



I. Called to Order at 10:03 by Board President, Vanessa Barr

Those present all by phone:

Board of Directors: Vanessa Barr, Sara Miller, Brenda Skogman, Dresden Jones, Shawn Becker, Kelly Nicholson, Chris Jensen, Shane Baker, Denise Loy, Karla Bauer, Vicki Walechka, Dianna Umidon

MAC Staff: Danielle Kluz, Julia Tindell, Bobbi Holtberg

Additional attendees: Intern – Abbie Ostrom, Linda Hagen, Lisa Smith

II. Review – Changes/Additions

Reviewed February 9th, 2017 agenda, no changes or additions.

Motion to approve agenda.

Motion 1st: Brenda Skogman

2nd: Chris Jensen

Approved

III. Consent Agenda Items

- Secretary's Report

Reviewed January 2017 secretary minutes, no corrections or additions.

Motion to approve Secretary's Report from January of 2017

Motion 1st: Brenda Skogman

2nd: Kelly Nicholson

Approved

- Treasurer's Report

Reviewed January 2017 financials and invoice from Heidi.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report from January 2017

Motion 1st: Shawn Becker

2nd: Chris Jensen

Approved

- Director's Report

See Bobbi's report in Board packet

Discussion regarding the training development work group and how it's going. Danielle is continuing with the task and devoting more time starting next week. Looking at June 15-16 for a date and working on metro locations, trainers and curriculum.

Bobbi said Angela Miller for victim outreach is interested in working with us but can't be part of development group. Danielle and Bobbi will meet with her and get an outline in next weeks to come. We are looking for feedback from victim/survivor. Danielle will reach out to Leigh Block who is now on staff with Survivor Resources. Her ex-husband murdered Leigh's daughter and a nephew murdered her mother. She may be interested in working with MAC as a survivor.

Bobbi asked Danielle to look at what is currently on her plate, may need other staff to take over so she can devote the bulk of her time to training in June. Abby has been given responsibilities such as the newsletter and legislative items.

Chris inquired about the hotline. There is an invitation to register for call March 1st. MN County Attorney letter says MAC is getting the hotline. Day One is actually getting it, not MAC. Bobbi will get back to Bob about the way it was interpreted and send an invite to county attorneys. Over 30 people registered on the first day after the initial invite. Bobbi will ask Bob to get on the list to receive the county attorney newsletter.

Bobbi will meet next week with Cecilia and Suzanne about community based general crime service and OJP RFP.

Emergency Funds and Direct Client Assist; email was sent out answering questions. No dollars directed away from direct client assist. One metro based general crime direct service program will distribute the funds rather than 27 organizations distributing the money. Coalitions are looking for guidelines from OJP asking how funds are to be used. Program may not be functioning until October 1. A lot of restrictions on how funds can be used and may not match with OJP guidelines so accessing the funds may be difficult. How can be used and accessed?

Karla and Bobbi will be presenting at the OJP conference. Julia and Danielle may also be presenting. There has been conversation about slots open for workshops and discussion about presentations about general crime 101 like what was done for MN victim assistance academy. MAC and general crime will be well represented. Abbie will apply for a student scholarship. No location decided yet.

The House Public Safety Committee will hear Safe Harbors bill HF 713 and 714. Safe harbors for all – asking for 75000 for advisory council exploring decriminalization for adult victims being trafficked. Updated version of bills being tracked to be sent out. More and more have companion bills.

IV. Updates

- Executive committee
Tuesday, February 7th meeting. Will meet Friday the 17th, a week following MAC meeting. Going over agendas and anything that needs to be addressed or we need to move forward on.
- Board Development committee
No meeting, no report
- Budget/Finance committee
Phone conference Tuesday, February 7th. Gathering all budget information and going through and making sure we have all income listed and all expenses listed. We are currently working on receiving information from Bobbi and Julia which will be sent out as soon as the information is organized. Next meeting is Tuesday, February 28th. The plan is to meet and get organizational budget set up and in place. Bobbi was asked to sit in since she knows expenses and how much we will need. Bobbi said Julia completed form for grants.

- Outreach and engagement committee
First phone conference scheduled for Friday morning, February 10th at 10:00. No report.
- Public policy
There are several interesting bills. Danielle designed spreadsheet for tracking and updating. Abbie is keeping track of when bills are being heard. Things are starting to move and put on schedules so there is momentum building. Danielle sent out survey to committee members. 39-40 bills are on the tracking sheet right now. The survey is to get an idea of what the priority should be.
Bobbi said there are funding concerns with the DPS budget. There are review hearings and we are watching closely for them to be called back. BCA and OJP budgets would get closest look. There will be updates with findings.
Noon webinar by MCBW with national folks about what is happening at national level where there will be talk and mentioned concerns. Looking for facts and actions. VAWA vs VOCA? Any immediate action – will let know right away or will be in report for March.
Policy meeting on Monday, February 13th. People on committee, get survey done and keep mentioning bills to the committee. If part of conversations in venues, pass on helpful information including context. Results of survey (Dianna) helpful for people to know what days and times committees typically meet – add to spreadsheet. Any hearings available on ITV? Monitor it that way if possible. Bobbi to meet with Representative Lee, reschedule with him next Wednesday at 1:00. His agenda and issues he'd like to work on. Action Items
None

V. Focused Discussion

Open House is on April 4th for Crime Victims' Rights Week. 4:00 to 6:00 at the MAC office. Danielle spoke with Rep. Dave Pinto to gather information regarding best day and time for legislators to attend. Come get to know us, see who we are, network. Put together packets to hand deliver between mid Feb and mid March to each legislator with another invite to event. Invite all allies, partners and stakeholders. Counting on board to do specific outreach to their legislators and encourage to attend. Beyond legislators, member programs and stakeholders who board is in contact with. Get to know MAC, MAC staff, board. Priority to board members to be there for entirety. Danielle will create talking points when calling legislators. Call don't email. Other idea – wine donations? For wine and cheese? Check in at March meeting to see where we are at casual event. Agenda item for March meeting.

Included in the packet is the new workers comp insurance policy for our information. Bobbi wanted to clarify that it is not Wells Fargo, it is actually Bremer but it takes a while for name change to happen. Bobbi will send it out again when name is changed. We had to answer initial questions which triggered a mandated audit which is completed and we will hear by the 15th if we owe an additional premium because of higher payroll.

VI. Adjourn

Motion made to adjourn the business meeting.

Motion 1st: Karla Bauer

2nd: Shawn Becker