



MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN
Wednesday, May 7, 2014
Senior Center
MINUTES

Members Present: Sara Anderson, Chelsea Burns, Susan Daley, Sarah Delia (staff), Jordana Frost, Cindy Guerreri, Kathleen Krider (staff), Mary Jane Newman, Brett Reynolds, Pat Schneider, Jeff Smithson, Mary Sposito, Judy Stoughton, Linda Williams, and Kelly Zimmerman.

Regrets Terry Cook, Jane Goldman, Rita Kornblum, Rachel Leclerc, Esther Soffer-Roberts, Jillene Woodmansee.

<i>WHAT</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>OUTCOME</i>
CALL TO ORDER	Kathleen Krider called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.	
CONSENT AGENDA	Approval of the Minutes of April 2, 2014 meeting.	<i>The April 2, 2014 Minutes were approved.</i>
TEAM UPDATES	<p>Everyone introduced themselves to Mary Sposito, our new Fiscal Sponsor as this was her first meeting.</p> <p>Staff Reports: Kathleen Krider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry Cook has resigned as the Chair and from MAC. • Rita Kornblum is the point person for CHDI. • Jordana Frost is the point person for 95210. • The PTO/PTA meeting was well attended. The PTA/PTO's agreed to meet again at someone's house over the summer and will contact Sarah Delia if they need logistical support. • Linda Williams is the point person for Scorecard, she has met with Delaney Turner and asked about more data to add to Scorecard. • The marketing intern for Early Childhood Services, Brett Reynolds, will be with us until the end of June. There is also money written into the Graustein grant for this position for the next fiscal year. Brett has also been working on a new brochure for MAC which will be printed and distributed to the schools for their new family packet. • The PEP program had their graduation last night, May 6. The students presented their projects that they have been working on to foster community. Some examples were a neighborhood watch and an exercise group for 	

	<p>new mothers. Jeff Smithson is the point person for the PEP program. Kathleen reminded the group that she and Jeff Smithson are trained PEP facilitators. The question would be does Mansfield and Coventry want to offer another series of classes?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POP – the Power of Play series that was presented in April was a great success. There were three offerings of Provider POP, Parent POP and Kid POP. • The Graustein Grant has been submitted. <p>Playground Committee: Kathleen Krider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Playground Committee has published an RFP for site work design for the Playground. Four submittals were received and reviewed. The RFP review committee met with the firms. Curt Vincente is the project manager. . <p>School Readiness: Kathleen Krider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The School Readiness grant is being compiled. • Most of the SR slots for next fall are all set except for CCC. • The Quality Enhancement Grant is part of the School Readiness grant this year. Funds were requested for the Home Care Providers Dinner, Provider First Aid/CPR Training and POP part two. • The Successful Learner’s team has reviewed updated data. <p>Early Childhood Services Coordinator position:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The administration is reviewing the job description of the Coordinator. Pat Schneider, the Humans Services Director will post the position and disseminate information as it becomes available. The position will be posted through Discovery, Graustein and ECE list serves. MAC members asked to be part of the selection committee. <p>Financial Report: Mary Sposito</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Sposito passed out a budget form and the budget narrative from the Graustein grant and explained the budget numbers. 	
<p>OLD BUSINESS</p>	<p>Revision of MAC By-Laws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A change was requested to Article III, Section 1: Membership, 3.c. <i>Parents</i> should be changed to read <i>Parents and/or Guardians</i>. • Discussion ensued about the three MAC teams, Health, Successful Learners and Community Connectedness. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was question if members have the option of sharing their talents/skills with more than one team. • Accountability was discussed. • It was decided to retain the team model. Can the Executive Committee look at the technical aspects of different programs to serve as an email or software liaison? • The By-Laws were voted on and approved with one amendment. • There was a motion to choose teams at the next meeting. Others felt that teams should be chosen before the next meeting. • Cindy Guerrerri reminded members that MAC is in the implementation phase of their plan. It was mentioned that the Executive Committee needs an action plan. 	<p><i>Susan Daley will write an email to go to members of MAC explaining the teams.</i></p>
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ADJOURN	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.</p> <p>Next Executive Council Meeting, Wednesday, May 21, 2014, 9:00am – 10:30am, Conference Room B.</p> <p>Next MAC Meeting, Wednesday, June 4, 2014, 5:30pm – 7:30pm Council Chambers, Mansfield Town Hall.</p> <p>Agenda topics: Please send to Sarah Delia at delias@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."