

**MINNESOTA FAMILY SUPPORT & RECOVERY COUNCIL**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**6/16/2022**  
**ZOOM**

Members present: Amy Overacker, Patrick Hest, Jennifer Cooklock, Lori Hanson, Nathan Neuhart, Dawn Johnson, Lisa Kontz, Davis Luna, Karen Bryngelson, Jessica Dettmann, Sara Wangsness, Rachelle Drakeford, Yvonne Cobb, Autumn Nelson, Joe Peck, Sandy Slocum, Miles Hendrickson, Kimberly Johnson, Carrie Gilbertson, Rhonda Jaeger, Sandy Thorne, Trish Skophammer, Karen Wolff, Jessica Raymond, Michele Schreifels, Jami Goodrum, Dave Lovik, Lori Lofrano

Excused Absences: Ben Stromberg,

Absent: Michelle Johnson, Scott Wotzka, Jamie Wirth

1. CALL TO ORDER - Amy

- A. The meeting was called to order by Amy Overacker at 10:37 am after the program and legislative committee meetings. Meeting held via Zoom.
- B. Lori took attendance
- C. Special Welcome by Amy to the newly appointed board members.

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT - Lori

Minutes from the 3/17/2022 meeting were mailed out by Lori prior to the meeting.

Motion to approve the 03/17/2022 minutes made by Nathan Neuhart, Sandy Thorne 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion carried.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT - Dawn

Not much activity. Savings balance \$30,317.71; Checking balance \$25,313.26. This doesn't include the \$400 recently received for conference sponsorship. Treasurer's report put on the record.

There is still a question regarding the balance in the account (over \$50k), our non-profit status, asset limits, reporting implications. Dawn is waiting on some information from Holly.

4. COLLABORATIVE REPORTS

A. Child Support Advisory Board –Sandy Thorne

We still need an Advisory Board member. Generally members are upper level supervisors, county attorneys, etc.

Minutes/items from their last meeting were sent out with the agenda earlier. Key points:

\*Interest stops 8/1; Guidelines and CB reporting changes 1/1/2023; Childcare tables updated 1/2023.

No questions.

B. MCRA – Dave Lovik

Meeting held 4/20/2022 - held virtually. Topics were detox charges, making claims on MN Unclaimed Property website, and probate. Dave also mentioned a couple of other items: Courts now are wanting to charge counties for civil action filings; and the Dept of Revenue has fixed their History information for Revenue Recap.

- C. MACSSA – Jami Goodrum Schwartz
    - They held their conference May 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> at Ruttger’s Bay Lodge.
    - Legislative lobbyist positioning looking at the interest, credit bureau and guidelines changes out there, but nothing new as there was a lack of legislation this term.
    - Did mention that after 7/1, CD assessments will no longer be done by the counties, but will be contracted out.
    - The Self-Sufficiency committee is looking at the “Federal Restricted Providers List”. Should be looked at by counties/employers monthly, but many counties aren’t checking it.
    - Also keeping an eye on fingerprint legislation as there was talk that this would end up with child support.
  - D. MCAA – Lisa Kontz
    - Zoom “lunch discussions” continue to be held every other month. The next one is July 5th.
    - There is no agenda, just discussion. They have had great attendance! If you know of an attorney that isn’t yet participating and would like to, please refer them. Info is on the MCAA website/ child support ACA forum.
  - E. CLV – Lisa Kontz
    - Next Exec Committee and Chairs meeting is 7/7/2022. They had a great response for new member. Topics to discuss/work on are coming in.
5. OLD BUSINESS
- A. Technology – Decided that as we are streamlining to only 3 sessions/time slot for this year’s conference, we can handle the technology ourselves. Amy mentioned that next year is our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and hopefully we’ll be in person and technology won’t be an issue at all!
  - B. Vacancies – These are filled! New members, area and their term expiration are:
    - \*Joe Peck – 4<sup>th</sup> District – 2023
    - \*Davis Luna – 1<sup>st</sup> District (just moved from Member at Large to 1<sup>st</sup>) – 2023
    - \*Jessica Raymond – At Large (State) – 2022
    - \*Karen Wolff – At Large - 2023
6. NEW BUSINESS
- No New Business at this time.
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- A. Legislative (Chair - Lisa Kontz)
    - 2022 Legislative Session - Bills that passed
      - Ramsey County’s 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.
        - Most of the impact will be on social services – our impact will be not receiving the referrals
        - Policy work with child protection on standards if referrals are received and how to handle cases we already have
        - DHS will be forming a workgroup with child support and child protection at some point.
      - DHS no longer has to do biennial report. The requirement to do quadrennial report sunsets in 2022. As this is a federal requirement, DHS is hoping to get this back next year and use as an opportunity to get funding for that.

