

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINNESOTA FAMILY SUPPORT & RECOVERY COUNCIL
Jimmy's in Sauk Rapids – February 15, 2007

Members present: Julie Erickson, Juan Martinez, Robert Tipp, Anne Bradley, John Stark, Lori Lofrano, Grant Forsyth, Ruth Sundermeyer, Wayland Campbell, Nancy Schroeder, Michelle Collins, Lynda Flykt, Karen Strandemo, Brandy Hauwiler, Theresa Olson, Nancy Menssen, Sandy Slocum, Rich Thielman, Pat Krauth, Mark Ponsolle, Tracy Howe, Sandy Thorne.

Excused Absences: Julie Ellis, Jolene Annen, Diane Hall, Jenna Penfield, Melissa Rossow, Brian Buhmann, Yvonne Bibro, Jennifer Stanfield, Lisa Kontz.

1. The meeting was called to order by President, Julie Erickson at 11:43 am at Jimmy's Pourhouse in Sauk Rapids, MN. Julie started the meeting by announcing that Teresa Olson will be leaving Dakota County effective 03/09/2007, and she thanked her for all the hard work she has done for MFSRC in the years past.
2. Secretary's report: Secretary, Anne Bradley had previously distributed minutes for the meeting of December 14, 2006 by email. Motion by Grant Forsyth, 2nd by Ruth Sundermeyer to approve the minutes of 12/14/2006. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer's Report: Report was distributed and summary given by Treasurer John Stark. Savings balance of \$15,999.80, checking account balance of \$1722.64, and conference account balance of \$5000.00. Treasurer's report placed on file.
4. Collaborative Reports:
 - A. MSSA-John Stark reported that MFSRC will be sponsoring 4 sessions at MSSA. The sessions are: Arrears Management is Your Friend, Worklists for Smarties, Child Support: A Shared Responsibility Model for Minnesota, and Medical Support: Understanding the New Law. He also reported that the MFSRC Booth will be set up at the MSSA Conference, and if any board members are attending, please stop by the booth and sign up for a shift to man the booth during conference.
 - B. Child Support Advisory Board- Rich Thielman reported that the last two meetings were on 01/03, and 02/07. Wayland Campbell spoke at both meetings regarding DEFRA. Wayland Campbell also discussed the report from the Legislative Auditors that was published 01/29/2007, and how it was not very complimentary to Human Services in Minnesota.

Rich Thielman stated that the State Office had requested that the Advisory Board report back to them regarding updates for the top 10. The final list has

been completed and he handed out a copy to the MFSRC Board.

- C. MCRA-No report. Nancy Schroeder informed the board that this board meets next week.
 - D. MACSSA- No report.
 - E. MCAA- Mark Ponsolle reported that as in the past, MCAA will be holding a all day seminar on 05/03/2007 at the St Cloud Civic Center. Notices will be going out to Assistant County Attorney's, Child Support Magistrates, Child Support Officers, Child Support Supervisors and Managers.
5. Actions of the Board between official meeting dates: An email motion was made by Grant Forsyth, 2nd by Lynda Flykt that MFSRC send \$1000.00 to help support the Lewin Group Proposal whether we get input or not. 19 in favor, 2 opposed, 10 abstained—motion carried.
6. Old Business:
- 1) Contributions for Training---tabled until next meeting.
7. New Business:
- 1) Electronic Voting Procedures—Julie Erickson passed out a copy of the portion of the by-laws that deals with electronic voting, and Mark Ponsolle handed out a full copy the MFSRC by-laws. Julie Erickson had drafted a proposed policy change. After discussion by the board of it was decided that Julie would type a final draft of the policy and bring it back to the next meeting.
 - 2) Lewins Group-- Mark Ponsolle discussed his visit to Washington, and his discussions with the Legislative Aides and the Senator Aides regarding DEFRA. Child Support funding is not going to come from MA monies or target case management monies. He told the board that the decision to contribute to the Lewins Group was a good idea, because efforts are being put forward.
 - 3) Printing of Revised Statutes—Julie Erickson discussed the printing of the recodified Statutes. Discussion followed on what access sites are available for people to get the information. It was decided that there are places to access to get the information and new books would be printed in August, so at this time no motion was made to pay for the printing of the revised Statutes.
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- 1. Finance – no report.
 - 2. Constitution & By-Laws – no report.
 - 3. Legislation – Mark Ponsolle reported that the DHS Bill has now been offered. Items included are: 1) That the requirement of DHS to supply the financial affidavit, be transferred to Court Administration, 2) Changes on potential

income—clarification, 3) Medical Support—clean up items, 4) Self Support Reserve—deduct from child care, then medical then basic support, 5) Redirect Administratively for PA cases, 6) Extending child support judgments until the debt is paid in full, 7) Eliminating interest charges on child support judgments being different than on other judgments, 8) Administratively stop interest after 12 months of consecutive payments.

Mark Ponsolle also reported that there are 2 other bills that have been offered—1) Senate Bill SF864—appropriate money to replace the funding that has been taken away, 2) Bill SF806—this bill would amend the deviation statute, in that it would not allow a deviation for whether or not the standard of living for a child living in another country is comparable for dollars in our country.

Mark Ponsolle stated that he would keep the Board posted as things are going through the Legislation process. He is still thinking that there maybe a couple more bills that get offered.

4. Historical - No report.
5. Education – No report.
6. Public Relations – No report.
7. Conference Registration – income and expenses from the 2005-06 conference was handed out to the board. MFSRC was in the black in the amount of \$457.57 for last year.
8. Overall Conference – No report.
9. Conference Program – Juan Martinez reported that the committee met this morning. The theme for 2006-07 conference is Sailing Through Change. Next meeting is scheduled for 05/17/2007. Sandy Thorne stated that there is a conflict with a conference that is also set for that date. It was decided to move the meeting from 05/17/2007 to 05/24/2007 at 10:00 a.m..
10. Nominations & Elections – Sandy Thorne passed a list around for the Board to review. If your position is up for re-election she would like to know if you are interested in re-running for your position. She will start working on finding more people interested in being on the Board for nominations.
11. Awards – Theresa Olson reported that Rich Thielman will be replacing her as chair for this committee.
12. Website – No report.
13. Conference Site – Tracey Howe reported regarding options of places to hold the 2008-09 conference other than Madden's. Jenna Penfield and herself visited some of the places and are recommending the Kahler Hotel in Rochester. There are no seasonal rates, and the amount would be \$369.19 per person for double occupancy for meals and rooms, which is less than what was paid to Madden's for the 2005-06 conference. Pat Krauth suggested we have the next Board meeting at the Kahler, to see if the site would meet our needs. He stated that this has been done in the past. It was decided that the April meeting would be held at the Kahler.

14. Newsletter Committee—Tracy Howe stated that she has never done this before, and she is hoping that this can be done quarterly. She will be putting the information together but not posting on the website. Someone else will be handling that.

Motion by Robert Tipp, 2nd by Sandy Slocum to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Bradley
Secretary-MFSRC