



## PCAIN Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2024

- **Welcome and Introductions**

- Committee Members Present: Rhonda Yoder Breman, Brittany Todd, Carolyn Clay-Hall, Eric Paull, Gayle Smith, Jackie Suess, Kailey Potts, Mary Hauser, Melissa Peregrin, Todd Louden
- Staff Present: Shannon Schumacher, Rachel Colclazier, Jeff Wittman, Krista Hays

- **Education/Board Orientation**

- To help re-energize this committee a Chartering Agreement/Orientation was developed and approved by The Villages Board back in December 2023. This Chartering Agreement/Orientation document is located on PCAIN website. Here is that [LINK](#).
- Do we need to add PCAIN's Mission Statement to the Chartering Agreement ?
  - Discuss further at next meeting.
- We will spend some time each meeting to educate everyone on core aspects PCAIN, which will serve as an orientation equipping all Advisory Committee members with the same basic understanding of PCAIN and their role.
  - Today, discussed the following:
    - **PCA America** – is the oldest and largest primary child abuse organization, they are a national organization, they currently have 47 chartered state chapters of which PCAIN is one of those chartered states. PCAIN is rechartering this year in December with PCA America. The site visit is Dec 4 & 5.



- Indiana State laws for reporting abuse & neglect; Mandated Reporting idea to Mandating Supporting idea – move from the culture of surveillance to a culture of support.
    - We want the message to be that PCAIN is synonymous with Indiana and child abuse prevention. When people think about Child Abuse Prevention we want PCAIN to be the first thing on their mind.
    - Clarify Advisory Committee of PCAIN reports to the Villages Board of Directors.
  - We welcome three recently added new members of this committee:
    - Eric Paull
    - Melissa Peregrin
    - Kailey Potts
- Melissa Peregrin, Hamilton County Council President, talked about how that council has worked with [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#) (NCMEC) to provide Internet Safety trainings. Jeff recently connected with her and NCMEC to get PCAIN staff trained to provide that training across the state and even train council members to provide this training in their own counties (primarily for staff in schools, parents, etc.). We currently have several councils that are interested in being trained (Bartholomew, Hancock & Jefferson).
- **Quarterly Update** – to be discussed at each meeting:
  - Trainings completed – Last Quarter (July1-Sept30, 2024)
    - Total Number of One-Time Trainings – 12 (8 in person; 4 virtual)
    - 534 people trained
    - Brian Carter left on July 4<sup>th</sup> (Previous quarter we did 41 trainings) Brian did a lot of trainings in schools. We plan to hire to replace that position in 2025.
    - Nurturing Fathers Series – 8 to 12 classes per series – we graduated 38 men; currently have only 1 virtual class series
    - Carol Pool, PCAIN Educational Specialist, has been on a medical leave since Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. Plans for her to return sometime before the end of this calendar year.
  - Council Events – we had our quarterly statewide webinar with our councils on September 25th with 23 in attendance covering 19

councils and representing 34 councils. The next one is scheduled for Dec 10<sup>th</sup>; Yearly rechartering is in process for 2025; the chartering fee has increased from \$150 per year to \$200 per year (has not been increased at least since 2007).

