



MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN
Wednesday, May 2, 2012
Minutes

Members Present: F. Baruzzi (in at 6:07pm), G. Bent (co-chair), J. Boltseridge, P. Braithwaite, V. Fry, C. Guerreri, J. Goldman, K. Grunwald (staff), J. Higham, Y. Kim, K. Krider (staff), R. Leclerc, MJ Newman, E. Soffer Roberts, J. Stoughton (co-chair), E. Tullman and J. Woodmansee (staff),

Regrets: S. Anderson, L. Young, S. Daley

<i>WHAT (topic)</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>OUTCOME</i>
CALL TO ORDER	G. Bent called the meeting to order at 5:32pm	
CONSENT AGENDA	Approval of Minutes from the April 4, 2012.	<i>Motion: E. Soffer Roberts moves to approve the 4/4/12 Minutes as written. J. Higham seconds and the motion passes unanimously.</i>
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Presentation by Ande Bloom – A. Bloom from the Yale Rudd Center gave a presentation regarding the marketing of food to children and its impact. The presentation included suggestions on how to make a difference.</p> <p>Succession of Co-Chairs – K. Krider reported that elections for the co-chairs of MAC will be held in August. G. Bent is willing to continue on but J. Stoughton has decided not to. J. Stoughton and K. Krider are working on a succession plan which will include a job description. J. Stoughton noted that it makes a big difference in the amount of work to have co-chairs. It was also suggested that the succession plan include a continuous loop of leadership.</p> <p>C. Guerreri suggested that the collaborative consider if nominating individuals outside of MAC is allowed.</p>	
SCHOOL READINESS	Update (WOTYC event and grant) – K. Krider reported that the week of the Young Child has come and gone and that the child care centers participated in a paper doll project which are displayed in the case in Town Hall. In addition, K. Krider reported that an event was held at the library to celebrate the childcare workers.	

	<p>K. Krider reported that the School Readiness Grant is due on May 18th and that it is almost complete. She plans to hand deliver it to a liaison meeting on May 16th.</p> <p>K. Grunwald stated that the GMF Grant Application was completed and that it was a good, thoughtful application.</p> <p>K. Krider asked F. Baruzzi to discuss the Literacy portion of the Grant. F. Baruzzi stated that the letter of intent was written to request funding to offer a four week summer school program at one of the elementary schools for children identified on the K Inventory in need of extra help.</p> <p>C. Guerreri added that this funding option is only available to the Option 1 communities and that in June GMF will select sites to visit based on the letters of intent and from the site visits will invite only certain communities to apply.</p>	
<p>WORK GROUP ORGANIZATION</p>	<p>Transportation – K. Grunwald reported that the work group looked at the work plan and has started to develop the survey. He noted that they are attempting to keep the survey to one page and have a concern regarding the scope of the survey growing too quickly. One suggestion made was to list possible transportation locations rather than leaving the questions open ended.</p> <p>G. Bent reported that transportation concerns have been also been identified by the Commission on Aging and the Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities and perhaps they can work together.</p> <p>F. Baruzzi suggested that the group look into running a pilot program on Wednesdays in the fall using school buses. He explained that two buses leave the town garage at mid-day and travel all the way up 195 towards Southeast School empty. These buses could pick up families along 195 and transport them to the library, do their preschool runs and then bring the families back upon their return to the town garage.</p> <p>Plan Rewrite – K. Krider reported that she continues to locate a consultant to work with her.</p>	
<p>UPDATES</p>	<p>Playground Committee – J. Higham reported that Design Day is coming up on Friday, May 4th and that everyone should have received their invitations. On Thursday the Committee will meet with representatives from Leathers and Associates. On Friday, Leathers and Associates will be in all three elementary schools to gather ideas regarding the design from the children and the design will be revealed later that night at the Middle School.</p> <p>K. Grunwald reported that he and Curt V. will be delivering a proposal to the Town Council in May to endorse the playground initiative and to request permission to move forward with the land acquisition. He noted there will be an</p>	

	<p>opportunity for Public Comment during this meeting.</p> <p>Community Connectedness - J. Higham reported that her team met last night and determined that the timeline done for last years Grant application is no longer a useful tool. The team will be developing action plans based on the data.</p> <p>Health – B. Braithwaite reported that she has been in contact with the Middle School nurse and starting to assemble the data needed to track BMI scores from K through 7th grade. She also has been in contact with the Discovery Coordinator from Coventry to obtain information on how they were able to gather their data.</p> <p>C. Guerreri suggested that the team get three cohorts.</p> <p>Successful Learners – MJ Newman reported that Successful Learners will be meeting tonight after this meeting adjourns.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm to give the teams and work groups time to meet.</p> <p>Next MAC Meeting, Wednesday, June 6, 2012 5:00pm – 5:30pm Arrival and Dinner 5:30pm – 7:30pm MAC Meeting Next Executive Council meeting on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, 1:15pm – 2:45pm at Town Hall in Conference Room B</p> <p>Agenda topics: Please send to Kathleen at kriderk@mansfieldct.org</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Jillene B. Woodmansee Assistant to the Early Childhood Services Coordinator</p>	

“All Mansfield Children ages birth through 8 years old are healthy, successful learners connected to the community.”