

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINNESOTA FAMILY SUPPORT & RECOVERY COUNCIL
Kelly Inn in St Cloud –November 20, 2008

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

Excused Absences: Jenna Penfield, Lynda Flykt, Mark Ponsolle, Yvonne Bibro, Brian Buhmann.

1. The meeting was called to order by First Vice Chair, Sandy Slocum at 11:12 am at the Kelly Inn in St Cloud, MN.
2. Secretary's report: Secretary, Anne Bradley had previously distributed minutes for the meeting of September 10, 2008 by email. Motion made by Ruth Sundermeyer, 2nd by Trygve Larsen, to approve the minutes of September 10, 2008. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer's Report: Report was distributed and summary given by Treasurer John Stark. Savings balance of \$635.40, checking account balance of \$618.73, and conference account balance of \$3285.44. Treasurer's report placed on file. Discussion followed on current balance and options to raise funds.
4. Collaborative Reports:
 - A. MSSA-John Stark reported that he has set up 5 sessions to be scheduled at the MSSA conference. The 5 sessions are: 1) Best of IV-D, how well do you know the program, 2) Contempt and Beyond, 3) Strategies to SHLIF, 4) CSED Policy PPR, 5) DOC presentation. He also informed the board that the vendor registration has already been paid.
 - B. Child Support Advisory Board-Sandy Thorne reported that they last met on November 5th and this is the first time they have met in about 6 months. She updated the Board on the information presented at the Advisory Board meeting. Project and Plans updates are as follows: DEED-working on a print option that is more readable for the courts. Federal FIPS-updating new values. DEFRA-working on elimination of pre-existing arrears, changing how the SRD works effective October 1, 2009. Passport Centralization Project-having it taken care of at the state level. Tribal-White Earth and Leech Lake are up and running, Mille Lacs will be up April 1, 2009. Employer EFT-up and running and working fine, project is closing. Abandoned Funds Transfer-completed the beginning of November and will be creating a new list in January 2009. Summary Sheet-Working on Guideline Summary Sheet so it is easier for people to understand. GUWD-adding an indicator to be used for incarcerated parents. ROP Project-BCRD was a success and this project will be closing. US Postal Service-working on an automated update system for address changes. Direct Deposit-trying to upgrade efficiency and working on eliminating or reducing paper warrants. Legislative proposals—non expiration of judgments and automatic redirection of support. Update on Self Assessment—there is a change of thinking to meet but not exceed federal standards. The new review process will start October 1, 2009, and will be a statewide sample instead of a county sample. Eight categories will be reviewed. A pilot will run in January 2009 to see what they can pull off Prism. Medical Support—Federal change took place July 1, 2008, Minnesota has some things that need to be worked on. State Received Grant—State received an 1115 grant to work on modifications. The goal is to streamline the modification process. This is a 3 year project. The money that is received is eligible for FFP which increases the amount received. They will be recruiting county people to help work on this project. Lastly Minnesota passed the Data Reliability Audit for 2007.

- C. MCRA-Nancy Menssen reported that Jodi Schramel is no longer able to be the MFSRC representative and MCRA is currently looking for a volunteer. MCRA's next meeting is in January 2009. Nancy also reported that the 2009 Collections National Conference is in Minnesota and collections officers will need to choose which conference they are going to attend.
- D. MACSSA- Sandy Thorne updated the board regarding a group of directors that have been getting together to work on coordinating efforts between counties in order to reduce costs. This concept has been discussed before. Need to just see how things go.
- E. MCAA- No report.

5. Old Business:

- 1) 2008-09 conference—Sandy Slocum informed the Board that the recommendation from the program committee is that the 2008-09 conference be held at Cragun's. There were 19 that voted, 17 for Cragun's, 1 for St Cloud and 1 abstained. Discussion followed regarding costs, location, and how expenses can be cut. Motion made by Grant Forsyth that the 2008-09 conference be set for September 13-16th at Cragun's. 2nd by John Stark. Motion carried.
- 2) Daily Registration Fee—moved to next meeting.

6. New Business:

- 1) Actions of the Executive Board since the June meeting—Sandy Slocum informed the board of action taken by the Executive Board to approve not charging the 2007-08 registration fees for two individuals based on special circumstances.
- 2) Left over give-aways—Sandy Thorne reported that she was contacted by a county asking about availability of left over give-aways. Discussion followed. Motion made by Melissa Rossow to hang on to the left over give-aways to be used for the new conference attendee prizes and other prizes as MFSRC needs. 2nd by Grant Forsyth. Motion carried.
- 3) Advisory Board Position—Sandy Slocum addressed the fact Sandy Thorne's position on the Advisory Board is up and she would like to remain on as the MFSRC representative, but if someone else is interested she would step down. No other volunteers. Motion made by Grant Forsyth that Sandy Thorne remains the MFSRC representative on the Advisory Board. 2nd by Sandy Slocum. Motion carried.
- 4) Next Meeting—Sandy Slocum informed the board that a place for our next meeting on January 15, 2009 needs to be decided. Discussion followed regarding options. Kelly Inn is not available. Anne Bradley will check with Jimmy's in Sauk Center and if available will schedule our next meeting there.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1. Finance – No report.
- 2. Constitution & By Laws-No report.
- 3. Legislation – Lisa Kontz reported that they met this morning. They are gathering ideas and considering sending out a statewide request for ideas. She also informed the Board that she received an email a few days ago that a temporary fix for DEFRA has been added to one of the bills.
- 4. Historical – No report.
- 5. Education – No report.

6. Public Relations – John Stark reported that the MFSRC display board was at the St Louis Social Services Conference in October, and it will be at the MFFN Conference in St Cloud in January 2009 and the MSSA Conference in March 2009. He also stated that MFFN has put out a booklet for unmarried fathers and are charging \$1.10 a piece. Melissa Rossow stated that MFFN also has another book regarding fatherhood at \$5.00 a piece and it also is a wonderful book.
7. Conference Registration – Teri Nielsen reported that 416 people were registered for the 2007-08 conference and MFSRC did lose money on the conference. County for registration for the 2009-10 year was discussed. Tina Buscher from Carlton County stated that they are considering it, but would be looking for another county to assist at the registration tables. Nancy Menssen from Watonwan County stated that they maybe able to help.
8. Overall Conference – Melissa Rossow reported that she is going to start contacting vendors.
9. Conference Program – Sandy Slocum reported that the committee met this morning and the track leaders have been decided. Grant Forsyth is going to check on cost of bags. She reminded the Board that speaker request forms need to be routed through her first for approval. She also stated that the budget will really be watched this year.
10. Nominations & Elections – No report.
11. Awards – No report.
12. Website – John Stark reported that Tracy Howe has completed the newsletter and it is on our website and she has done another terrific job.
13. Conference Site – Grant Forsyth reported that September 13-16th conference will be held at Cragun's and he will be contacting them regarding getting a better deal than last year.
14. Newsletter – No report.

Motion made by Grant Forsyth, 2nd by Ruth Sundermeyer to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Bradley
Secretary-MFSRC