

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY

Mayor's Advisory Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect (MACCAN)
Tuesday – June 30, 2015
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Child and Family Services Agency
200 I Street SE, Conference Room 1001-A
Washington, DC 20003

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 - Vice Chair Dr. Cheryl Boyce called the meeting to order
 - Co-chair Dr. Lucas was unable to attend today's meeting
2. Ascertainment of Quorum
 - A quorum was met for this meeting
3. Acknowledgement of Adoption of the Minutes of the April 28, 2014, meeting
 - Minutes from the April 28, 2015 meeting were approved by the committee once a quorum was met
4. Report by the Chair and Co-Chair of MACCAN
 - a. Update on Membership
 1. Reminder to submit applications to MOTA
 - Again, everyone who is currently a member of MACCAN or who is interested in joining MACCAN should submit an application via the MOTA website
 - Most of the term appointments are up in September
 - Even if it says you serve at the pleasure of the mayor you should resubmit your application
 - Dr. Boyce will facilitate getting a face to face meeting with Anthony Stevens from MOTA to get a status update on our applications and new order.
 - b. Introductions of meeting attendees
5. Presentation 11:00-11:50
 - a. Prevent Child Abuse America (PCA America), James Hmurovich and Barbara Shaffer
 - A PPT presentation was used to aid the discussion.
 - Ms. Schaefer shared that there are 50 chapters, but DC is missing. One in every state. They want to go to territories next
 - PCA America wants to make sure every family in America gets the prevention services and advocacy that they need- mission to prevent abuse and neglect of nation's children-started in Chicago in 1972
 - We know more about child abuse now- improved messaging
 - Support home Visiting- Healthy Families America- We use this model in DC- signature program
 - Circle of Parents National Network- PCA America helped them get up and going

- Started pinwheels for prevention instead of blue ribbon- pin wheel takes the story to a place of prevention
- Connect the dots trying to respond to grass roots instead of top down- idea is that child abuse is not just a family issue but a community issue
- MACAAN committee members should submit suggestions of agencies/organizations where PCA could possibly sit.
- They focus on primary prevention- before the abuse ever happens
- Decisions made in conjunction with network- a lot of community work is done
- Promote great childhoods for all children
- Chapters all look different- must look at what's functional in your arena and what will people support
- All chapters have 9 criteria that they must adhere to
- ABT- Abusive Head Trauma (formerly shaken baby)
- Public Policy- support work to strengthen families
- Offer chapters technical assistance and support
- Research- economic impact studies- dollars connect people's attention where other things do not
- Studies can be found on website

Questions?

- **How former chapter that was here came to be and then came not to be? What is the history and how are regional neighbors doing?**
- There was a Washington DC chapter in the past- between the board and fiscal issues it was not doing well and went down- it was an independent non-profit
- Board was unable to keep it going
- Seemed to be more social – never reached a 501c status
- They do TA to help get chapters started
- There may be a small grant if DC wanted to start a new chapter
- Interested in hearing about agencies where PCA America could sit within DC
- Ideas- *Parent Watch, Children's Trust, CAC- Safe Shores, Visiting Council, DC Action for Children*
- We will gather information and send a list to PCA America

6. Opportunity for Public Comment

- Ora Graham thanked our presenters for coming
- Ray Davidson CFSA director will sponsor a Prevention forum with all district agencies in mid-august
- Dr. Chase shared draft recommendation from the Sexual Assault Victims' Rights Amendment Act Task Force Juvenile Survivor Workgroup and called the group to pay particular attention to Recommendation #3 that states that *victims of sexual assault 13 and over are entitled to an independent advocate and medical forensic exam, without report to a law enforcement, child protective services, parents or caregivers.*

- Dr. Chase expressed a concern that MACCAN was not aware of this recommendation and none of the sitting organizations were present at the task force meeting.

7. Adjournment

8. Next Meeting August 25, 2015, 10:30-12:00 pm @ CFSA

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