



**MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN**  
**Wednesday, October 2, 2019**  
**MINUTES- APPROVED**

**Members Present:** Sarah Dufresne (staff), Katie Bell (staff), Pat Schneider (staff), Tracy Smith, Kelly Zimmermann, Jane Goldman, Debbie Plourde, Lisa Dahn, Anne Bladen, Jen Scanlon-Passmore, Shamim Patwa, Judy Stoughton

**Regrets:** Bobbi Giardina, Hanna Brinkhaus

<b>WHAT</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
CALL TO ORDER	Sarah Dufresne called the meeting to order at 5:38 PM.	
CONSENT AGENDA	Minutes for the June meeting were approved by consensus. (5:47 PM)	<i>June minutes approved by consensus.</i>
RECOGNITIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lisa Dahn recognized her staff for their hard work, patience and kindness with the children of CCC.</li> <li>• Katie Bell recognized Judy Stoughton and the Mansfield Public Library for their work and collaborations with YSB. She also recognized Sarah Dufresne for her work with organizing the School Readiness spaces.</li> </ul>	
SCHOOL READINESS COUNCIL ITEMS/STAFF REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site Monitoring at CCC, MDD and UConn Child Labs was done by Toni Masciangioli last month. There were no issues reported and she stated that each center looked great.</li> <li>• The OEC has extended the deadline for fingerprint reimbursement to December 31, 2019.</li> <li>• Over the summer, the OEC granted Mansfield 3 additional School Readiness spaces. We now have 11 full day, 9 school day and 3 part day spaces.</li> <li>• A new ‘Town of Mansfield’ website was launched in August. Mansfield Advocates for Children now has a website page under the Town website. The MAC logo was also updated to align with the new Town logo.</li> <li>• There will be a Drug Takeback Day on October 26, 10:00am – 2:00pm, in the Resident State Trooper’s office located in Town Hall.</li> <li>• Increased grant funding allowed for the Book Buddies program to resume. The first fall date on September 17, 2019 had 19 children attend. Parents and caregivers were also in attendance. The next Book Buddies date is Thursday, October 17, 2019.</li> </ul>	<i>Site Monitoring reports noted no concerns.</i>
TOPICAL DISCUSSION: QE funds for fiscal year 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were 5 bids submitted for FY20 Quality Enhancement funding. The bids exceeded the amount of available QE funds.</li> <li>• A discussion of fund allocation led to a proposal that will be drafted up by Sarah Dufresne and officially voted on at the November MAC meeting.</li> </ul>	

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<p>CLOSING/ UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sarah Dufresne made the suggestion to offer family informational sessions aside from scheduled MAC meeting dates. These topics will align with the School Readiness grant, but might be more appealing to families because it will not be an official meeting of the SR council. The idea was well received.</li> <li>• Suggestions were made for upcoming topics for the parent information sessions, and they included:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An overview of services offered by the Mansfield Youth Services and Mansfield Human Services Departments.</li> <li>2. Internet safety for parents of elementary aged students.</li> <li>3. Social media awareness presentation by the CT State Police.</li> <li>4. Having the Superintendent discuss education in Mansfield.</li> <li>5. Dog safety for children and families.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	
<p>ADJOURN</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.</p> <p>Next Regular MAC Meeting <b>Wednesday, November 6, 2019</b></p>	

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