JCDS GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 24, 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, Bob Stephan, Rick Marien, and Debbie Scott Williams. 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 Michael Ashcraft, Johnson County Commissioner and Joe Connor, Assistant County Manager.

2.0 Minutes
Mrs. Scott Williams moved and Mr. Stephan seconded to approve the August 27, 2019 minutes as written. Motion carried.

3.0 Financial Reports
Mr. Arnold referenced the report in the packet, noting the financial status is good and the Aetna contract had been received.

Mr. Stephan moved and Mr. Russell seconded to accept the financial reports as written. Motion passed.

Mr. VonAhnen updated the group on the status of the End Dependence Kansas (EDK) grant, which has been very successful.

4.0 Presentations
Ms. Flower shared details of the assessment process that took place with affiliate organizations that volunteered to participate in a couple of focus groups. The turnout was small as was the response to the online survey that was shared with the affiliate organization. The affiliates reported their needs were focused on home modifications, transportation, behavior support, training, and rates.

Mrs. Reeves shared three videos produced to recognize appreciation events for those we serve, along with appreciation for our direct service providers.

Mr. VonAhnen and Ms. May commented on the Shark Tank event held to encourage staff to present ideas that may improve how services are delivered and/or may save resources. Seven individuals presented very effective suggestions that are being considered for additional review or implementation.

5.0 Board Action Items
Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Scott Williams, as the Nominating Committee, proposed the following slate of officers to serve in 2020:

- Chair – Kyle Russell
- Vice Chair – Debbie Scott Williams
- Treasurer – Rick Marien
- Secretary – Bob Duncan

The board will vote on this slate at the October or November board meeting.
6.0 Board Committees/Liaisons
Mr. Marien reported Friends of JCDS has just purchased a lot to build the 15th Friends home and that $80,000 in tax credits still needs to be used or these will be lost.

Mrs. Richardson commented on the meeting that Families for KanCare Reform held with Amy Penrod, Commissioner, Community Services and Programs at Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services. The group shared their concerns with the HCBS waiver renewal.

Mr. Chaffin reminded the board of the upcoming strategic planning retreat and encouraged the board to think about three to five issues/challenges that the board should consider addressing in the near future.

7.0 Director’s Items
Ms. May reported the Document Destruction business is expanding to include the county’s Department of Motor Vehicles and the new Project SEARCH class will be getting underway. She also noted that 64% of individuals served in JCDS employment services earn minimum wage or higher and that 61% of individuals receive Day Services outside of the Elmore Center.

Mr. VonAhnen stated an open house would be held on October 4, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to showcase the newest Friends of JCDS home, number 14.

Ms. Flower referenced the correction to the waiting list number in her report and announced the CDDO would be gaining two new targeted case management providers and a residential provider. In addition, one Day and Residential provider is expanding their Day Services and getting out of the Residential side. It is expected other affiliates will be able to serve the 15 individuals losing their existing residential program.

Ms. Flower shared a card with the details of the October 3, 2019 CDDO Resource Fair.

Mrs. Reeves announced that the recent job fair included several employers. She also reported that the Shawnee Mission Post will be doing a story on the Reeds open house and JCDS will have articles in both the Nov/Dec issue of The Best Times and the JoCo Magazine.

Mr. VonAhnen stated vendor demonstrations would be held during the week on systems for electronic health records that will replace the current system, which is aging and is limited in what it needs to do.

Mr. VonAhnen reported that at a recent InterHab Governmental Affairs retreat, the group discussed how to implement regular rate increases into the statewide system without appealing each year to the legislature.

8.0 Adjournment
Mrs. Richardson moved and Mr. Russell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Motion approved.

Mrs. Debbie Scott Williams, Secretary

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