

JCDS GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 25, 2020

1.0 Call to Order

Debbie Scott Williams, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. Board members present were: Dale Chaffin, Gayle Richardson, Kyle Russell, Bob Duncan, Rick Marien, and Debbie Scott Williams. Absent: Robert Stephan. 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, County Commissioner and Joe Connor, Assistant County Manager.

2.0 Minutes

Mr. Chaffin moved and Mr. Marien seconded to approve the June 23, 2020 minutes as viewed. Motion passed.

3.0 Financial Reports

Mr. Arnold referenced the reports in the packet, noting that both expenses and revenues are still down due to the CoVid Pandemic. Some of the agency's expenses will be reimbursed through federal programs for Medicaid providers and additional sources of financial reimbursement continue to be examined. This is a complicated process as providers cannot use multiple reimbursements for the same expenses.

Mrs. Richardson moved and Mr. Chaffin seconded to accept the July 2020 Financial Reports as presented. Motion carried.

4.0 Presentations

Mrs. Scott Williams referenced Mr. Duncan's tenure on the board as he is resigning effective August 31, 2020. She and others on the call thanked him for his service and wished him well. Mr. Duncan commented on the professionalism of the JCDS staff and thanked Commissioner Ashcraft for his support of the agency.

Mr. VonAhnen shared the Outcomes reports that were in the packet. A change in how some of the outcomes will be presented in the future is taking place and will feature a scorecard format.

Mr. VonAhnen shared graphs of items the agency is tracking relative to CoVid. He also reported that there are currently no cases of CoVid within the agency. Commissioner Ashcraft commended Mr. VonAhnen on the agency's handling of the crisis and asked why one of the graphs indicated overall hospital visits were down for those receiving services. Ms. May explained that JCDS serves an older population and most are currently receiving their services in their home, which keeps them less exposed.

Mr. VonAhnen mentioned that as a result of some of these unanticipated health benefits, conversations with the Kansas Department of Aging & Disability Services (KDADS) have taken place regarding the long-term benefits for conducting retirement services in an individual's home if that is their preference.

Mrs. Richardson asked if anyone was tracking behavioral and mental health incidents to see if they have increased or decreased. Ms. May responded that behavioral incidents have actually decreased overall. The Community Behavioral Health Team (CBHT) has seen a spike in incidents; however, the majority of these are coming from non-JCDS affiliates. Most of these are individuals with a co-occurring mental health diagnosis and are due to the increasing intensity of family interaction.

Ms. May also reported that the next Project SEARCH internship will not be starting until after Labor Day. In addition, JCDS has currently lost the CRL contract, which had been a key source of employment options for many years. It is unknown at this time if the contract will come back as the CoVid situation improves.

Individuals that are currently living with their families or independently are slowly coming back to the Elmore Center for work and activity. Many extra measures have been implemented for their safety, including keeping a distance and lunching in the same groups they work with. The next group to come back will be from the agency's residential program and finally from other affiliates. At this time there are families that have chosen not to send their adult children back to services.

On the affiliate side, Ms. Flowers reports the network is stable and all funding source information is actively being shared. Circle of support discussions are being encouraged to determine if an individual should return to their day program. Most families and organizations are flowing smoothly and are being very cautious in returning to services.

Note: Mr. Russell arrived at 6:35 and began facilitating the remainder of the meeting.

5.0 Board Committees/Liaisons

Mr. Marien and Mrs. Scott Williams commented on the activity with the Friends of JCDS organization which is currently focused on searching for additional properties. They reminded the group Friends currently owns 15 homes and one property for building.

The Friends Rock event will be virtual this year and will be held September 18. Tickets can be obtained through Friends and on their website.

Mrs. Richardson commented that some members of the Families for KanCare Reform have joined InterHab since they have developed an individual membership category.

Mr. Ashcraft had to leave the meeting, so Mr. Connor reported the 2021 budget process was over and the county commissioners approved a mill levy rollback of .25 mills. He further noted that due to the increase in housing values, taxes could still increase.

Mrs. Scott Williams stated the Nominating Committee was presenting Mrs. Richardson to replace Mr. Duncan as Board Secretary through the remainder of the 2020 calendar year.

Mr. Russell moved and Mr. Marien seconded to accept Mrs. Richardson to the post of Board Secretary through the remainder of 2020. Motion carried.

6.0 Director's Reports

Ms. Flower reported that she conducted a presentation on the waiver application process and that due to the pandemic, KDADS has negotiated with CDDOs to extend for six months their existing contracts. Mrs. Richardson asked if any waiting list money was anticipated for the upcoming contract year and Ms. Flower responded that it had not been discussed, but the situation was not optimistic.

Mrs. Reeves referenced several updates as stated on her report in the packet.

Mr. VonAhnen stated JCDS would be undergoing a county audit and the scope of that is still being developed.

7.0 Adjournment

Mr. Chaffin moved and Mrs. Richardson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion approved.

Minutes approved via motion on September 22, 2020 – virtual meeting due to Covid-19 Pandemic.

Mrs. Gayle Richardson, Secretary

Recorded by:
Shelly Toft