

MINUTES

The Arc of Texas Board of Directors June 9, 2006 The Arc of Texas State Office, Austin, Texas

Call to Order:

President Ron Brown called the meeting of The Arc of Texas Board of Directors to order at 12:30 p.m., Friday, June 9, 2006. A quorum of the Board was present.

Members Present:

Ron Brown
Laura Butler
Richard Garnett
Rick Fritsche
Hortencia Mendoza
Dennis Greer
Charlie Huber
Ricky Broussard
Stacie Marthiljohni

Members Absent:

Pat Munoz
Nancy Lepley
Judy Kantorczyk
Beth Turner
Jamie Travis

Staff Present:

Mike Bright
Beverly Main
Lisa Rivers
Amy Mizcles
Rona Statman
Chris Oglesby

Consideration of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

President Brown called for review of the Minutes of the March 10-11, 2006 meeting of the Board of Directors. Charlie Huber MOVED that the Minutes of the March 10-11, 2006 meeting of The Arc of Texas Board of Directors be approved as presented. Rick Fritsche SECONDED THE MOTION. The MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

Consideration of the Report of the President:

President Brown updated the Board on his recent activities. Items discussed in his report included:

- Participation in litigation discussion with the Executive Director and attorney
- Ongoing supervisory meetings and communications with the Executive Director
- Election as Chair of the Board of Advocacy, Inc.
- Guidance to the Executive Director regarding the Household Recycling Business Plan

The report of the President required no action by the Board of Directors.

Consideration of the Report of the Texas Advocates:

Ricky Broussard, President of Texas Advocates, updated the Board on the recent activities of his organization. Items discussed in his report included:

- Texas delegation participation in the national SABE conference in Atlanta, May 25-27, 2006
- Progress toward objectives of the Peer to Peer Training Project
- Texas Advocates Conference, August 4-6, 2006, Grapevine

The report of the Texas Advocates required no action by the Board of Directors.

Consideration of the Report of The Arc of the United States:

Richard Garnett, Board Member of The Arc of the United States, updated the Board on the activities of the national organization. Items discussed in his report included:

- Upcoming proposed amendments to the Affiliation Fee formulas used to calculate local and state chapter annual fees
- Nomination Committee call for nominations for elections at the 2006 annual meeting
- The 2006 national convention, October 12-14, San Diego, California

The report of The Arc of the United States required no action by the Board of Directors.

Consideration of the Report of the Executive Director:

Mike Bright updated the Board on recent activities of The Arc of Texas staff. Items discussed in his report included:

- Personnel changes
- Creation of cubical area in the State Office
- Assignment of a VISTA volunteer to the Real Life program

- Response to letter to chapters urging membership in the Disability Policy Consortium (DPC)
- Response to letter from Bob Kafka regarding The Arc of Texas position on terminology
- Nomination letter for Lynne Cleveland for Vice-President of The Arc of the United States
- Implementation of the Don Miller Memorial Scholarship
- Request to sign-on to an amicus curiae to the Webster death penalty case
- Date of the next Board of Directors meeting
- Appointment of Texas delegates to The Arc of the United States Annual Meeting

Following the Executive Director's report:

Rick Fritsche MOVED that the Executive Director be authorized to sign-on The Arc of Texas to the amicus curiae brief on the Webster case. Ricky Broussard SECONDED THE MOTION. The MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

Charlie Huber MOVED that the President, Vice-President and Past President be designated as The Arc of Texas delegates to the Annual Meeting of The Arc of the United States. Ricky Broussard SECONDED THE MOTION. The MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

By CONSENSUS the Board set September 15-16, 2006 as the date for the next meeting of The Arc of Texas Board of Directors.

Executive Session to Consider the Report on Litigation:

President Brown called the Board to sit in Executive Session for the purpose of receiving the report on pending litigation. Geoffrey Courtney updated the Board on recent developments in the McCarthy v. Hawkins Waiting List lawsuit.

Following the Executive Session, President Brown called the Board back into open session and announced that the Board had taken no action during the Executive Session.

Consideration of Program Reports:

The following staff members presented updates to the Board on The Arc of Texas programs:

- Real Life – Lisa Rivers
- Master Pooled Trust – Chris Oglesby
- Inclusion Works – Rona Statman
- 2006 Family Retreat and Annual Meeting – Beverly Main
- Development – Lisa Rivers

The staff program reports required no action by the Board of Directors.

Consideration of the Report of the Finance and Operations Committee:

In the absence of the Committee Chair, Richard Garnett presented the report of the Finance and Operations Committee. Items discussed in his report included:

- Review of the April 2006 Statement of Financial Position
- Update on reserves
- Update on Household Recycling income for 2006

The report of the Finance and Operations Committee required no action by the Board of Directors.

Consideration of the Report of the Governmental Affairs Committee:

Richard Garnett, Chair of the Governmental Affairs Committee, briefed the Board of Directors on the recent action of the committee and Governmental Affairs staff. Items discussed in his report included:

- Draft: Guiding Principles for the DADS Intake and Access System of the Future
- Update on Governmental Affairs Goals in the 2006 Annual Plan
- Development of TCOOMMI Jail Screening Tool
- Summary of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005

The report of the Governmental Affairs Committee required no action by the Board of Directors.

Consideration of the Progress Report from the Executive Director regarding the Household Recycling Business Plan:

Mike Bright updated the Board on activities undertaken as initial steps to implement the Board's charge to pursue a separate but related organization in which to house the Household Recycling program. Mr. Bright presented several options for next steps and requested Board direction. Following discussion, Dennis Greer MOVED that the Executive Director be authorized to contract with a business consultant, at a rate not to exceed \$15,000, to study the effectiveness of the current Household Recycling operations, to examine staffing of the program and to review the liability position of The Arc of Texas. Charlie Huber SECONDED THE MOTION. The MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

Adjournment:

Dennis Greer MOVED that the meeting of The Arc of Texas Board of Directors be adjourned. Rick Fritsche SECONDED THE MOTION. The MOTION WAS ADOPTED. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Bright – Executive Director
In the absence of the Secretary