

JCDS GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES March 26, 2019

1.0 Call to Order

Mr. Dale Chaffin, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m. Board members present were: Dale Chaffin, Gayle Richardson, Kyle Russell, Bob Stephan, Rick Marien, and Debbie Scott Williams. Members absent: Bob Duncan (excused absence). Others in attendance were Chad VonAhnen, Executive Director and staff members Shelly May, Tim Arnold, Mandy Flower, Melissa Reeves, and Shelly Toft. Also in attendance was Ed Eilert, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC); Michael Ashcraft, Becky Fast, and Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County Commissioners; Penny Postoak Ferguson, County Manager; Maury Thompson, Deputy County Manager; and Joe Connor, Assistant County Manager.

Chairman Eilert and Mr. Chaffin welcomed the group to the joint boards meeting and participants each introduced themselves.

2.0 JCDS Report

Mr. VonAhnen provided a brief update on the recent action regarding Johnson County provider issues with the State Fire Marshal's (SFM) office. The district court ruled in the county's favor as the result of the SFM's failure to comply with a judge's order to file a response to the county's original appellate brief. The court concluded the SFM did not have legal authority to regulate single-family residences used as group homes. The court did not reach a conclusion on if the SFM's actions violated the Federal Fair Housing Amendment's Act. The SFM has 30 days to appeal from the date of March 8, 2019.

Mr. VonAhnen also advised the BOCC of the status of network providers that are experiencing challenges as a result of a lack of state funding, regulations, high workforce turnover in direct supports, and lack of needed training to support individuals with complex needs. In addition, the lack of available, affordable, and accessible housing throughout the county was discussed.

Mr. VonAhnen provided a brief legislative recap and shared current activities taking place within specific programs.

Chairman Eilert thanked the Governing Board for their volunteer work on behalf of JCDS and Chairman Chaffin commented on the Governing Board's appreciation and support of the county's program.

Mr. Chaffin adjourned the joint board meeting at 6:18 p.m.

A 10 minute break was taken.

1.0 Call to Order

Chairman Chaffin called the JCDS Governing Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The board members above, along with the staff, and County Manager's Office liaison, Joe Connor, remained in attendance.

2.0 Minutes

Mrs. Scott Williams moved and Mr. Russell seconded to approve the February 26, 2019 board minutes as written. Motion carried.

3.0 Financial Reports

Mr. Arnold referenced the financial report on the screen with all budget items on track.

Mrs. Richardson moved and Mr. Stephan seconded to accept the February 2019 financial report as presented. Motion passed.

4.0 Board Committees/Liaisons

Mr. Marien referenced the Friends of JCDS report on screen, commenting on the increasing volunteer opportunities and fundraising efforts taking place, primarily as a result of the Friends of JCDS's Director, Janel Bowers. Mr. Marien also commented on the production of Papercrete Works.

Mr. VonAhnen added that the next opportunity to raise funds for the Friends of JCDS would be the Musical Wednesday event on April 17, 2019.

Mrs. Richardson reported the Families for KanCare Reform group attended a recent town hall meeting at Johnson County Community College in which Governor Kelly was present. The group asked for a withdrawal of the current waiver plan with a submission of a one-year extension of the current plan as issues are considered.

5.0 Director's Reports

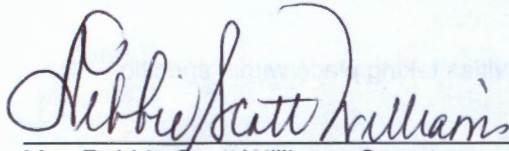
Ms. May commented on activities of the Project SEARCH program and stated JCDS staff would be holding a job fair for the purpose of hiring for vacant direct support professional positions.

Mrs. Reeves stated 60 individuals served and staff attended the recent Advocacy Day at the State Capitol. Many individuals addressed the group overall and met with their legislators to share their concerns.

The board thanked Mrs. Reeves for the success of the new format of the agency's annual report.

6.0 Adjournment

Mr. Marien moved and Mr. Russell seconded to adjourn the board meeting at 6:53 p.m. Motion approved.



Mrs. Debbie Scott Williams, Secretary

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