- Family Connection Network (Kinship Care), a program under the umbrella of PCAIN, during the quarter from July-Sept 2024, worked with 39 families -- coming to support groups or events, working with our case manager or needed concrete (financial) assistance.
  - Concrete assistance funds provided through FCN from July-Sept2024 quarter -- \$34,914.35. These funds were used to overcome barriers that may threaten the stability of kinship placement. The funds for concrete assistance come from grants and donations. This isn't a check to the family but is paying the landlord, utility company, etc. directly. They apply through an application that is reviewed internally and ultimately approved by Shannon Schumacher.
- FCN Events this quarter – Indianapolis Indians Game; Kinship Appreciation Event (Sept28); Trunk or Treat; Holiday Event coming up in Dec at Primo's.
- Kathy King, PCAIN Support Specialist, will be retiring after 26 years of service, as of Dec 31, 2025.
- **Old/New Business**
  - 2024 PCAA Rechartering – every 4 years; submitted our self-assessment documents on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. We may reach out to some of you to help in the interview process. Site visit is Dec 4 & 5. Very strength focused approach to the rechartering process. Rachel showed the PCA America State Practice Standards/Scoring Overview of the 9 Core Areas to help understand the criteria for rechartering.
  - Grants funds awarded recently to The Villages, some of which will be used to assist in the provision of the PCAIN program in coming years:
    - Casey Family Programs - \$20,000 to use in the youth voice arena
    - Early Years Initiative – \$197,000 over 3-years; this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of funding; we plan to use to hire a bilingual/early years trainer (Safe Tots, CA-101 & CA-102 training)

- **Board Connection**

- Rhonda Yoder Breman is our conduit from the Villages Board
  - If you want to learn more about The Villages and what the Board does – it is oriented around governing and what the board can do – restructuring, redefining some of the rolls of the committees. We do have a separate Foundation that holds the majority of the funds from Villages fundraising. It has been 5 years since Eli Lilly gave us a \$10 Million sustainability grant that is currently held in the foundation. Board has been separating the Board into to two separate board – Villages Board & Foundation Board.
  - Volunteer Opportunities:
    - Clothing/Donation Center on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor staffed by volunteers. (Krista Hays)
    - Season for the Giving Tree to help sponsor a family at Christmas time. (Krista Hays)
    - Family Connection Network Support volunteers – twice a month support group – we need help with childcare for the children during those meetings (Jeff Wittman).
  - The next opportunity to elect a new Advisory Committee Chair is in April 2025. Contact Rhonda if you are interested.
  - If you are aware of any groups, connections or foundations that may be a funding source for the Family Connection Network, please contact Jeff Wittman or Rachel Colclazier.

- **Executive Director/Advocacy**

- The Villages has employed a lobbyist to make sure legislators understand, what kind of services are needed for families and what is needed to change things legally around what we do. Last year we talked to a legislator that proposed a bill that would mandate that lodging establishments (hotels, motels, etc.) would provide education for employees on how to identify sex trafficking. Unfortunately, this bill died but could come up again. If you have seen how other states are doing this, please speak with Shannon Schumacher.

- **Special Event Planning**

- **CAP Month Kick-off event** – Scheduled & secured for April 1, 2025 at the Indiana Statehouse;
- **Suggestions for Kickoff:**
  - Legislative session will have begun – explore ways we can invite legislators so attendees may engage them on important issues.
  - Need speakers, food, invitation list, use of music/choir, work with the Press
  - Big Pinwheels (only 2 left)
  - Hands across Indiana video
  - Pinwheel lapel pins, PCAIN tshirts, etc.
  - Proclamation from Governor
  - Backdrop for photo opportunities
  - Coffee Bar
  - Exhibit tables
  - Give out children’s books for children – have legislators sign them.
  - Engage our councils to invite them to attend
  - This is our opportunity to do something big and different from previous years.
  - Speaker suggestions: Governor, PCA America Rep, Villages/PCAIN Rep, DCS Rep, Kids First Rep.
- **Breman Run** – Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> has been penciled in with Fun Races (organizer) and White River State Park (location). Everyone agreed that this date is good. Start time can be moved to accommodate those that want to attend church beforehand. The Breman Run Sponsorship forms are on the PCAIN website Advisory Committee Section. [2025 Breman Documents LINK](#)
- **Todd noted:** 1) The porta-potty at the midpoint was locked with no access in 2024. 2) Some walkers/runners wanted to quit at the halfway point but were afraid that it would mess with the race timer. Could we have a competitive timer bib and a noncompetitive bib in the future that would allow for the non-competitive people to stop at any point. This will be discussed with the Fun Races company.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2025 in-person at The Villages Indianapolis office.