

## **MDIC Board Meeting Minutes October 3, 2017**

**Member present:** Gene Gross, Gill Milburn-Westfall, Armand Lebovits, Sue Waters, Kate Lewis, David Littman, Kerry Stutzman, Amanda Eno, Elizabeth Bonnano, Samantha Rutsky

### **Discussion of pushback re: ancillary members letter:**

- Kate got an email from Brad Wood, director of Central Visitation Program, who was offended as he saw the letter as excluding ancillary members. David and other board members have received similar emails.
- We want to keep important ancillary members such as Brad, the letter went out to comply with our bylaws of approving our ancillary members, and we actually increased the number of ancillary members from 7% to 10%.
- Plan moving forward –
  - Kate will call Brad to explain the change/issue to him and answer his questions.
  - Samantha and David will make an announcement before today's luncheon explaining the past "spying" incident and that the letter went out to protect our members.
  - Kate will wait a week or two to see how many ancillary member applications we get, and if we need to, we will call ancillary members to follow up.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gene is now the new treasurer! Samantha meeting with him next week to make the transition official. Balance in our account is \$31,654.63, within our normal range but a bit low because we are about to collect membership dues.

**New/Continuing Board Members:** Diana Powell and David Littman continuing their attorney board membership. Armand Lebovits continuing his mental health board membership. Welcome to Kerry Stutzman, our new mental health board member!

**Bylaws Update:** The Amended Bylaws are done (signed by the Secretary, Samantha who will send out a copy to the Board).

### **Website Update:**

- We now have a "members only" section of the website where you can view the bylaws, past board meeting minutes, luncheon handouts and CLE form (going back to 2012).
- Bylaws are not posted yet. Ancillary members do not have access to this portion of the website, therefore we will be moving the bylaws out of the "members only" section.
- Non-members can pay for their luncheons online at the non-member rate.
- Members have to be logged in to make sure they get the member rate.

**Discussion re: L.A.N. case and child-therapist privilege:** David suggests that for the next several board meetings, we commit to collection and dissemination of data re: the applicability of the L.A.N. case in domestic relations cases, and the child-therapist privilege.

- Board agrees very interesting/thought provoking topic
- Maybe this topic can be part of the Judge's luncheon? Point, counter-point format?
- Single topic of discussion for Judge's luncheon with material to read beforehand?
- Will have further discussions.

Samantha will make announcements today re: board member election results, membership dues deadline.