



MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN
Wednesday, April 3, 2019
MINUTES- APPROVED

Members Present: Sarah Dufresne (staff), Katie Bell (staff), KC Carrancio, Tracy Smith, Kelly Zimmermann, Sydney Clements, Brenda Rivers, Shamim Patwa, Jane Goldman, Susan Daley, Hanna Brinkhaus

Regrets: Judy Stoughton

<i>WHAT</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>OUTCOME</i>
CALL TO ORDER	Sarah Dufresne called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.	
CONSENT AGENDA	Minutes for the March meeting were approved by consensus. (5:53 PM)	<i>Minutes approved</i>
RECOGNITIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane Goldman recognized the Maple Road Branch of the Mansfield Public Library. • Dr. Patwa recognized MAC for allowing her to network and meet a clinician (Hanna Brinkhaus) that she referred a family to at a PPT. • Katie Bell recognized the SR Centers for completing and turning in their RFP's on time. • Lisa Dahn recognized that Sarah Dufresne did not send out a confirmation email that the RFP was received. 	<i>Sarah will send out an email in the future.</i>
SCHOOL READINESS COUNCIL ITEMS/STAFF REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2020 School Readiness RFP will be reviewed by the panel the week of April 8, 2019. The review panel will meet some time the following week (April 15-18) to go over the score sheets. Centers will be notified the week of April 22, 2019 of any changes or issues with the RFP. • Sarah Dufresne filled out a space survey requesting additional spaces for the OEC on March 26, 2019. She has not heard any additional information regarding the request. • Free Narcan training event open to all on April 24, 2019 at E.O. Smith. • Drug Take Back Day, April 27, 2019, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Mansfield Resident State Trooper's Office. • Rid Litter Day: The Great Mansfield Clean Up, April 27, 2019, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. • Eggstravaganza is April 13, 2019. Mt. Hope will have a table. Kelly Zimmermann is hoping that the BOE will also have a table with information regarding the school building project. • Kid's Day at the Storrs Farmers Market is August 3, 2019. All centers welcome to participate. 	
TOPICAL DISCUSSION: Kindergarten Transition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Patwa provided updated versions of the "Big Book" which include staff and school information for the elementary schools in town that the centers can show upcoming kindergarteners. • Community Children's Center (CCC) reported that they work with Vinton staff and report which kids they have going on to kindergarten (K). Vinton then reaches out to the families. 	<i>Sarah will print copies and distribute them to each center.</i>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bus rides done by the schools are a favorite of the kids. • CCC invites families to a social. This social includes the kids going on to K and the kids who went off to K the previous year. This allows families and kids to discuss any stumbling blocks, share ideas, and answer any questions. • Most of the kids at CCC transition to Mansfield elementary schools, but CCC also reaches out to other towns is necessary, such as Tolland and Coventry. • Willow House (WH) said that the “Big Books” are a hit with the kids going to K. • WH also said that they draft and informational brochure to include options for the pre-k kids that is distributed to parents in the fall before their children will go onto K. This is done to prepare families early on for the transition and alleviate any parental angst about the transition to K. • Mansfield Discovery Depot (MDD) said they would love to have a bus come to the center so that kids can learn the rules of the bus and gain exposure to what riding on the bus would be like. • MDD also used the “Big Books.” • MDD tries to get milk cartons for their kids so that they have experience opening the milk cartons and an exposure to them before going off to K. 	
CLOSING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming agenda items: BOE to report on school building project at the May meeting. 	
ADJOURN	<p>The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.</p> <p>Next Regular MAC Meeting Wednesday, May 1, 2019</p>	

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