

**Southwest Missouri**  
**Parent Advisory Committee on Autism**  
**June 11, 2013**  
 Approved August 13, 2013

**Present**

**Committee**

Mary Failla  
 Candy Kelly  
 Kerra Kutz  
 Bobbi Moseley (by phone)  
 Mike Opfer  
 Nikki Straw

Absent  
 Karen Donelson  
 Michele Ortiz

**State**

Judy Wanko SpRO  
 Kandice LaGasse JRO

**Providers**

Shiloh Cooper AO-Joplin  
 Justin Messner AO-Joplin  
 Alisa Lowry ARC-Counterpoint  
 Susie Henderson Burrell  
 Becky Blackwell Judevine  
 Teresa Rosebrough-Sneed Leffen Center for Autism  
 Christine Breig LifeSkills/TPAS  
 Jeanne Marshall LifeSkills/TPAS

**Guests**

none

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike Opfer called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.</li> </ul>
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everyone introduced themselves.</li> </ul>
Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bobbi made a motion to add the following three additions to the agenda: Discussion of Minutes, Recommendations for New Money, and Autism Navigator Report. Nikki seconded. Motion passed.</li> </ul>

Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judy read minutes from January. Bobbi made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Mary seconded. Motion passed.</li> <li>• Minutes from March were read. The following corrections were made: Kandice and Judy are from DMH, not providers; LaTisha made a motion to accept Kara, Karen seconded; Matt Waggoner was here, not Kandice; need to add that Elizabeth Obery resigned. Kara made a motion to accept minutes as corrected. Bobbi seconded. Motion passed.</li> <li>• Minutes from April were documented. There was no quorum that month.</li> <li>• Minutes from May were read. SKIL needs to be changed to SCIL. Bobbi made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Kara seconded. Motion passed.</li> <li>• Mike brought up a question about guests that were named in minutes. Judy will check with Kit.</li> </ul>
Public Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
Old/New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State meeting - Bobbi reported that Governor has not yet signed funding. Recommendations must be made by June 30<sup>th</sup>. State made the following recommendations: that money needs to go to St. Louis and Kansas City because of long wait lists; a pilot program for social skills; divide money equally between the five projects. The equal division was voted on. It will be up to the projects to decide how they want to spend the additional money of approximately \$200,000</li> <li>• Discussion of the spending of the new money took place. Nikki made a motion to restore funding to the providers who were cut in the previous budget. Bobbi seconded. Motion passed. Nikki made a motion to divide remaining funding equally between the six providers. Bobbi seconded. Bobbi, Nikki, Candy, and Mary voted for the motion. Mike and Kara voted against. Motion passed. All providers will expand current proposals.</li> <li>• Invitation to SWAN meeting – Meeting is Saturday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00. Bobbi made a motion that everyone should email Judy by July 1<sup>st</sup> concerning attendance. Nikki seconded. Motion passed.</li> <li>• Approval of PAC members – Nikki and Candy were approved.</li> <li>• Election of Officers – tabled</li> <li>• By-laws – tabled</li> </ul>
Reports/News	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burrell – Susie passed out flyer on upcoming conference.</li> <li>• TouchPoint – none</li> <li>• BVLC – Teresa reported that they received \$5000 from AT&amp;T for young adult services</li> <li>• Judevine – none</li> <li>• AO – Justin reported on Sharing Our Strengths on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to noon in Springfield.</li> <li>• Counterpoint/ARC – received Autism accreditation for three years</li> <li>• Autism Navigator – Kandice reported on the new DSM 5 training. It will not affect those already diagnosed.</li> <li>• State/Regional Office – Judy reported on Abilities First on July 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 at the Springfield Regional Center.</li> </ul>
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An email from Kit concerning AO was read and discussed.</li> </ul>
Next Meeting and Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting will be in Mt. Vernon on August 13<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Meeting adjourned at 8:45.</li> </ul>