

JCDS GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 25, 2020

1.0 Call to Order

Mr. Kyle Russell, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present were Gayle Richardson, Kyle Russell, Bob Stephan, Rick Marien, and Debbie Scott Williams. Members absent: Dale Chaffin and Bob Duncan (both excused). Others in attendance were Chad VonAhnen, Executive Director and staff members Shelly May, Tim Arnold, Melissa Reeves, and Shelly Toft. Also, in attendance was Michael Ashcraft, County Commissioner and Joe Connor, Assistant County Manager.

2.0 Minutes

Mr. Stephan moved and Mrs. Richardson seconded to approve the January 28, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3.0 Financial Reports

The county's year-end and subsequent financial closings are running late, so no formal printed report was available. Mr. Arnold did state that it appears the reserve account will be at 7% at year-end which is slightly lower than desired. There were several explanations discussed contributing to that percentage, including lower worksite revenues, lower case management and CDDO administration revenue with salary costs increasing, and a few issues with managed care organizations billing.

Mr. VonAhnen noted the state contract will include negotiations this year and Ms. Mandy Flower will be part of that process.

Mrs. Richardson requested a recap showing where the revenue has dropped.

4.0 Presentations

Mr. VonAhnen referenced documents in the packet and gave details on the graphic developed by the Strategic Planning Facilitator, Ms. Tara Markley. Mr. VonAhnen discussed where the agency's focus will be in the different categories, including the report that the turnover rate in direct care employees has increased to 29% at JCDS. InterHab reports this at 77% statewide. Discussion took place on the reasons for this and possible options.

Ms. May presented the plans to eliminate, upon the next expiration, the sub-minimum wage certificate for the agency. She referenced the details in the board packet.

5.0 Board Committees/Liaisons

Mrs. Scott Williams and Mr. Marien commented on activities with the Friends of JCDS, noting the birthday celebrations for several homes, as well as continued construction activity with the newest properties.

Mrs. Richardson reported Families for KanCare Reform is preparing to address the Bob Bethell Committee at the statehouse and plan to comment on the new proposed rate bill.

Commissioner Ashcraft shared he had participated in a presentation about JCDS and the Emerging Artist Program and that he is still hearing that the general public does not know much about what the agency does.

6.0 Director's Reports

Mr. VonAhnen shared that Ms. Flower is attending the LEAD training in Virginia this week and that the Community Developmental Disabilities Organization (CDDO) will be participating in the Blue Valley School District's Special Needs Fair and working to expand dental health homes.

Mrs. Reeves stated Kate Martinez, agency receptionist, will be leaving the agency March 6. The annual Advocacy Day in Topeka will be held March 25 this year and the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Proclamation will be presented at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on March 5.

The agency will hold several "voter's rights" seminars for individuals served, families, and employees in the near future.

Mr. VonAhnen stated the House passed the rates bill at 7%, but it will now go to the Senate and is not expected to get the full amount. He also noted there has been no activity on the State Fire Marshal issue or the licensing issue with the state.

7.0 Adjournment

Mr. Stephan moved and Mrs. Scott Williams seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Motion carried.

Mr. Robert Duncan, Secretary

Board Minutes approved via motion on April 21, 2020, virtual meeting due to CoVid-19 Pandemic

Recorded by:
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