



MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN
Wednesday, December 4, 2013
Council Chambers – Town Hall
MINUTES

Members Present: Sara Anderson, Chelsea Burns, Terry Cook, Lisa Dahn, Susan Daley, Sarah Delia (staff), Jordana Frost (EHHD), Jane Goldman, Katherine Johansen, Kathleen Krider (staff), Rachel Leclerc, Brett Reynolds (staff), Esther Soffer-Roberts, Judy Stoughton and Jillene Woodmansee.

Regrets Cindy Guerreri, Mark LaPlaca, Mary Jane Newman, Pat Schneider

Guests: Rita Kornblum, Delaney Turner, Linda Williams, Kelly Zimmerman

<i>WHAT</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>OUTCOME</i>
CALL TO ORDER	T. Cook called the meeting to order at 5:37pm.	
CONSENT AGENDA	Approval of the Minutes of November 6, 2013 meeting.	<i>The November 6, 2013 Minutes were approved with amendments.</i>
TEAM UPDATES	<p>Terry Cook announced that Susan Daley has offered to serve on the Executive Council as the representative of School Readiness.</p> <p>Staff Reports: Kathleen Krider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Way no longer wants to be the fiscal sponsors of the Mansfield Advocates for Children. The new Collaborative Sponsor will be Mary Esposito from CECC. Funds from the Graustein grant must be held by a separate entity by a 501c3 organization, not the Town. • ECS has received the PEP grant in collaboration with Coventry. This will fund a 14 week class with 10 weeks of class time and 4 weeks for a special project. The classes will be held at Mansfield Discovery Depot on Tuesday evenings and will follow the format of the MAC meetings with dinner served at 5:00pm and the class running from 5:30 – 7:30pm. Childcare will be provided. This program will target parents of children birth to 8. • Scorecard Demonstration – Delaney Turner gave an online demonstration of the Scorecard software. The plan is to go live sometime in January. • Website Demonstration – Brett Reynolds has been working on re-designing the MAC website. He gave a demonstration of the 	

	<p>elements in place so far. He hopes to have the website up and running by January or February. Members suggested having the search parameters include phrases like kids, children, and families.</p> <p>Playground Committee: Sara Anderson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mass mailing is going out soon. • The last meeting was a mid-project check. The consultant thinks the committee is doing very well. • The Volunteer Committee needs MAC actively engaged in attracting and retaining volunteers. Also, the Volunteer Committee needs a Coordinator to keep track of and organize all the volunteers. Suggestions from the membership included contacting new UConn hires, looking for a student to coordinate the Volunteer Committee for a thesis project, and contacting the spousal group at UConn. • There will be no Playground Committee meeting in December. <p>School Readiness: Kathleen Krider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The School Readiness program is doing well. <p>EHHD: Rita Kornblum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rita is the replacement for Ande Bloom. • She showed the membership a new sign for Tobacco-free areas such as playgrounds and recreational trails. • The sign is free to schools and Daycare Providers. • EHHD is also going to urge landlords of multi-family units to <i>implement smoke-free policies</i>. 	
<p>OLD BUSINESS</p>	<p>Development of Executive Council: Terry Cook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of By-Laws – there was a suggestion to create a By-Law Revision Subcommittee. • The members of the Subcommittee include Terry Cook, Susan Daley, Jillene Woodmansee, Kathleen Krider and Sarah Delia. • The time of the current Executive Council meeting is not convenient for the members of the subcommittee. <p>Physical Education Survey: Esther Soffer Roberts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Esther looked up the Physical Education information online. • She also talked with Betsy Parker, the Physical Education Teacher at Southeast. Betsy would be happy to come to a MAC meeting and 	<p><i>Sarah Delia will conduct a Doodle Poll to determine an appropriate meeting time for the Subcommittee members.</i></p>

	<p>Speak to the membership once questions have been formulated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This item will go on the January agenda. 	<p><i>Sarah Delia will check in with Esther as we get closer to the January meeting date.</i></p>
PARKING LOT	1. Transportation	
ADJOURN	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.</p> <p>Next MAC Meeting, Wednesday, January 8, 2014, 5:30pm – 7:30pm at the Community Room in the Mansfield Community Center. <i>Please note this is the second Wednesday as the first Wednesday is New Year's Day.</i></p> <p>Agenda topics: Please send to Kathleen at kriderk@mansfieldct.org</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Sarah Delia Assistant to the Early Childhood Services Coordinator</p>	

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