

JOINT COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL
Wednesday, July 15, 2009
3:00pm – 4:00 pm EST

Attendees: J. Rolsky, R. Gibson, K. Sacco, L. Brownlee, K. Altwies, T. DiFilipo, N. Fox, S. Cox, D. Johnson, K. Wallace, R. Gibson. A, Hayo. R. Pearlman

Absent: P. Singer,, S. Mitchell

Call to Order & Agenda: T. DiFilipo at 3:12 PM EST – meeting later chaired by S. Cox

Conference update: L. Wetteburg, and S. Pitowski on the call – updated board on the current conference problem. Notes concerns that in order to make conference a success, the board needs to commit to being involved. Notes that she and Sam are both very busy and that they cannot carry the responsibility of making the conference work. S. Pitowski notes that JCICS has started the conference work and planning a bit late and that energy needs to be put into marketing. Next scheduled conference call is August 12, 09. All board members are asked to actively participate in the conference planning. Still looking for speakers especially in the post adoption area. All board members are asked to be in personal contact with Sam or Lynn within the next two weeks

Secretary's Report: Not given. Board to vote on June meeting minutes during August 12, 09 board meeting.

Chair's Report: A letter was forwarded to the JCICS Board by a small group of large member agencies. S. Cox suggests that the board should consider a more in-depth discussion about the letter. J. Rolsky suggests that we invite them to help us. S. Cox suggests transparency in this process. R. Gibson notes that this letter represents a good place to start in moving ahead with dialogue. S. Cox asks that board identify who should be involved in this. R. Gibson suggests the JCICS Exec committee and notes that he will be in touch to set up meetings. S. Cox suggests that all communications be sent to the entire board.

CEO Work: T. DiFilipo

Families for Orphans Act – Act has been introduced to House, and will be introduced on floor tomorrow. Call to action will be launched soon.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee meeting last month – A few members of JCICS board participated in meeting.

Updates on TB issue – A number of board members and T. Difilipo state that issue is urgent and requires immediate action.

Haiti - S. Cox notes that Holt has letters on its website and noted that other board members can go to Holt website.

COA update – J. Rolsky – New rules - No one who is on JCICS board can be a peer reviewer for ASP's in the future. K. Wallace notes that no one who works for an ASP should be a peer processor anyway. J. Rolsky notes that there are differences in the COA process (peer review) and State Department process (which is not peer review).

Caucus and committee reports – K. Sacco notes that board is waiting for a status report from T. Difilipo on Adoptapedia. T. Difilipo notes that he talked to staff at The Cradle and to the developer and notes that the developer still owes JCICS two deliverables before then site is fully ready. TD notes that JCICS has decided not to turn over webinars to The Cradle – notes that Adoptepedia was supposed to be launch-ready in December 2008 now about half done. Notes that the same firm is working on the JCICS website which should be launch-ready in August 2009.

Discussion on the spending for the Kellogg grant.

R. Gibson calls for an email call for a task force on the spending of the Kellogg money. JR, SC, RG, KS, TD will participate in the call.

Be the Answer Campaign – TD – Target date Sept. 1, 09 – Signature event May 31, 2010 – Have the ability to reach 500,000 people if the campaign is managed. JC needs \$80,000 by the end of the year. Anything short of that will have significant impact on JCICS. K. Wallace says he believes it is important that every member donate \$40 if we are to ask others to donate. K. Wallace moves that every board member committees to putting a min. of \$40 into the Be The Answer camp and each board member commits to sending the be the answer campaign to their own data bases and posts the campaign on their websites.

J. Rolsky seconds – all in favor. Each agency will do what they can to contribute and will report back to R. Gibson. T. D says thank you.

Treasurer and finance report – J. Rolsky – In Feb. the Finance Committee (FC) created the new budget. New budget was approved by exec board and needs to be approved by entire board.

The site visit for the JCICS 2008 audit was completed in July 2009 – verbally the CPAs have reported no concerns. There will be a few comments in the management letter as a result of having had bookkeepers who are not fully trained. End of Sept. final audit will be done. T.Difilipo notes the need for a properly trained bookkeeper - currently looking at a few potential part time bookkeepers. Review the current financial data. Bookkeeper would cost approx. \$4500 for the remainder of the year.

R. Gibson asks whether the board can vote to create the position and hire the person. J. Rolsky notes that \$4000 is already in the budget as a line item. R. Gibson calls for a motion to approve the revised budget. K. Wallace approves. L. Brownlee seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

New items: T. Difilipo – China delegation is one of 29 coming to the COA conference from 9 countries in August. JCICS will coordinate meetings in NY and DC. The China delegation will be meeting with the JCICS and Dept of State in DC. Helping to facilitate that is Mr. Wu from Gladney and Tina J from Barker will help with translation. Delegation coming from Philippines and Nepal as well. There will be a CARA session with ASPs. T.Difilipo says he will send the list of questions he is currently working on with Bill Bistransky and others at the State Dept to the JCICS board for board to contribute to.

Aug. 19, 2009 3 – 5 PM EST. Next meeting.

Discussion about next board meeting in person in DC in September. – start morning of 14th and end 3 PM on 15th. Include a meeting with the DOS.

R. Pearlman motions to close the meeting, N. Fox seconds. Adjourned at 4:47 P.M.