

**MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN**  
**Wednesday, February 6, 2013**  
**Council Chambers – Town Hall**  
**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** S. Anderson, F. Baruzzi, A. Bladen, S. Delia (staff), V. Fry, G. Bent, J. Goldman, C. Guerreri, K. Grunwald (staff), Y. Kim, K. Krider (staff), R. Leclerc (staff), E. Soffer Roberts, J. Stoughton, T. Cook

**Regrets:** MJ Newman, L Young

**Guests:** David Bechtel

<i>WHAT</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>OUTCOME</i>
CALL TO ORDER	G. Bent called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.	
CONSENT AGENDA	Approval of the Minutes of January 2, 2013 meeting.	<i>The January 2, 2013 Minutes were approved without changes.</i>
TEAM UPDATES	<p><b>One Book:</b> J. Goldman reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The book, “Hop, Hop, Jump” is the book chosen for the One Book program;</li> <li>• The culminating event will be scheduled on April 20, 2013 and will take place in the Library. This will be at the end of the “Week of the Young Child;”</li> <li>• Jeff Smithson, a professional entertainer, will be the performer for this event; he will do a reading of the book. Other activities may include a dance group, a craft, and a snack</li> <li>• Coordination will take place amongst the 4 Centers, the 2 Montessori schools and the home care providers.</li> <li>• Planning is also taking place for evening events at the 4 Centers.</li> <li>• Possible events for the Community Center.</li> </ul> <p><b>Transportation:</b> K. Grunwald and S. Anderson reported that :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mansfield Tomorrow kickoff was this past week, a website was launched, Mansfield Tomorrow.com; the MindMixer was introduced, ideas you have for different categories; Mansfield Tomorrow at the idea generating stage. There will be a workshop on March 9 in which the process will continue where a Community Forum will be from 9am – 12pm and an Open House will be held from 1pm – 4pm. Focus Groups welcome new members whereas the Mansfield Advisory Committee is for members of specific groups.</li> <li>• Dial-a-Ride now goes to the Mansfield Public Library.</li> </ul>	

**Playground:** S. Anderson reported on Playground Committee Activities:

- A Fundraiser was held on Feb 2 at the MCC which garnered \$1000, families and children made tiles and jewelry.
- A concert will be held by an UConn a cappella group "Take Note" on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm, this will also be the same time as the Women's Basketball Game at Gampel Pavilion, and parking information is available.

**School Readiness:** A. Bladen reported:

- CCC and Mansfield Public Schools are now NAEYC accredited. All paperwork should go to Kathleen or Gerri Rowland.
- CT Charts-A-Course has money available for accreditation of centers if children with special needs attend that program.
- RFP for School Readiness arrived today; it will be due May 17, 2013.
- Quality Enhancement Grant RFP is also due May 17.
- SDE will be making random visit to school readiness sites.
- Need to set a date for Unmet Needs Survey and Slot Allocation.
- Early Childhood Teaching Credential is up and running.
  - 2015-2020 changes in requirements for LEAD teachers
  - 2015 – 50% of LEAD teachers have BA's in appropriate field
  - 2020 – 100% of LEAD teachers have BA in appropriate field
  - Requirements for Assistant teachers not yet determined
  - Portfolio process for individuals is slated to begin in March

**Scorecard:** K. Krider reported:

- Originally felt overwhelming and expensive, consequently, Mansfield is trying to partner with Coventry, Norwich, Groton, and New London
- TA requires fund data start up side of Scorecard
- Training for communities
- Very labor intensive
- C. Guerreri - Concerns about possible push back from Graustein regarding TA request for doing instead of training

**Early Childhood Health Data Institute:** K Krider

- Meet on this with other communities looking for date for community health issues
- This is a three session institute
- Create a database statewide for child health indicators

PLAN REVISION	<p><b>1. Introduction of process for re-write of Plan:</b></p> <p>K. Krider introduces D. Bechtel. D. Bechtel reminded members to think about what they had discussed at the last meeting and start from there. He suggested that teams start with strategies and narrow parameters and then think about Performance Measures ie. surveys and is anyone better off than they were before</p> <p><b>2. Teams meet to review and discuss data and develop secondary indicators</b></p> <p>Teams met from 6:15 to 7:15.</p> <p><b>3. Teams back to large group to report on work.</b></p> <p>Teams returned to the large MAC group and each team reported on their progress:</p> <p><b>Successful Learners:</b> Please refer to Attachment 1</p> <p><b>Health:</b> Please refer to Attachment 2</p> <p><b>Community Connectedness:</b> Please refer to Attachment 3</p> <p>D. Bechtel indicated that this work will continue both in the Executive Council meeting and at the March MAC meeting.</p>	K. Krider requested that Teams prepare summaries of their work tonight and submit to her
PARKING LOT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Summer Lunch Program</li> <li>2. Before/After School Care</li> </ol>	Discussion on parking lot items is tabled because of time constraints.
ADJOURN	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.</p> <p>Next MAC Executive Council Meeting, <b>Wednesday, February 13, 2013, 2:00pm – 3:00pm</b> at Town Hall, Conference Room B..</p> <p>Next MAC Meeting, <b>Wednesday, March 6, 2013.</b></p> <p>Agenda topics: Please send to Kathleen at <a href="mailto:kriderk@mansfieldct.org">kriderk@mansfieldct.org</a></p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Sarah Delia Assistant to the Early Childhood Services Coordinator</p>	

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