

LANCASTER COUNTY CHILDREN & YOUTH AGENCY
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 15, 2007

Board Members Present: Kathryn Gregoire, Karen Jaskot, Joanne Castner

Staff Present: Amy Campbell, Gregory Landis, Dale Latimer, Pat Lee, Pedro Rodriguez, Lisa Runge, Nancy Schuyler, Patty Shiffler

Public: None

Guests: None

Board Chair Karen Jaskot called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

Old Business:

Due to the lack of a quorum, the vote to approve or amend the minutes from the March and April meetings will be held until the June meeting.

Directors Report:

Amy Campbell relayed information from Crystal Gingrich, who was on vacation this week. The PA Department of Public Welfare conducted an audit on CYA case records and personnel files in March. A summary of cites was provided, and the Agency will respond with a plan of correction, addressing individual cites. Cites in the Intake and Protective units involved single case issues. Placement record cites were related to the signing of and parental participation in developing the Child Permanency Plan. Pat Lee reported that a system will be developed to resolve this issue.

A copy of the Agency's Goals for 2007 was distributed to the Board.

The June board meeting will be held on June 19 at Gordinier Hall, Millersville University. The speaker will be a client who has been receiving Placement services through CYA.

Regarding Staff Morale:

The Agency is forming a diversity committee. Several staff will attend the Racial Institute at the YWCA.

New supervisors will be mentored by current supervisors to assist and guide them in their changing role from caseworker to supervisor. Amy announced the promotion of two caseworkers to supervisory positions, Timberlin Coward and Petra Lohr.

Nancy Schuyler reported that four student interns will join the staff during the 07-08 school year and 4 current interns will be promoted to caseworker positions in May. In addition, a new 8 week orientation program will begin for recent hires.

The 2008-2009 Annual Plan Needs Based Budget meeting will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2007 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Children and Youth Agency, 900 East King Street, Lancaster in Conference Rooms 1 and 2. This meeting is held to collect input from the public and local agencies

regarding programs and services provided by the Children and Youth Agency, Youth Intervention Center and Juvenile Probation and Parole.

Crystal Gingrich participated in an interview with CBS Channel 21. The interview will air on Thursday, May 17 at 11:00 p.m. during the nightly news.

Dale Latimer announced the formation of a Protective Case Review Committee (PCRC). The committee will meet once a month and review the more difficult protective cases active at CYA.

The proposed foster care board rate increase was distributed for review.

May 3, 2007 was an "Adoption Day" at the Lancaster County Courthouse.

The Resource Parent Dinner was held on May 10, 2007 at Willow Valley, Palm Court.

The State has recently mandated that each Pennsylvania County have a Child Death Review Committee. Greg Landis, Director of Intake Services, announced that Lancaster County, under the leadership of the late Dr. Beittel, formed a Death Review Committee several years ago. Greg is a member of this committee.

Pedro Rodriguez distributed the Act 148 State Expenditure Report.

Committee Reports:

Community Relations: No meeting

Children's Services: No meeting.

Nominations: Several names were submitted as potential board members.
Application packets will be mailed to them.

Joanne Castner submitted her resignation from the board effective in June. Fernando Sanchez and Dr. Peter Ross will also be leaving the board in June at the end of their term.

Karen also announced the slate of Officers for the 2007-2008 Board term:

Chair - Karen Jaskot

Vice Chair- Kathryn Gregoire

By-laws: There are outstanding amendments to be addressed at the June meeting.

Karen Jaskot expressed her appreciation for the support of board members over the past year.

Meeting adjourned 1:27 p.m.

NEXT MEETING, TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2007
at MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY
GORDINIER HALL