

**MINUTES**  
**MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN**  
**Wednesday, December 2, 2009**  
**6:00-8:00 PM**  
**Council Chambers- Town Hall**

**PRESENT:** K. Grunwald (staff), C. Guerreri, J. Greene, M. Baker, G. Bent (Co-Chair), MJ Newman, L. Dahn, J. Goldman, S. Baxter (staff), F. Baruzzi (staff), A. Bloom, J. Stoughton (Co-Chair), D. McLaughlin, R. Leclerc (staff), V. Fry,  
**J. Higham, K. Paulhus, P. Braithwaite**  
**REGRETS:** A. Lapsis, S. Conrad, L. Holle, T. Berthelot, L. Young, A. Bladen, L. Buczynski

| ITEM  | DISCUSSION  | OUTCOME   |
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| <p><b>Actions Needed</b></p>                | <p><b>-Welcome: S. Baxter talked about Winter Carnival at the Community Center to decide whether or not MAC wanted to cover a crafts table from 11:00AM-2:00PM</b><br/> <b>-S. Baxter distributed flyers on the Freedom of Information Act.</b></p> <p><b>The United Way is willing to continue to be our Collaborative Agent, but is no longer able to provide staffing for the collaborative. They can continue to be a resource in a variety of ways. There was some discussion about other potential 501C (3) agencies that could serve as our Collaborative Agent. C. Guerreri encouraged the group to look locally for that function.</b></p> <p><b>S. Baxter reported that she has been notified by Graustein that we will not know anything about funding for Option I until January 15 due to questions about funding contributions from the State. Communities will be given six weeks to complete the application. There will be opportunities for public comment on December 8 or 9 on the State contribution.</b></p> <p><b>-Adopt Minutes of 11/04/09</b></p> | <p><b>Refer to Executive Committee; see if United Way is willing to sign a contract extension to March 31.</b></p> <p><b>K. Grunwald will ask Mayor Paterson to advocate at the state level for the funding. Email legislators to support state funding; indicate "constituent" in the topic line.</b></p> <p><b>The minutes of the November meeting were adopted as written.</b></p> |
| <p><b>Updates- For Your Information</b></p> | <p><b>BOE Update-Electronically</b></p> <p><b>Announcement re: By-Laws Adoption: under Section III, voting. The revision changes the order of voting and non-voting members.</b></p>  | <p><b>Proposed by-laws changes were adopted via email vote.</b></p>   |

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|                                    | <p><b>New MAC Structure Chart:</b> J. Stoughton discussed changes in the graphic being used to describe the structure of MAC, showing the intersection of committees. J. Higham pointed out that the committees also need to show an overlap with the community.</p> <p><b>Create new ad hoc committee to work on seeking more and new funding:</b> S. Baxter reported that to acquire the \$25,000 match for the Option I application we will approach the Town Council and Board of Ed, but will also need to identify other sources of financial support. The goal is to support infrastructure as opposed to programming. An example would be ongoing data collection and analysis. A. Bloom pointed out that many grant opportunities are targeted for 501c(3) corporations. She would be willing to help write a grant application if we locate an opportunity.</p> | <p>The graphic will be revised and sent to the reviewers of the plan to identify changes in structure that are consistent with the Plan.</p> <p>Anyone who is interested in working on this should contact Sandy.</p> |
| <p><b>New Business</b></p>         | <p><b>Team Work:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Decide on regular meeting date, time and place</li> <li>-Participate in team discussion to prioritize strategies, list partners and consider recruitment of partners who are not already participating</li> <li>-Decide if present data is sufficient- what further data may be needed</li> <li>-Choose one strategy to begin to focus on in each area</li> </ul>  | <p>Individuals joined one of the three teams that have formed and were tasked with the items listed. Teams will report out at the next MAC meeting.</p>   |
| <p><b>Evaluate the Meeting</b></p> | <p>-Plus/Delta - Positives and Suggestions to improve flow of meeting: Members liked the small groups and structure; although it was pointed out that there was too much to accomplish in the available time.</p>   | <p>Structure will be that half of the meeting time will be set aside for small group; outside meetings if needed.</p>   |
| <p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>         | <p>-Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM; Next meeting: Wednesday, January 6, 2009- Town Hall, Council Chambers.</p> <p><b>Agenda Items for next meeting:</b> Annual Meeting, Week of the Young Child, School Readiness Unmet Needs Survey, Memoranda of Agreements with key Partners, and Funding sources</p>  |   |

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Grunwald