



MINUTES

March 16, 2017

Lincoln Child Advocacy Center
5025 Garland Street, Lincoln, NE

Present: K. Bender, M. Guinan, L. Lange, C. MacTaggart, K. McGrury, B. McQueen, E. Schoenleber, K. Rabenhorst, K. Roewert, R. Rolles and C. Venditte

On the phone: E. Aliano, C. Korf, T. Nelsen

Guests: J. Mueri

Excused Absent: S. Huddle, T. Jensen, M. Lierk, M. Nehe, P. Sattler, I. Svoboda, S. Yodogawa-Campbell, K. Thomsen

CALL TO ORDER

C. MacTaggart called the meeting to order at 11:09 am.

CALL TO ORDER

Introductions/Agency Updates

K. McGrury- We have a fulltime advocate since I was here last.

B. McQueen- LPDVW was awarded the Victims Rights Week grant, we will have electric billboards, City & County doing proclamations.

L. Lange- Co-hosting again with NSP our conference on Sept. 20 & 21

E. Schoenleber- NSP is also hosting a spring conference in North Platte, so far they have had a positive response. It will be geared more to law enforcement but allied professionals welcome. NSP is currently training 22 new recruits due to graduate in August.

K. Roewart- Still waiting for them to fill E. Aliano position, it will now be posted a 3rd time. The Speaking of Children Conference is in early April registration open until the 23rd of March. Crime Victims Rights Conference is the end of April registration deadline is April 14th. The Indian County Conference is in Kansas this year on June 20th and 21st.

K. Bender- The advocate has been helping since addresses are not passed on to help make sure the offenders are not living too close.

C. Venditte- The men's group have been working in the community with pre-schoolers on up to Corporations and Businesses. They have partnered with RESPECT to help get the message out to the different age groups.

K. Rabenhorst- J. Mueri was hired he has been catching on quickly and is a great help. Getting grant awards done a little quicker now. On the reimbursement side they filled the pre-auditor position. Please be patient we are working as fast as we can. Our goal is to have the VOCA application out tomorrow. This application will be for 21 months starting in Oct. 2017 and ending in June 2019, then the grant will be moved to a state fiscal year and 24 month grant periods. Looks like VOCA will get the same funds for next year around 13 million and then we will see what the new administration has in store.

J. Mueri- This is my 2nd week as the VOCA specialist and will become more involved with some of the subgrantees.

C. MacTaggart- The Womens Fund of Omaha has been immersed in prevention currently with sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy and healthy relationship awareness.

C. Korf- They have had lots of shootings.

E. Aliano- Have been busy on public policy work and gearing up on Project Harmony conference on sex trafficking.

T. Nelsen- We have been swamped 4 sexual assaults this week, 3 jury trials and one evidenced based prosecution which resulted in conviction and the victim testified for the defense.

Approval of Minutes –January 19, 2017

Minutes were not available for the meeting discussion was had and it was decided to wait on approval of minutes until next meeting.

Treasurers Report -- K. McGrury

Treasurer's reports were not available for the meeting and motion was made to wait to approve Treasurer's report at the next meeting. Motion to table Minutes and Treasurer's report until next meeting was raised. E. Schoenleber made motion and B. McQueen 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Committee Reports –

Executive Committee T. Nelsen, C. MacTaggart, K. McGrury, I. Svoboda

Executive board had a phone conference last week to discuss updates from other groups. NCVC has been getting a bunch of emails from a guy in Washington trying to locate his wife. He has a valid protection order against him. There was enough concern that the proper local authorities in Washington were contacted and they are keeping an eye on him. The Executive board also discussed the search for an executive director. The JAG grant isn't due until June or July. K. Rabenhorst has to submit her class portion this Saturday. That will be forwarded to T. Nelsen.

Training

Chairperson C. MacTaggart

K. Roewert, J. Brazda, T. Jensen, B. McQueen, K. Bender

This committee has not met.

CVRW Conference

Chairperson K. Roewert

I. Svoboda, T. Nelsen, K. McGrury, E. Schoenleber

We are struggling right now, we only have 27 people registered for the conference, by this time we usually have more than that. We feel it is because we are after the Speaking of Children Conference this year. The impact on NCVC is we need at least 50 registrants but prefer 75 to keep the funding going. When you get the conference information please forward it to others. We won't meet before the conference looking for ideas on if we should consider cancelling? There could be some cost associated with cancelling because of the national speakers. I did however advised them to book the flight with insurance just in case. We don't have any lodging scholarships this year. NCVC pays for food but we can get a refund possibly up to a week before the 26th and 27th dates. There was discussion on if under 50 registrants should we consider cancelling and over 50 keep going. K. Rabenhorst said she would send it out to VOCA recipients and there are not that many board members registered at this time. The deadline to register is April 14, 2017. Everyone felt that we should push forward to at least April 10th some feel that if conference is cancelled this year it will be hard to get it going again in future. Committee will be in contact with Executive Board around the April 10th time frame.

Membership

Chairperson T. Nelsen

R. Rolles, K. McGrury

Going to make up little candy bags with a welcome to NCVC tag. We want to encourage people to get involved with one of the committees, since the board is full.

Public Relations

Chairperson P. Sattler

K. McGrury, E. Aliano, T. Jensen, S. Yodogawa-Cambell

E. Schoenleber reviewed the Technical Assistance products, made some revisions to brochure, made the language 8th grade level. The language on Victims Bill of Rights is not statutory. The logo side, was slimmed down for readability and should we add a line about not all crimes fit the definition on eligible victim for bill of rights.

