

Child Welfare Advisory Committee

MINUTES

April 11, 2008

Committee Members Present

Jerry Foxhoven—Chairman
George Estle—Vice Chairman
George Belitsos
Cynthia Cox
Kathleen Kilnoski
Miriam Landsman
Nancy Magnall
Jean McAleer
Richard Moore
Kathleen Penkert
Randal Peters
Ronald Stehl
Mary Nelson
Janet Petersen

Committee Members Absent

David Van Ningen
Tiffany Wilson
Matthew McDowell
Kevin Concannon
Amanda Ragan

Guests

None

Jerry Foxhoven, Chair, called the Council meeting to order by teleconference at 2:30 pm. on Friday April 11, 2008.

ROLL CALL

All Council members were present with the exception of Matthew McDowell, Tiffany Wilson, David VanNingen, Kevin Concannon, and Amanda Ragan.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF BILLS

Shaken Baby Syndrome Bill # 2058: There was discussion on this bill, a motion was made and seconded and it was determined that it was so late in the legislative session to take a position on this bill. The Motion was withdrawn.

A motion made by Ron Stehl moved that the Advisory Committee not vote on individual bills at this time, but take time at the upcoming retreat to develop a plan of the roll of the Committee and what the outcomes would be. The Advisory Committee will also start to take a look at the budget for the department for next year. Kathleen Penkert seconded it. Motion unanimously carried.

RETREAT

Committee members decided that a Retreat will take place July 8th starting at 1:00. There will be a dinner that evening. The meeting will finish on the 9th at noon. The retreat will be held at the Drake Legal Clinic. Jerry Foxhoven will check into the logistics for the hotel rooms and the dinner reservations.

Mary Nelson Division Administrator will talk with Diane Stahle from the Attorney General's office to provide us guidance on requirements related to Open meetings.

Jerry Foxhoven requested that if any one has any items that they would like on the agenda, please send them to him and/or George Estle by May 1st. Members were also encouraged to bring there calendars to the retreat so future meetings can be scheduled. It was the consensus of the Committee that a facilitator was not needed.

UPDATES

Jerry Foxhoven reported that he had hand delivered the letter regarding the Preparation for Adult Living Program and funding for the emergency shelters to the legislature on 04-10-08. Jerry has not heard anything back from the legislature hoping to possibly by early next week

Molly Kottmeyer, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Human Services, provided an update on legislative session activities.

Mary Nelson noted that a few Committee members had noted discrepancies in their term ending date and asked other Committee members to check and let her know if your term ending date is incorrect, and we will get that corrected.

Mary Nelson advised Committee members that on May 6th a speaker will present information on the best practices of the Child and Family Review (CSFR). She invited Committee members to attend. Mary Nelson also invited members to shadow a case review. This takes about a day and ½ to complete. She will send out the dates that this is to occur.

A motion made by George Belitsos and seconded by Judge Kathleen Kilnoski to adjourn the Child welfare advisory meeting. Motion Unanimously carried.

Advisory Committee adjourned at 4:00 PM

Submitted by,

Lori VandeWall
Recording Secretary

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