**  
**ZOOM**

Members present: Patrick Hest, Jennifer Cooklock, Amy Overacker, Lori Hanson, Dawn Johnson, Davis Luna, Heidi Haefner, Sara Wangsness, , Rebecca Morrisette, Yvonne Cobb, Autumn Nelson, Joe Peck, Sandy Slocum, Miles Hendrickson, Kimberly Johnson, Karen Wolff, Rhonda Jaeger, Sandy Thorne, Tina Frey, Heather Raboin, Jessica Raymond, Lisa Kontz,, Jami Goodrum, Lori Lofrano, Jamie Wirth

Excused: Michele Schreifels, Karen Bryngelson, Ben Stromberg, Trish Skophammer, Tammy Owens, Kristen Brolsma

Absent: Scott Wotzka, Dave Lovik

1. CALL TO ORDER – Patrick - 11:02 AM
  - A. Roll Call
  - B. Welcome – “What’s In a Name?” icebreaker – How did you get your name? What does it mean/significance, etc.
  
2. SECRETARY’S REPORT (Lori e-mailed out prior to the meeting) Motion by Sandy Thorne to approve the minutes from the March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting. Sandy Slocum 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
  
3. TREASURER’S REPORT - Dawn (sent out prior to meeting)  
Checking Balance - \$27,202.95; Savings Balance - \$31,443.95. Many speaker fees/deposits have been made.  
Rhonda J and Dawn are wrapping up the audit of the accounts.  
Report put on the record.
  
4. COLLABORATIVE REPORTS
  - A. Child Support Advisory Board – Minutes from last meetings sent prior.  
Sandy Thorne asked if any questions. There were none. Please refer to the Advisory Board minutes for further details.
  
  - B. MCRA – Lori Hanson for Dave Lovik  
Met 4/27 at Scott County - Public Assistance Overpayments, Estate Recovery, Out-of-Home Placements and update on the workgroup were the topics. Next meeting scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup>, again in person at Scott County.
  
  - C. MACSSA – Jami Goodrum  
Met 4/27-28. Nothing new. DHS splitting into two departments. CS will be in Children, Youth and Families. The work number issue (payments) is still in limbo. System modernization is still be looked at, with a possible client portal.  
MACSSA’s Spring Conference was held at Ruttgers in late May. There were several good presentations, many focusing on upcoming legislative changes to Health & Human Services. Hennepin County’s Jodi Wentland and Blue Earth County’s Angie Youngerberg presented on **A New Paradigm in Human Services** which recognizes that the human services landscape is at a critical point where a convergence of trends is rapidly shifting how services can be and

are delivered. Given this shifting landscape, MACSSA is working with Goff Public to develop informative materials around five trends: resident choice, technology, workforce, partnerships, and governance. County staff can use these materials in their counties, with DHS, with legislators, and their communities to provide background information on our changing environment.

D. MCAA –Lisa Kontz

MCAA continues to hold informal luncheon meetings. No agenda, attorneys just bring up their issues/what's of interest to them. Have had really good attendance.

Webinar planned for Wed 6/28 from Noon – 1:00 pm – This will be a panel discussion exploring the ethical issues that arise for counties when sharing data with competing interests in the child support/child protection arena. Ethics credit available. Sign up on the MCAA website. Contact Lisa Kontz, Autumn Nelson, or Stacy Albrecht with questions.

E. CLV –Lisa

Next executive committee meeting is 6/29. Individual subgroups continue to meet and do a lot of work. They may have an announcement after the 6/29 meeting. Continue to submit issues through the DHS website. Many legislative changes passed this session came from the CLV group.

5. DEI Topic – Lori Hanson

Lori H presented on "Language Matters". What we say can be hurtful, triggering to others. Be aware. Don't be offended if someone addresses this. Acknowledge their feelings. You aren't being called **out**, you are being called **in** to who we want to be with each other and our work.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Honorary Board – Amy – This is still being worked on but is getting close!

B. Redistricting between official redistricting years. Lori sent out a proposed amendment to the by-laws Article X. Short discussion on how this came about.

Proposed Amendment reads (additions in red):

The State of Minnesota shall be divided into eight regional districts according to the regional district map attached hereto and made a part of this constitution. As near as possible each region will have an equal number of child support and collections staff employed with the exception that no individual county **or counties joined in a joint powers agreement or multi-county agency** be divided into more than one region. The regions will be redistricted, and regional boundaries redefined every five years by resolution of the board of directors, as is necessary to maintain this equality of per capita size. **In non-redistricting years, joining counties shall be redistricted to be contained within the same district, while maintaining the most equal per capita size, by direction of the executive board of directors.**

Lisa K motioned to accept the proposal, Jen C 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Proposed amendment will be sent by Lori to the membership at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting (at conference) as required by Article VII, to be voted on by the membership at the annual meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None at this time!

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Legislative (Chair - Lisa Kontz)

Committee met today. Lisa was not reporting on much due to the state getting ready to send out a message about everything that passed this Legislative session. Did reiterate that the DHS package passed which includes medical support and guidelines for low income that came from the Guidelines CLV group, DL changes that came from the workgroup proposal, splitting the agency (child support to go to Children, Youth and Families), money for systems modernization. Most won't be effective until 2024-2025, however Lisa wanted to mention that the DL changes allowing for additional discretion is effective 7/1/2023.

### B. Membership/Nominating Committee (Chair - Michele)

Have 2 vendors. Call for people to run for positions. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair and Secretary positions will be open but interested parties can run for contested positions as well. Reminder to send nominations for awards. A couple of e-mails have been sent to the membership requesting nomination, and a few have come in. Can use more!

### C. Conference Committee (Chair – Jennifer Cooklock)

Schedule pretty much finalized. May be a change or two dependent on speaker availability. Federal person may not be able to come, but the person speaking about the portal WILL be able to attend.  
Registration is open, posted on the website. Updated to be clear that all meals are included. (BLD Monday and Tuesday, B Wednesday) Snacks will be provided on Sunday evening. Bowling Monday evening is included in the cost of the conference as well.  
Amy and Dawn came up with a giveaway package.  
72 people registered already!  
Reminder that people must call Treasure Island directly to make room reservations.  
Mention the conference and group rate.

### D. Communications Committee (Chair – Heidi Haefner)

Registration link and info updated. Heidi will be out 4-8 weeks starting Monday June 19<sup>th</sup>, so e-mail Jen or Patrick with any needs. The conference handouts will be due and posted on the website in September.

### E. DE&I Committee (Chairs – Trish, Davis)

Davis thanked Lori for today's presentation and Trish for last months. Any ideas for future topics, please let Davis and/or Trish know.

This is our last meeting prior to conference and new board. There will be a short meeting of the new board right after conference at Treasure Island. Thanks everyone for a great year!

Sandy Slocum motioned to adjourn, Sandy Thorne 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, except one. Amy didn't want to leave this great group as it was our last meeting! Meeting adjourned.