



**MINUTES**  
**MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN**  
 Wednesday, January 5, 2011  
 6:30-7:30 Council Chambers- Town Hall

**PRESENT:** K. Grunwald (staff), J. Higham, V. Fry, R. Leclerc (staff), MJ Newman, J. Goldman, C. Guerrerri, L. Dahn, S. Baxter (staff), J. Stoughton (Chair), G. Bent (Chair), A. Bloom (staff), E. Soffer Roberts, A. Bladen  
**REGRETS:** P. Braithwaite, J. Suedmeyer, L. Young, D. McLaughlin

ITEM	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME
<p><b>Actions needed/ Announcements</b></p>	<p>Welcome: Chair J. Stoughton called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.            Adopt Minutes of December 1, 2010: Correct spelling of Esther Soffer Roberts' name.</p> <p>S. Baxter announced that Sonya Conrad has resigned from MAC.</p> <p>Jan. 13 is the training date for RBA 101. Information was distributed about trainings that are being offered through Graustein. There is a survey online re: training interests.</p>	<p>Minutes accepted with that correction.</p> <p>Please respond online to the training survey.</p>
<p><b>Interim Report</b></p>	<p>S. Baxter reported that the interim report was submitted on December 15, 2010. Each team leader has a packet with their section of the report; Sandy thanked people for their assistance with this. Reminder that we only have 3 months left in this grant period to complete work that we have committed to. C. Guerrerri reported that the second part of the grant reapplication will be out by the end of this month. Team Leaders were asked to plan next steps for the next 3 months.</p>	
<p><b>Transportation</b></p>	<p>S. Baxter reported on a meeting that she and K. Gunwald had with Mindy Perkins from the Windham Region Transit District re: transportation needs. J. Higham reported that there were a lot of comments about transportation received in the survey. We are trying to find out where the residents are that need public transportation and where they need to go. A. Bloom suggested looking at the possibility of a "hub" location that we could bring people to, such as the Community Center. At this time we need to define a process to determine how we will gather this information. Discussion re: what the role of MAC is, how can we advocate, and how can we teach people to advocate for themselves? The group acknowledged that this is an issue that goes beyond the purview of MAC. J. Goldman suggested that it might be easier to pilot a bus to the library; also, what about the mobile home parks in town as locations that need to be served? K. Grunwald suggested bringing this to the Transportation Advisory Committee. J. Goldman suggested that we start with a manageable task while attempting to work with the TAC around longer-term resolution of this issue.</p>	<p>MAC Executive Council will bring transportation data from the survey to the Transportation Advisory Committee. Also, Judy will involve Louise Bailey in the discussion about bringing residents to existing programs.</p>

<p><b>Community Conversation</b></p>	<p>S. Baxter issued a plea for a Coordinator for this event, as we are 11 weeks out as of today. J. Stoughton stated that we need to clarify what the tasks are.</p> <p>The group reviewed K. Grunwald's draft Powerpoint presentation for the Conversation. There was much discussion about the format of the conversation and the three options that were presented to be discussed in the small group session. C. Guerreri pointed out that we are trying to accomplish two things by holding a conversation on education and presenting the status of our plan. Several members were concerned about an over-emphasis on education in the options, and specifically universal pre-school. It was pointed out that the purpose of the conversation is to generate discussion, identify areas of disagreement, and to reach common ground as a point to take further action. It was agreed that representatives from each team will work with Kevin to modify the powerpoint so that the options represent all aspects of our Results Statement and Plan.</p> <p>We have Korean and Chinese Moderators and Need one Korean Reporter -Location? –Gloria, Food- Sonya and Patty (Sonya's role will need to be taken on by someone else as she has resigned) -Planning Checklist- Handout</p>	<p>Contact S. Baxter re: helping with the Coordinator's role.</p> <p>The following people will work on the powerpoint with K. Grunwald: A. Bladen, E. Soffer Roberts, J. Higham, and S. Baxter</p> <p>Detailed assignments will be discussed at the next Executive Council meeting.</p>
<p><b>Team Up-Dates</b></p>	<p>-Team Leaders update the whole MAC group assembled about Next Steps after Interim Report.</p>	<p>No Discussion</p>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM. Next MAC Meeting February 2, 2011 –Council Chambers- 6:30-7:30</p>	

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Grunwald