

## KFAPA Board Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2009

Wichita, Kansas

Meeting was called to order at 1:45 pm by President Sandra Hiller.

Members Present: Sandra Hiller (President), Janice Snyder (Secretary), Richard Basham (VP Region 1), Julie Schoemehl (VP Region 2), Nancy Weigant (VP Region 5), Bill Weigant, Joyce DeBolt (KDHE), Denise Gibson (Children's Alliance), Jessica Young (TFI), Patricia Long (SRS/CFS), Luci Monares (Youthville), Sylvia Hernandez (SFCS).

Minutes from the October 18, 2008 were approved as distributed. Motion to approve was made by Richard Basham and seconded by Bill Weigant.

Treasurer's Report—not given due to Treasurer unable to attend meeting, Janice Snyder, Secretary did hand out worksheet on the SRS contract to update members.

President's Report---Sandra announced that the Board had approved the election of Stacey Ulrich to the position of Vice President. However due to previous family engagements she would not be able to attend today. She has agreed to take over the Newsletter as part of her duties. Sandra Hiller reported that Eltanis Volen and Tracie Wyatt had notified her prior to the meeting and stated they would not be able to make it. Nancy Duling also was unable to make the meeting due to a prior engagement. Dennis Finch had not contacted anybody; Sandra Hiller is going to contact him to find out why he was unable to attend. The By-laws were reviewed regarding excused and unexcused absences.

VP Reports:

Region 1---Richard Basham reports that he has been working on the Annual Conference and attending support group meetings to inform people of KFAPA.

Region 2—Julie Schoemehl reports that she has been attending meetings as well and talking to foster families. They are telling her that their numbers are down, and that when they have an opening it is taking longer to fill that spot.

Region 3—no report, not present

Region 4—no VP

Region 5—Nancy Weigant spoke about Respite care. She was informed by Sandra Hiller that the Foster Care Affair is May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> this year. Nancy stated concern that families are not re-licensing because of the new foster home licensing regulations. Sandra Hiller stated that in the BEST Team meetings in Topeka the same discussion came up and they did some research and yes the numbers are down a little this year. They believe it is due to a decreased number in referrals.

Walk Me Home---Nancy Duling sent out the manuals to the Board and has scheduled a conference call for February 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am that will last about an hour. The walk will not be held in conjunction with the Annual Conference due to time constraints. A separate date will be chosen.

Logo---Sandra Hiller handed out bags to the Board members with the Logo on it that has the ribbon with the four R's on it. She is going to get pricing for the Logo as well as Richard Basham will get pricing and bring to the next meeting.

PR---Sylvia Hernandez reported for Nancy Duling. She reported that we have approx. 220 band aid holders and 200 Brochures as well as 2 First Aid kits.

Elections---Ballots will be constructed at the April meeting and go out to members with results tallied at the July meeting.

Newsletter----Sandra Hiller announced that the newsletter will now have a column by KDHE and agencies are invited to provide any information for the newsletter.

Joyce DeBolt with KDHE informed the Board that the CPA regulations Draft is completed and they will be doing the feedback sessions starting in February.

Denise Gibson with Children's Alliance stated that they had received some funds from the Adoption Incentive and they had made some changes to the web site. They have been able to add blog capabilities. They have a link that prospective foster parents can be connected with agencies in their area to answer questions. The web address for this is [www.fostercarekansas.com](http://www.fostercarekansas.com).

Patricia Long----SRS CFS Program Administrator----She reported that the new contracts had been awarded and those changes would go into effect July 1, 2009. Contract duration is four years with a possible two, 2 year renewals. Each region will develop a transition plan in their community for the contracts. Family preservation services are now able to provide agency services for pregnant women who use substances requirements and outcomes.

Success indicators for well-being such as educational achievement, placement with siblings and relative placement will be included in report. KCSL will retain the adoption contract statewide. KYCA has been working on a Visitation tool that they would like to use. They are meeting this week and are going to decide how to implement this. This form would go in the child's file. The tool is to insure that workers are visiting with the children. (Only children 10 and older would fill out the form). KYAC wanted feedback from KFAPA, some members though t it would be a tool that the kids would use to be vindictive towards their foster parents and felt that foster parents should have a form to fill out as well. It was also suggested that the form be filled out with the worker and child together. It was also suggested that maybe one child placement agency take this on as a pilot program and see how it works. Patricia stated she would take all of these concerns and suggestions back to the KYAC. She also requested that Sandra Hiller send out an email with the form attached to the members and ask for their feedback as well.

Next meeting will be April 18, 2009 in Independence, Kansas at the TFI office.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Snyder  
KFAPA Executive Board Secretary