- Future Proposals – possible in 2023
  - Medical Support proposals previously recommended and passed by CLV
  - Driver’s License placeholder – pilot just ended so no data yet but hot topic at legislature. Looking at ways to improve our Driver’s License statute and policies. Some counties who were involved in the pilot are also involved in these discussions.
  - Employment Services – DHS considering proposal five staff and one supervisor. More to come on this regarding how this looks and collaboration with counties.
  - Quadrennial review
  - Low Income proposal – no minimum order for obligors who receive MFIP/SSI/GA (Guidelines CLV proposal); credit for derivative benefits towards arrears
- Implementations of Bills passed during 2021 session
  - Interest will stop charging 8/1/22 – implementation going smoothly, letters going out to case participants with open cases and obligations. There will be a charge 8/1 for July interest.
  - January 1<sup>st</sup> Guidelines – going well, on time. Targeting training the end of August/early September as well as at MFSRC Conference. Online and PRISM documents and calculators hoping to be ready October 6<sup>th</sup>. Will have ability to calculate both old and new guidelines using the online calculator.
  - January 1<sup>st</sup> – Credit Bureau reporting changes two phases:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> phase: January 1<sup>st</sup> switch from automatic to manual – child support worker will have to select “yes” for Credit Bureau Reporting. If do nothing, will not report.
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> phase: This is the ability to load and track payments. This will not be ready January 1<sup>st</sup> but counties will need to offer payment agreements by 1/1/23. DHS is working on a way to track payment agreements so they can be loaded later.
    - Depending on where they are at with this in September, might incorporate into some of the guidelines training, also in session at MFSRC, possible online modules

B. Membership/Nominating Committee (Chair - Patrick Hest)

Constitution and By-Laws: May have work, but not at the moment. May need some help!

Nomination Committee: Sandy Thorne is currently co-chair, but the other person has retired. Need committee members! Please consider this, and contact Sandy.

Awards Committee: Jen Cooklock chairs – Requests for nominees were just sent out again this week. Will send another in a month or so. Has received a couple of nominees as well as a couple of inquiries about when they are due. If you are interested in this committee, let Jen know!

C. Conference Committee (Chair – Patrick Hest)

Close to locking down everything. Deadlines are set, forms are out, contracts signed.

Discussed cost. We had discussed raising the cost before, however with the amount of money we currently have in our account, and considering the expenses we will incur, we shouldn’t have to raise the rates this year.

Patrick made a motion to keep the registration at \$50 for the 2022 conference. Dawn Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Open for discussion, but there was none! Vote taken, all in favor, motion passed.

- D. Communications Committee (Chair – Carrie Gilbertson)  
Posting items for conference. Need “Save the Date”, letter, announcement of registration coming up, etc. posted as soon as possible.  
Discussed request for MCRA to have a spot on the website. Discussion of how that would affect other partners, etc. Carrie will work with Lori H, Sandy S, and Dave (MCRA members) on a proposal.
- E. DEI Committee  
PowerPoint presentation on proposed Vision, Values, and Expectations. Considerable discussion. PowerPoint will be sent out and shared with board members, and we will have another meeting July 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 am. This meeting will be exclusively for the purpose of discussion and voting on these proposals. Please come with ideas, thoughts on adaptations, thoughts on how to present on the webpage.

Motion to adjourn by Lori Hanson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandy Slocum. All in Favor, meeting adjourned.

### **Upcoming Meeting**

07/21/2022 – 9 am – Full Board: DEI Committee proposal discussion, Voting