

**ADOPTION ADVISORY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 3, 2008 - 10:00 A.M. CONFERENCE CALL**

PARTICIPANTS: Robert Bloom, Gladys Boyd, Kathy Casey, Julie Cebulski, Claudia Davis, DeAudry Davis, Gwenn Eyer, Ray Gates, Vanessa James, Derek Jeske, Betty Johnson, James Jones, Patricia Kelso, Susanne Loss, Roman McCray, Terry McGlothlin, Kate Monte, Elizabeth Richmond, Gretchen Schulert, Michele Seidl, Jackie Sharp-Akins, Karen Wardlaw, Mark Werner, Kim Wheelock

WELCOME/ROLL CALL

Jim and Elizabeth welcomed call participants and new members, Claudia Davis and Julie Cebulski.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 1, 2008

Kathy Casey made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Pat Kelso seconded. The motion was carried.

IFAPA CONFERENCE

Gwenn Eyer reported that conference planning is moving along as anticipated. She is assigning workshops and will send information to Council members in advance, including the basic facilitator packet. Volunteers should sign in on site so Gwenn can talk to them about work assignments and volunteer instructions.

Some Council members will staff the Adoption Council exhibit at the Conference. Council members volunteered as follows:

Friday, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Betty Johnson, Mark Werner, Jackie Sharp (if available)
Saturday, 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM: Derek Jeske, Claudia Davis

ADOPTION CELEBRATION – Karen Wardlaw

Ray stated that the corrected artwork has been received. Karen said Township High School students have created this artwork for a “Celebrate Adoption Month” logo, which can also be put on the dinner program. Karen is working on funding for pins. By Monday she should know whether funds are available for pins and bookmarks. She has taken care of all other details.

UPDATE FROM FOSTER PARENT SUPPORT SERVICES - Ray Gates

- Ray stressed that lodgers for the IFAPA conference must call – no matter who else they may have already called - Claudia Wilson at the hotel to confirm their lodging. Claudia’s phone number is 630-573-8555.
- We are continuing to plan for two caregiver conferences at Lisle and Fairview Heights and four caregiver training institutes at 4 different locations. We have had Planning Committee and Program Committee conference calls. The Program Committee has proposed the complete programs for those events, and Ray is waiting for feedback from the administration.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE - Mark Werner

Membership slots are filled except for the Adoptee slots from Cook County. New members appointed are: Billie Ray Lewis and Breanne Radtke – Cook Central, Julie Cebulski – Central, Claudia Davis – Southern, Ruth Jajko, Tamara Guy and Karen Taylor – Adoption/Guardianship Service Providers/Professional, Lisa Boatman – Adoptee from other than Cook County, Maripat Oliver – Northern.

Terry mentioned that appointment letters were mailed from the Director’s office today.

DRAFT AGENDA FOR JOINT MEETING WITH SWFCAC 11/21 AT HICKORY RIDGE MARRIOT IN LISLE - Jim & Elizabeth

TIME:	TOPIC:	PRESENTER:	CHAIR:
8:30	Informal Networking		
9:00	Formal Introductions		Elizabeth Richmond
	Approval of Minutes from 10/17/08 Mtg.	SWFCAC Members	Robyn Harvey
	Approval of Minutes from 10/3/08 Call	AAC Members	Jim Jones

PRESENTATIONS

9:30	Child & Family Services Review Statewide Assessment and Planning	Joan Nelson Phillips
10:00	Update from Office of Training	Judy Zaleski
11:00	Research Plenary Session Psychiatric Services	Thu Vo/Panel Asst Director Velma Williams

Noon **WORKING LUNCH - REPORT FROM DIRECTOR’S OFFICE**

1:00	Discussion: Statewide Youth Advisory Board Working Relationship between Council, Adopt Pres & CCBYS Plans for Future Focus/Common Issues & Concerns
2:00	Adjourn

Ray will follow up on the topic of a presentation on psychiatric services. Tele-psychiatry and a new hospital in Springfield. Elizabeth strongly recommended that Judy Zaleski attend the meeting to give the Training update. Ray explained the budget situation but said he would apprise Judy of Elizabeth’s request. The Bylaws will also be discussed at the November meeting.

In conclusion, Elizabeth talked about the Adoption Celebration. Jim, Elizabeth and Gladys Boyd will welcome the attendees. After dinner, the Director will speak to the group, followed by keynoter Jaiya John. There will be a cake with a logo design on top, created by Youth. Photos from the gallery of children waiting for adoption will be displayed.