



MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
MINUTES

Wednesday, January 9, 2013

2:00-3:30pm, Town Hall, Conference Room C

MEMBERS PRESENT: G. Bent (co-chair), V. Fry (co-chair), A. Bladen, K. Grunwald (staff),
K. Krider (staff) and, J. Woodmansee (staff)

GUEST PRESENT: David Bechtel

WHAT (Topic)	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME
Call to Order	V. Fry called the meeting to order at 1:20pm.	
Minutes	Review and approve Minutes of October 17, 2012 and November 13, 2012	The October 17, 2012 and November 14, 2012 are approved by consensus.
Introduction	<p>K. Grunwald asked that the topic of Parent Stipends be re-visited at the February meeting,</p> <p>Purpose of the Meeting – D. Bechtel provided a brief outline of the items to be covered in this meeting.</p> <p>January MAC Meeting – Members briefly discussed the work accomplished by the teams at the January full MAC meeting.</p>	
Governance and Accountability	<p>Review draft: Members reviewed the drafts provided by D. Bechtel.</p> <p>Updates on MAC structure: Members discussed the continued confusion surrounding team versus work group structure and the outcome of the Retreat held in February, 2012 of strategy teams.</p> <p>With regard to the Organizational Chart members asked that it be revised to capture the function of the work groups.</p> <p>Members reviewed the Governance portion of the Mansfield Plan for Young Children and made revisions to update its language including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAC is an advisory committee to the Town Council; • Add language of charge from Town Council; • Oversight function around programs and services directed towards young children; and, • Responsible for legislative mandates regarding the School Readiness Grant <p>With regard to the Governance sections of the plan, suggested revisions include representation of the international population.</p>	D. Bechtel will make the suggested changes and provide an updated draft.

	<p>Reporting and accountability activities: K. Krider reported that she is working with liaisons from Vernon and Coventry on a joint purchase of Scorecard.</p> <p>Members discussed increased social media opportunities and the importance of regular communication by way of Community Conversations.</p> <p>Connection of Mansfield 2020 Plan: K. Grunwald discussed how <i>Mansfield 2020</i> differs from <i>Mansfield Tomorrow</i> and that <i>Mansfield Tomorrow</i> focuses on development but includes housing, transportation and, sustainability of the environment.</p>	<p>K. Krider will continue to report as this develops.</p> <p>K. Grunwald will send D. Bechtel the <i>Mansfield Tomorrow</i> Plan.</p>
Financing Plan	<p>Overall approach – costing out each strategy vs. overall summary</p> <p>Members discussed how the playground committee is directly connected to MAC and that their fundraising efforts continue to be their focus.</p> <p>Fundraising activities and sources (e.g. Playground Committee events, grants, partners)</p> <p>Members discussed potential funding sources to include the new Technology Park in development as well as the Storrs Center partners.</p>	
Summary and Next Steps	<p>Future Meetings – The full MAC February Meeting will be used to finalize strategies and prioritize. The February MAC EC meeting will be to work on implementation of the Plan,</p>	
Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 2:35pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, February 6, 2013 5:00pm – 5:30pm Arrival and Dinner 5:30pm – 7:30pm MAC Meeting</p> <p>Next Executive Council meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, February 13, 2013 2:00pm – 3:30pm at Town Hall in Conference Room B.</p> <p>Agenda topics: Please send to Kathleen at kriderk@mansfieldct.org</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p>Jillene B. Woodmansee Assistant to Early Childhood Services Coordinator</p> <p>All Mansfield Children ages birth through 8 years old are healthy, successful learners connected to the community.</p>	