

**Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council
Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, March 14, 2008
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Present: Denise Revels Robinson, Pastor Archie Ivy, Judge Michael Skierawski, Dr. Earnestine Willis, Dr. Michelle Urban, Janel Hines, Cathy Swessel, Darlene Kuhn for Frank Gaunt, David Hoffman, Judge Mary Trigianno, Julius Agara, Want Montgomery. Reggie Bicha and Diane Welsh participated via video conference.

Guests: Cathy Swessel - CSSW, Darlene Kuhn for Frank Gaunt – La Causa, Wanda Montgomery – CFCP, Cyrus Behroozi – CART, Felicia Thomas- Lynn – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Matt Gebhart, Jessica Hess, Mike Kluesner, Mustafa Sabree, Lisa Slater and Cheryl Westfall – BMCW Special Forces Team members.

Pastor Ivy opened the meeting with greetings and introductions.

Minutes

Minutes from the May 16th meeting were approved as read.

Monthly Child Death Report, Denise Revels Robinson.

Denise reported that there has been one new child death during the month of May. The Bureau will receive a copy of the autopsy as soon as it is available.

Deputy Director Position

May Pat Bohn has accepted the position as Deputy Director for the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare.

Bureau 10th Anniversary Party

A celebration of the Bureau's 10th anniversary will be happening on June 18. Partnership Council members are invited to attend

Subsidized Guardianship Waiver Meeting

The Subsidized Guardianship Waiver meeting is next week in Washington D.C. Representatives from Wisconsin, Illinois and Tennessee will be attending. Denise will be part of a panel including David Sorenson and Westat members Hill and Gabel.

**Child Fatality Review Report and Recommendations, Cyrus Behroozi
Closed Session**

A motion was made, seconded and approved for the Executive Committee of the Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council to convene in closed session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(g), in that it may be considering the medical, social, and personal histories of specific persons involved in child protection investigations.

The Executive Committee resumed open session at 1:15 p.m.

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Protective Capacity Family Assessment

Members of BMCW's Special Forces Team presented information on the Protective Capacities Family Assessment.

The Protective Capacity Family Assessment (PCFA) provides ongoing workers with a structured approach for engaging and involving caregivers and children in a case planning process. The PCFA has four purposes:

- Engage caregivers in a collaborative partnership for change.
- Facilitate caregivers in identifying their own needs and the needs of their children.
- Facilitate self awareness and agreement regarding what needs to change in a family in order to create a safe home environment.
- Involve caregivers and children, as appropriate, in the development and implementation of change-based strategies identified in case plans that are individualized and most likely to address what needs to change to assure that children are not maltreated and are safe.

Housing Trust Fund

Mary Thomas came to the Committee requesting a letter of support for the Housing Trust Fund. The letter was addressed to Mayor Barrett and members of the Common Council. The letter requests adequate funding for housing as well as a change in legislative language to secure future funding. A motion to support this letter was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Milwaukee Child Welfare Safety Plan

Suzanne Zipperer presented an update on the Milwaukee Child Welfare Safety Plan. Suzanne announced that the Bureau has taken advantage of several positive media contacts within the last month.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Zellner