

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Advisory Board Members
FROM: Crystal A. Gingrich, MSW, LSW
DATE: March 13, 2012
RE: Agenda for the March 19, 2012 Meeting

A G E N D A

Meeting Location:
Youth Intervention Center
235 Circle Avenue
Lancaster, PA
7:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. TOUR OF YOUTH INTERVENTION CENTER
3. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES
4. OLD BUSINESS
5. NEW BUSINESS
6. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - Community Relations
 - Children's Services
 - Nominations
 - By-laws
7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
 - Block Grants for Child Welfare Programs
 - Proposed Contract Changes
 - Tentative Needs Based Budget Allocation
8. FISCAL REPORT
9. PUBLIC COMMENT
10. ADJOURNMENT

**THE MISSION OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY IS
TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND EMOTIONAL WELL BEING OF
CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT RISK OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT,
AND TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTHY FAMILY FUNCTIONING.**

**LANCASTER COUNTY CHILDREN & YOUTH AGENCY
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

March 19, 2012

Board Members Present: Kimberly Ibarra, Commissioner Scott Martin, Loretta Nolt, Fr. Allan Wolfe, Dolores Reidenbach and Ed Tobin

Staff Present: Crystal Gingrich, Amy Campbell, Robin Boyer, Betsy Frame, Kurt Miller, Pedro Rodriguez and Kali Kunkle

Excused: Alice Yoder, Melvin Frye, Jr., Brian Young, and Heather Girvin

Public: None

Guests: Honorable Judge Jeffrey Reich and Rebecca Sollenberger, Rep. Aument's District Office Manager

Call to Order: Kimberly Ibarra called the meeting to order at 7:37 a.m.

Approval of Board Minutes: Loretta Nolt made a motion that the minutes from the February 2012 meeting be accepted as presented. Dolores Reidenbach seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

- **Community Relations:** None
- **Children's Services:** None
- **Nominations:** There are currently several potential candidates.
- **By-laws:** None

Director's Report

- Joe Scannapieco, Youth Intervention Center supervisor provided Board members with a tour of the facility and discussed the programming they provide for their youth.
- Crystal Gingrich provided an update on contracted programs and discussed several changes for the 2012/13 fiscal year. Due to budget constraints and the directives of OCYF (Office of Children, Youth and Families) and the County, the Agency needed to review and adjust all of its funded programs, to ensure that those programs are targeted to meet the core mandates of the Agency. It was recommended that the Agency terminate its contracts with the CAP Reunification Program, Boys Club Columbia Clubhouse and Crispus Attucks (H.Y.P.E.) at the end of this fiscal year (June 30, 2012). Although these programs provide a positive community service, the programs are either not core mandate focused or are not meeting outcomes. The money from these programs will be reallocated to services/programs that are mandate specific, such as quality family visitation,

court ordered parenting programs and evidence based practices (Family Group Decision Making, Family Finding, etc.)

- Crystal commented on the letter sent to the Advisory Board members by Commissioner Craig Lehman regarding reconsideration of the proposed cuts.
- Governor Tom Corbett presented the State Budget on February 8, 2012. Subsequently, OCYF sent counties their tentative Needs Based Budget Allocation. The 2012/2013 allocation is approximately \$3.5 million less than the 2011/2012 Needs Based Budget. There are no new monies available. The reductions in the budget are primarily focused on the category of residential placement services. The 2012/2013 allocation is tentative and will most likely change upon approval of the 2012/2013 State Budget. Final allocations are to be announced in August or September. Updated Budget Analyses were provided to the Board and discussed.

Upcoming Events: The Resource Parent Association Appreciation Banquet on May 10, 2012 at the Eden Resort

Announcements: None

Public Comment: None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am.

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 16, 2012
7:30 - 9:00 am
at the Children and Youth Agency
900 East King Street, Lancaster, PA**

Respectfully submitted,

Kali Kunkle