

**LANCASTER COUNTY CHILDREN & YOUTH AGENCY
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 20, 2006**

Board Members Present: Demettra Baber, Joanne Castner, Kathryn Gregoire, Karen Jaskot, Dr. Peter Ross, Gwen Scalyer, Nancy Valkenburg

Staff Present: Amy Campbell, Gregory Landis, Kurt Miller, Pedro Rodriguez, Lisa Runge, Nancy Schuyler, Patty Shiffler

Public: None

Guests: Fred Bogner, Thomas Fasnacht, Donna Howe, Scott Landis, James Laughman

Karen Jaskot, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and asked if there were any corrections or additions to the June, 2006 board meeting minutes. There were none. Kathryn Gregoire motioned the minutes be accepted as written. Demettra Baber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Karen welcomed returning Board members, new appointees Gwen Scalyer and Nancy Valkenburg, retired board members and staff. Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

Old Business: None

New Business: Karen Jaskot noted the mailing to Board members included an update with changes to Agency personnel. She reported that during an Executive Board meeting held in August, members discussed supporting staff and assisting the Agency with stabilization and adjustment to recent changes. Kathryn Gregoire raised the point that many current board members are new and she felt it would be beneficial to invite some retired board members to future meetings to share their expertise. The executive committee agreed that it made sense to invite experienced board members.

Karen Jaskot also stated that she reviewed the by-laws for information on the Board's purpose. She reported the board is charged with supporting the Children and Youth Agency and its services to Lancaster County.

Joanne Castner requested the Board members take a look at their role and discuss their relationship to the Commissioners.

Kathryn Gregoire stated she felt it was important that the board take time to discuss their role before they proceed.

Joanne Castner quoted the bylaws regarding the Board's purpose as assisting the Commissioners with the administration of the agency by making recommendations, working with staff personnel to solve problems and informing the Commissioners of current and future needs for child welfare. She stated that each board member was appointed by the Commissioners to perform these

functions and motioned that everyone except current board members, former board members and the note taker, leave the room so the board could discuss who they are, what they are and what they stand for. She asked for a show of hands to the motion that had been seconded by Kathryn Gregoire. Motion passed. Karen Jaskot asked the staff to leave the meeting, which they did without objection.

James Laughman stated he was attending the Advisory Board meeting by proxy for Commissioner Shellenberger who was unable to be here, and that he would remain for the discussion after the meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

At 1:00 the meeting was called to order and staff returned. Karen Jaskot summarized the dialogue held among Board members after the meeting adjourned. She spoke about the difficulty of moving on with business without a discussion of what events had happened at the Agency. Board members suggested preparing a resolution to be presented to the County Commissioners discussing the impact of recent events and how Agency services to children have been affected. It was decided to prepare a formal resolution to convey that concern to the County Commissioners after the Board receives feedback from the staff.

Demetra Baber motioned that the board schedule an interim board meeting which will be held in two weeks on October 3, 2006, to continue to discuss the agenda for today's meeting and to finalize the language of the resolution, including information on the impact on Agency staff and services. Dr. Peter Ross seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Amy Campbell will discuss the impact on staff, plans for making changes and the result of recent personnel changes on Agency programs and services.

Meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

NOTE NEW - MEETING DATE BELOW

**NEXT MEETING, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2006
at the Children and Youth Agency
900 East King Street
Lancaster, PA 17602**

(If you are unable to attend this meeting,
please call Patty Shiffler at 299-7925)