

The Arc Michigan

MCE minutes

November 19, 2009

Present: Cynthia Mayhew, Cheryl Polite, Chris Lerchen, Maggie Kolk, Ron Kimball, Sherry Fernandez, Marge Slick, Tony Wong, Kim Hommerding, Kevin McGuckin

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Agenda Change Arc Services of Macomb to The Arc/Newaygo County.
4. Approval of Minutes – Ron moved to approve minutes as presented. Cheryl seconded.
5. Features local chapter: The Arc/Newaygo County – The Arc/Newaygo County operates one adult foster care and will continue to keep this one after all the changes that happened with the one that was spun off. The office is volunteer it is small. Advocacy is doing. The Board of Director's is working on increasing funding raising to get more bang for the buck. They are also working on increasing their membership.
6. Update: Arc US conference – Cheryl Polite gave report. Discussed speakers. Cheryl reported on workshops that she attended. Discussion about the rebranding and the strategic planning. The Walmart grant is on the website and that is where all the new information will be posted for this. Look at the entire RFP making sure to review the budget. May be set up a phone conference to talk about how to start writing the grant.

Go the website and check out all the information from the conference.

7. Committee Report
 - a. President's Report – Terry Hunt will be present in January to address the RICC issues and questions. The next featured Arc in January is Macomb, February is Shiawassee, March is Monroe. Deb Russell will start going us in the near future. Email suggestions to Sherry if you have topics for discussion at any of the future meetings. Procedures and policies would be good to discuss.
 - b. Treasurer's Report – We have \$1,728.74 in the account.
 - c. Education Committee Report – New Position statements and suggestions for old position statements were given to Dohn so that he can take them to the board of directors of approval. Worked on and developed a draft position statement on Positive Behavior Supports. There are federal auditors in the Department of Education looking

into the use of the stimulus dollars. There are new rules that are out and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

- d. 2009 Arc MI Conference Committee Report – There was no one to do a report.
8. Discussion Issues
- a. Autism Collaborative Center (ACC) may have some good resources.
 - b. Schools not going to allow a DNR in their building. (Calhoun)
 - c. Organ harvesting of an individual who is guarded and living in a nursing home. (Calhoun)
9. **Next meeting date is January 21, 2010.**