

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINNESOTA FAMILY SUPPORT & RECOVERY COUNCIL
Kelly Inn in Saint Cloud –June 18, 2009

Members present: Juan Martinez, John Stark, Sandy Slocum, Grant Forsyth, Nancy Menssen, Anne Bradley, Sandy Thorne, Melissa Rossow, Teri Nielsen, Lori Lofrano, Trygve Larsen, Rich Thielman, Tina Buscher, Karen Strandemo, Kathleen Tracy, Jennifer Stanfield, Lisa Kontz, Jenny Nystrom, Robyn Krause, Karey Hindi, Jolene Annen, Robert Tipp, Jenna Penfield, Lori Hanson, Linda Flykt, Pat Krauth, Mark Ponsolle, Ruth Sundermeyer, Diane Hall

Excused Absences: Yvonne Bibro

Unexcused Absences: Brian Buhmann

Guest: Tracy Howe, Al Budde

1. The meeting was called to order by President, Jenna Penfield at 10:25 am at the Kelly Inn in Saint Cloud, MN.
2. Web Conferencing—Trygve Larsen provided a presentation on how web conferencing could work to benefit MFSRC. He provided the presentation during the board meeting from 10:45 to 11:15. This program allows for a person to access a presentation from their own computer and to hear and see what is being presented, all that is needed is the website and a phone to attend. The subscription can be purchased month by month and costs a \$100.00 per month. The license is on one person's computer and that person would need to set up the meeting. Once set-up any presenter can take over at anytime from their location. Proposal is to purchase two months of subscription so that this can be tested at this year's conference. Discussion followed regarding the purchase needs to be done by credit or debit card, and MFSRC does not have either. John Stark will follow through on checking on ability to getting an organizational debit/credit card and make application. Motion made by Mark Ponsolle that MFSRC pay two months starting August 1, 2009 for the use of this website. 2nd by Lynda Flykt. Motion carried.
3. Secretary's report: Secretary, Anne Bradley had previously distributed minutes for the meeting of March, 2009 by email. Motion made by Juan Martinez, 2nd by Teri Nielsen, to approve the minutes of March 19, 2009. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer's Report: Report was distributed and summary given by Treasurer John Stark. Savings balance of \$235.88, checking account balance of \$288.18, and conference account balance of \$3456.94. Treasurer's report placed on file.
5. Collaborative Reports:
 - A. MSSA-John Stark reported that the conference site will be moving from the Sheraton to the Minneapolis Conference Center next year.
 - B. Child Support Advisory Board-Sandy Thorne reported that the last meeting was on May 6th. She informed the Board of items that were covered.
 - a. Certification was approved for the SSI, RSDI, RR, and VA stimulus payments.
 - b. Cola was completed.
 - c. Modification project—Survey of Magistrates has been completed, next they will be surveying the County Attorneys, and then CP's and NCP's who have recently been in court.

- d. DEFRA project—is on track.
- e. MN Dept of Health—just started up on a new computer system.
- f. Passport Enforcement—State is planning on taking this over.
- g. Billing statements—Late May planning on discontinuing the mailing of billing statements that have received a payment coded as INW or REI in the previous month. There is no override for this process at this time.
- h. Direct Deposit—EFT—State is still working on sending out less checks and doing more electronic deposits.
- i. Online Adjustments Project—1st phase is to pilot in Hennepin and Ramsey. Phase 2 will be a test project on Prism.
- j. MNCIS—working on a national interface so that other states can see that Minnesota has an order
- k. Interface with Post Office—this project of updated addresses electronically is on hold due to the fact that the project is a lot larger than was originally expected.
- l. MNCare—Discussion was held regarding request from MNCare workers for 6 to 12 months of payment histories for their clients. MNCare workers should have the ability to request this information for themselves.

C. MCRA-Lori Hanson reported that they last met on April 23rd. DHS updates were covered, they had a probate question and answer session, they received an MEC2 update and had a basic round table discussion. They meet next on July 23rd.

D. MACSSA- No report.

E. MCAA- Mark Ponsolle reported that they had their annual meeting in Saint Cloud on May 8, 2009. The critiques have come back and most attendees were satisfied. The focus this year was on hot topics, not to answer them, but to have conversations on them, in order to raise the issues and the questions. Currently MCAA is focusing on setting a date for next year.

6. Old Business: No old business.

7. New Business:

- 1. Actions of the Executive Board since the March meeting.
 - a. Approved to submit a letter to the Budget Committee. (Letter was submitted)
 - b. Approved to waive conference registration fee for MFSRC elected or appointed board member, if they show that their county would not pay for them to attend.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1. Finance – Diane Hall reported that she is working on the audit and should have it completed by conference.
- 2. Constitution & By Laws-No report.
- 3. Legislation – Mark Ponsolle reported that they met this morning. No family law bills passed, redirection was the closest item to passing. It is very disappointing that redirection did not pass, because of the benefits it would have had for Child Support and the children. Current plans are to set up some meetings this summer with legislators to discuss the issue of redirection. The Legislation Committee will be compiling a new wish list with issues that would be good to have addressed. If anyone has any ideas for an item for the wish list please let a Legislative Committee member know.
- 4. Historical – Grant Forsyth reported that he has a disc with all the pictures from last year. He hopes to have a slide show ready for conference. He also is trying to get prior conference pictures on a disc to have available to show. Linda Flykt volunteered to scan our past pictures and put them on a disc.
- 5. Education – No report.

6. Public Relations – John Stark reported that MFSRC had decided not to pay for the display board to be set up at conferences. However, the display board was set up at the NERCC conference in April and will be set up at the St Louis County Conference in October combined with the MFFN display at no cost.
7. Conference Registration – Teri Nielsen reported that so far there are 19 registrants for conference. (This is a combination of commuter, one day and two day attendees)
8. Overall Conference – Melissa Rossow reported that things are moving along. Discussion regarding extending early bird registration fee. It was decided that this would be discussed closer to the cut off. A follow up meeting is being set up to determine rooms for sessions and conference at a glance will be posted on the website.
9. Conference Program – Sandy Slocum reported that deadlines are coming up. Session coordinator forms need to be submitted to Sandy Thorne by July 1st, speaker accommodation forms to Sandy Slocum by August 1st and handout online information to Tracy Howe by September 1st.
10. Nominations & Elections – Sandy Thorne reported that Jolene Annen has volunteered to run for Second Vice Chair, and that Anne Bradley will not be running for secretary. She has incumbents running for all districts except 4th, 5th and 6th districts. Tracy Howe has volunteered to run for 5th district representative.
11. Awards – Rich Thielman reported that the deadline for nominations is July 3, 2009. He has received a few nominations.
12. Website – No report.
13. Conference Site – Grant Forsyth reported that the contract is signed and he anticipates no problems with the accommodation requests that have been received. He also informed the Board that the pool-side area has no speakers, so presenters that have sessions there will need to speak up. John Stark stated that MFFN Board will again be meeting during our conference on 09/14/2009 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in reception room.
14. Newsletter – Tracy Howe reported that the deadline for articles for the next newsletter is July 15, 2009. She needs a county to volunteer for the County Spotlight section and she requested that Jim Spanbauer provide an article on the web conferencing and Mark Ponsolle provide a legislative update article.

Motion made by Linda Flykt, 2nd by Robert Tipp, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Bradley
Secretary-MFSRC

Lunch served after meeting adjourned.