

**JCDS GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 25, 2019**

**1.0 Call to Order**

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

**2.0 Minutes**

**Mrs. Scott Williams moved and Mr. Russell second to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

**3.0 Financial Reports**

Mr. Arnold noted that some of the reduction in the reserve amount is due to the timing of credits to the account. In addition, the managed care organizations are slowing again in making payments to providers.

**Mrs. Richardson moved and Mr. Russell seconded to accept the May 2019 Financial Report as presented. Motion approved.**

Mr. VonAhnen and Ms. Flower discussed the activity of the InterHab workgroup on the state contract. Ms. Flower noted that case management conflict of interest and provisional plans of care are still concerns that need to be addressed, but the contract language is finalized.

**Mrs. Richardson moved and Mr. Duncan seconded to authorize the Executive Director to sign the FY20 CDDO Contract with the State of Kansas. Motion passed.**

**4.0 Presentations**

Mr. VonAhnen introduced Mr. David Murphy, Residential Team Leader. Mr. Murphy discussed his recent participation in the Midwest Leadership Institute, noting this was the first time this was held in Kansas City. The program was an intensive 46 hours and emphasized independence and choice for the individuals receiving services. Mr. Murphy shared several instances of improving interview processes, meetings, competitive employment, employee development, and supported living options. He further shared some of the discussion that took place relative to the Final Rule and operation of services through managed care organizations in other states.

Mr. VonAhnen referenced a packet item detailing possible KPERS changes for Direct Support Professionals (DSPs). This item has been discussed as a potential for many non-profit organizations dealing with high turnover in these positions. The board agreed to observe how this proceeds in other programs that will participate and took no action at this time.

**5.0 Board Committees/Liaisons**

Mr. VonAhnen commented on activity of the Friends of JCDS, noting that all offers made on lots to purchase for the building of homes have fallen through at this time. He further noted the need to sell the remaining tax credits before year-end and provided feedback on the recent Friends Rock event.

Mrs. Richardson stated Families for KanCare Reform recently met with Laura Howard, Secretary for the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS). She is interested in having transparency and providing additional information to parents and discussed the waiting list with the group.

Commissioner Ashcraft invited the group to attend the July 29<sup>th</sup> public hearing on the 2020 county budget and to express their opinions.

#### **6.0 Director's Items**

Ms. May commented on the amount of sales being experienced by several artists within the Emerging Artists Program, the Project SEARCH graduation, and new opportunities coming up in supported worksites.

Ms. Flower noted the recent interest of four new entities that are working through the affiliation process to be able to provide services and stated she is working with Kansas State University on the development of an affiliate needs assessment.

Mrs. Reeves reported on several projects in the works, including an online option for people to purchase Papercrete Works items, another job fair to be held in the fall, an employer appreciation event to be held in the fall, and a public education campaign. She further noted the volunteer program is expanding and they have implemented a volunteer newsletter for interested parties.

Mr. VonAhnen commented on several items in the report in the packet and reminded the board of the upcoming Board Retreat being held in October.

Mr. Chaffin advised the group of his recent tour of the new Infant Development Center at the Advent Health complex in Shawnee and commented on several of the activities within the unique operation of the organization. Mr. Chaffin encouraged JCDS staff to see the new center's operations.

#### **7.0 Adjournment**

**Mrs. Scott Williams moved and Mrs. Richardson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Motion passed.**



Mrs. Debbie Scott Williams, Secretary

Recorded by:  
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