

The Arc Michigan

MCE minutes

9/17/09

Present: Maggie Kolk, Tammy Finn, Cynthia Mayhew, Chris Lerchen, Cheryl Polite, Ron Kimball, Dohn Hoyle, Patti Nowak, Kim Hommerding, Sherry Fernandez, Marge Slick, Anne Marie Koelbel

VIA phone: Lisa Nygord

1. Call to Order – 11:33 p.m.
2. Introductions were done.
3. Approval of Agenda – change minutes date from April 16, 2009 to May 21, 2009 and an addition of The United Way campaign. Cynthia moved. Seconded by Kim. Agenda approved.
4. Approval of Minutes – change voting under 6a to by laws. Chris moved to approve the minutes as amended. Kim seconded. Minutes were approved as amended.
5. Sharing and updates on local Arc's. Northwest Wayne Arc presented their Arc. They serve the Northwest communities of Wayne County. Those communities are highly populated. 7 full time staff and 2 part-time staff. They are recognized in their community and are strong and respected advocates. Their programs include Lekotec play time which they charge for and give an Arc membership, MAF creating parent mentors for underserved areas in their area, educational advocacy, system advocacy, after I'm Gone program, collaboration with Western Wayne Arc, fiscal intermediary program, representative payee, facilitate Person-Centered plans, Community Connections, The Arc Athletic program (changed from Special Olympics) which is run by volunteers, and Just Fun Club which is dances and community activities. One of 33 Arc's in Michigan and there are 6 Arc's in Detroit area. They have over 522 members. 9% of budget supports administration.
6. Committee Report
 - a. President's Report – Sherry has been attending The Arc Michigan board meetings. The strategic plan is being worked on and the time line is going to be tight. The Arc Michigan mission was looked at and changed a little bit. Reading the Monday News update is worth reading because there are grants that local Arc's can apply for. Specifically there are two grants right now on transition to the community and Lalor grant which deals with sexuality issues. The match for the transition grant was very high and concerns were expressed to The Arc National and it was determined to be a grantor condition. This does not have to be a cash match it can be in kind which should be put in the RFP when it comes out. Chris would like to have the board address issues of strategic planning and marketing.

- b. Treasurer's Report – There is \$806 in account and deposited \$450 today. Dues are coming in. No expenditures since conference. We made \$800 on TV for public policy and made approximately \$1200 on the auction to help chapters.
- c. Education Committee Report – Updated position statements will be given to the Board at the October Board meeting. No meeting was held. Next meeting is the first Wednesday of October.
- d. 2009 Arc MI Conference Committee Report – June 17, 18, and 19, 2010 at Amway Grand. Cost of rooms is \$113. The food cost is \$13,000 plus 20%. Two Arc Kent County board members are working on sponsorships.

7. State Arc Report

- a. The Arc MI PTI received the Parent Training grants. The State Dept. of Education is contracting with The Arc Michigan for advocacy also. Dohn is working on how trainings and materials will be done.
- b. Fingertip report on PIHP Medicaid cost summary was passed out. Each chapter should use this as needed.
- c. The Arc Michigan is comparing affiliation fee and what each chapter receives from The Arc Michigan and sending to each Arc. Arc Detroit is making payments to National and is working on payments to Arc Michigan. P & A is working on seclusion and restraint in schools and they are asking for information from around the State to help them decide if they need to file a lawsuit. We need to work with schools and adult services to get all agencies in a family centered practice mode so that there is seamless transition from school to adult services.
- d. Mt. Pleasant doors closed on Thursday. Lat three people moved to Caro. Caro will have 11 people and of those 11 there are placement plans for 6. One is waiting for something to open in Muskegon and others are in similar situation. In November the count should be down to 5 and hopefully by the end of the year the count should be down to zero. There was a moment of silence for Robby Wright who died at Mt. Pleasant and got this momentum started. The mobile team has been very successful when there have been issues. The discrepancy in services should continue to be addressed. Next step is non Mt. Pleasant homes will be looked at and this includes adult and children homes.
- e. The Arc US Conference – Pittsburg November 11-14, 2009

8. United Way – issues were discussed around The United Way and their campaigns.

9. **Next meeting date is October 15, 2009.**