



Bexar County Child Welfare Board



Board Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 28, 2020, @ 12:00 PM

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Board Members	CPS Staff	County Staff
Marcie Trevino Ripper	Ricardo Ortega	David Marquez
Marina Alderete-Gavito	Kelly Dalton	Jackie Ibarra
Meredith Chacon	Rosario Hernandez (A)	Ashley Abrams
Michelle Lugalía-Hollon	Elizaneth Cervantes	Melissa Ramirez
Sylvia Zamora		Fernando Gutierrez (A)
Yolanda Valenzuela		Barbara Schaefer
Javier Guerra		Liz Lutz
Dr. Andrea Guajardo		
Katy Stout		
Michelle Daniels (A)		
Olivia Flores Ortiz		
Meghan Garza (A)		
Marina J. Gonzales (A)		
Brielle Insler		

- 1. Call to Order** – Mrs. Trevino Ripper called Meeting to order at 12:03 PM.
- 2. Roll Call** – Mrs. Ramirez took roll by taking down names of members present, Ms. Abrams also took a screenshot, and quorum was met.
- 3. Public Comment** - none
- 4. Review & Approval of January 24, 2020 & March 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes** – Mrs. Chacon asked for the review of the minutes, Dr. Guajardo motioned to approve the January & March Minutes as submitted, Mrs. Chacon seconded, all were in favor, the minutes were approved.
- 5. Review & Approval of Budget Report** – Ms. Abrams went over current expenditures and balances. The biggest change was that \$500,000 from the Brighter Journey Program was re-appropriated to support some COVID 19 programs for residential assistance. Mrs. Chacon motioned to approve the budget, Mrs. Alderete-Gavito seconded, and all were in favor, the motion passed.
- 6. Bexar County Report** – Mr. Marquez gave updates on the COVID 19 relief funds, how much each department received and where the best use for funds will be.
- 7. Brighter Journey Report** – Ms. Abrams updated with regard to how many families engaged with BJP and also reported that THC were finalist in receiving 1300 pounds of food, she will be working with CPS to get food boxes to the CPS families. Also, currently working on getting the flyer and pre-consent form available for a digital viewing and signatures to help get the process started.
- 8. Child Protective Services Report** – Ms. Dalton went over the report, she went over the new cases, closed cases and removals.

9. Children's Court – Ms. Schafer gave updates on new lawsuits in the courts from October to March. They have had 500 new lawsuits, 420 new MTP's (Motion to Participate), 329 reunifications, 312 adoptions consummated and 32 kids have aged out of care. They have had their second college bound docket hearing. They have 22 seniors graduating, and all are going on to college. They will be having a graduation on August 3rd & 4th, which falls during family law week.

10. Committee Reports –

- a. **Process Committee** – Dr. Guajardo reported they have been working with staff to get all the data updated and getting the information on how many and what type of cases are being referred over to BJP.
- b. **Children's Committee** – Mrs. Lugalía-Hollon went over the report, with all the reallocations of funds from JAG and COVID 19, the urgency is not as high to fundraise, however, she still wants to make sure all funds are used correctly. Mrs. Trevino Ripper asked for an amount to be spent on PPE for CPS caseworkers to give to families during their visits and COVID 19 classes, she feels \$50,000.00 would be a good amount to start with to buy masks and supplies needed. Approval needed for line item changes which will be done in new business.
- c. **Marketing Committee** – No update provided.

11. New Business:

- a. **Children's Committee Considerations** – Mrs. Lugalía-Hollon is requesting an approval of line items changes as reported in the Children's Committee report with the addition of \$50,00 to use for PPE. Dr. Guajardo motioned to approve the changes as reported, Ms. Chacon seconded, all were in favor, the motion passed.

12. Adjournment - Mrs. Trevino Ripper adjourned Meeting at 1:13 PM.