**Meeting Minutes**

**Florida Department of Law Enforcement**

**Missing Endangered Persons Clearinghouse**

**Advisory Board**

**Virtual Meeting**

**April 21, 2022**

**11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (EST)**

FDLE:

Ashley Bullard, Jon Roddenberry, ASAC Chad Brown, Brendie Hawkins, Megan Bohnenberger, PPA Peter Warren, Kathy Cutler, Alexis Snell, Inspector Chad Hoffman, Deputy General Counsel Jeff Dambly

BOARD:

Dan Campbell, Assistant Chief Antonio Gilliam, Emmy Kyllonen, David Brand, Stephanie White, Honorable Walt McNeil, Jessica Janasiewicz, Karen Mazzola, Brian Moore, Brian Moore, Hilary Sessions, Dr. Kim Spence, Mark Young, Terri Lynn, Tawana Spann, Joe Butler, AUSA Frank Williams,

AD HOC BOARD:

Julie Collins, Mr. Travis Paulk

**Welcome**

**Roll Call**

**Member News**

* New Board member: Larry Small
  + Worked closely with MEPIC as DCF Liaison; recently promoted within DCF
* New Board member: Joe Butler
  + Father of Jabez Spann and working on podcast to bring light to missing children issues

New President of PTA in July 2022, Carolyn Nelson Goedert

**Approve 3/2022 Meeting Minutes**

* Vote to approve; minutes approved (Chief Gilliam and Brian Moore)

**Action Items**

* FDLE – Provide running list of conferences mentioned by the Board during meetings
* Board Members – Those writing Newsletter articles please submit drafts to Ashley Bullard ASAP and before next AB meeting

**Agenda Items**

**Foundation Website Updates**

* ASAC Brown issued PSA regarding alerts, which is on Foundation website
  + This PSA is also being released on social media in late May, on National Missing Children’s Day.
  + This can be shared by Board members and others as well
* FMCD page added
  + New feature allowing RSVP via the website
* FMCD postcard invitation
  + QR code will ideally drive traffic to website; traffic is tracked so we will see if there is an increase
  + All invitees will receive a postcard; missing person families will also receive a letter

**Conference**

* (Family Cafe) cannot waive $2,000 exhibit fee for FDLE
  + Dr. Spence will be going, and may be able to speak on our behalf to have it waived in future.
* Does any member know of a conference in the next 6-8 months?
  + DCF, Child Protective Settlement conference August 31- Sept 2., will check with leadership regarding fee.
  + Florida Department of Juvenile Justice – Restoring Hope event, Dr. Gomez has slot reserved for MEPIC to speak on missing children, October 25th-26th.
  + Terri Lynn: Bloodhounds may be able to come to these events if scheduling permits
  + FASRO Conference in July – MEPIC and DARE are on the schedule
  + FDLE is prepared with materials for conferences and has a running list of conferences mentioned in meetings, which will be provided during meetings in future
  + Center for Autism and Related Disabilities Conference in Orlando in January - Dr. Spence will inquire if FDLE can speak to attendees, families from all over Florida. They would likely also love for bloodhounds to come.
  + ICAC and CART conferences in Orlando, December 12-14 2022
  + Safety Fairs FDLE is attending are posted on FMCDF website; we can look into posting conferences as well.

(break 34:00-39:00)

**Newsletter**

* Tawana Spann wants to interview Board members for her podcast.
  + Florida Sunshine Law allows communication between Board members outside meetings as long as it isn’t about Board business
  + Ashley Bullard will ensure Ms. Spann and Chairperson Campbell have each other’s contact information
* Chairperson Campbell has an interview possibility to speak with Ms. Spann.
* Members who are writing articles: submit drafts to Ashley Bullard ASAP and before next Board meeting

**Nomination Forms**

* New Award Category
  + At Foundation meeting 4/20, Foundation agreed to pay expenses for award category up to two people and $800
  + Criteria for new award are intended to broaden the scope of what qualifies; almost any activity that assists combating missing persons issues, whether performed by human or animal, qualifies.
  + Award will be used as a backup and will not be advertised
  + Suggestion of Good Samaritan as a title; the Board will table decision on title for June meeting
* School Bus Driver form has had language removed; does the Board wish to vote on whether to apply this change uniformly across all forms?
  + Chairperson Campbell moves to leave forms as is. Terri Lynn seconds the motion. Vote taken and passed.

**CART Update**

* Working with APCO; they will host a webinar between FDLE and NCMEC
  + 1,000 attendees expected
  + Expect an increase in engagement nationwide regarding missing child alerts following this
* IAED, which supplies software to dispatchers nationwide and internationally, will implement new Autism protocols into their software.

**MEPIC Update**

* Preparing for Purple Alerts July 1, 2022
  + These have the potential to be high volume, comparable to Silver Alerts
* Amber Alert led to direct recovery of a four-year-old boy in Taylor County

**Adjournment**

* June in-person meeting will be Friday, June 10th, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
  + Currently confirming Staybridge as the location
* Virtual meeting May 19th is canceled by agreement of Board
* Mark Young motions to adjourn; Stephanie White seconds; motion passes.