

The Arc of Sedgwick County
Board of Directors Meeting
YESS Open House
June 16, 2008

ATTENDEES: Marge Zakoura-Vaughan, Linda McCurry, Ken Dannenberg, Julie Wittich, Deborah Gdisis, Sean Amore, Curtis Tatum, Sue Schmelzer, Kayla Jean Mitchell, Tom Racunas, Eric Kauffman, Sarah Vaughan

ABSENT: Marlene Sanders, Colette Deeds-Conner, Ronda Maass

PRESIDING: Ken Dannenberg, President

STAFF: Kevin Fish, Kristen Phillips, Effie Pettinger

GUESTS: Visit from Marty Rothwell with YESS student, Craig Phillips

I. Call to order

Ken Dannenberg called the June 16, 2008 meeting to order.

Agenda Modifications

It was moved by Linda McCurry and seconded by Julie Wittich to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Self Advocate Report

Shawna Fielder was not present because she is working for the YESS program and busy with the open house this evening. Ken Dannenberg asked Kevin Fish, Executive Director, to give an overview of the Self Advocates group for the new board members.

III. Management Report

A. Executive Director Report

Ken Dannenberg requested that Kevin Fish give a verbal report. His written report was distributed to all board members prior to the meeting. Kevin highlighted from his report that the mid year reports have been submitted to United Way (UW). Circle of Friends (COF) has now been split out from Comprehensive Services as its own entity. UW does a cost breakdown on participation numbers provided. The YESS program receives \$58,000 that is used for YESS scholarships, volunteer costs and multi-child discounts. We should hear from UW next week on what our allocations will be for 2009.

TCM billing is ahead of budget. Referring to information in the ED report, Linda McCurry inquired about Chad VonAhnen's issue about us putting a hold on case management services. Kevin noted that Chad's issue is that the contracts agencies have with the Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization (SCDDO) it states that we cannot deny services and that it also limits service options for families. Kevin talked about the incentive program that we developed for our case managers to reward their billing efforts.

Mike Porter will be meeting with the Finance Committee in early July. Kevin also introduced Effie our new Finance Director giving a little background on her and Paula Stephens, our Billing Coordinator. Kevin spoke on the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) funding increase for direct staff providing an overview of Advocates in Communities Team (ACT), who worked on this effort. He also shared information on the Nonprofit Chamber of Service (NPCS) and the Guardianship Assistance Program (GAP) that was funded through our endowment. In his ED report under Strategic Initiatives he reviewed Marketing and Development. A packet of Arc information was made available to all board members that included an invitation to our VIP Breakfast scheduled for July 10. The board is encouraged to invite people to introduce them to The Arc and hopefully develop a relationship. Kevin also shared information on Benevon, and organization that helps agencies develop a sustainable funding program. Since the Breakthrough Club developed this program three years ago, their main fundraising event this year raised over \$200,000. We are hosting the training at our building and our staff and board can attend for free. We will need to assess what costs may be involved with the program. Please let Kevin know if you are interested in attending.

B. YESS Report

Marty came into the meeting and introduced Craig Phillips, a YESS student and Student Council President. Craig is a student from the Maize school district. Marty showed the board the YESS 20 year anniversary t-shirt. On the back are the five sponsors that have been with the program for the past 20 years since its inception. The YESS program is the only USD 259 program that has never been touched and the only one of its kind in the nation. There is a lot of interest in developing the program in other areas and states but they are not able to find that core agency to coordinate all of the relationships between agencies that are vital to make it successful. Today YESS students went all around town to give appreciation gifts to their sponsors. Before they departed, Marty and Craig invited the board members to pick up a YESS t-shirt before they leave and spread the word about the works of The Arc.

Ken Dannenberg shared about the visit he received today at his office from the YESS students on behalf of the board. He presented the large poster card and door knob hanger the students made and the bucket of candy for the board in appreciation of the board's continued support.

Ken Dannenberg asked how the YESS budget is fairing. Kevin informed the board that there are some overages on vehicles because they had to rent some vehicles for 3 days while some of our vehicles had to be serviced. He thinks that it will balance out. Kevin discussed also some of the changes that occurred on how families now register so that they and us are on the same page on what is owed for the program and regarding what their funding covers. We received a lot of positive feedback for these meetings.

IV. New Business

A. Committee Appointments/Missions

Ken Dannenberg passed out the Arc Committee Membership Chart 2008-2009. He reviewed the committees, their missions and who is chairing. He noted that the non-board members on

the committees will be non-voting members. He decided to not take a motion on the committee appointments until the July meeting. He wanted to give everyone the time to review the committees on their own time and to contact him if anyone decides that they would prefer a change or if they may be interested in serving on an additional committee. Ken shared his concern about getting involved on too many committees.

V. Announcements Reviewed on the Agenda

It was moved by Sean Amore and seconded by Linda McCurry to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned 7:05 p.m.

Secretary Signature

Secretary – Linda McCurry

Recorder – Kristen Phillips