

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 16, 2010
Kids Central Boardroom, Ocala, FL

Present – Rebecca Schatt, John Aitken, Joanne Billingsley, Jim Bullock, Gail Burry, Philip Courter, Toni James, Mike Jordan, Dyer Michell, Russell Rasco, Brad Thorpe, Steven Spivey, Steve Yates, Irene Rickus

Absent – Cynthia Schuler, Bobby James, John Lege

Welcome and Call to Order

Rebecca Schatt

Becky handed over the meeting to Steven Yates, the new Board Chair.

Board Member Recognition

Cynthia Schuler

Steven's first duty was recognition of the outgoing board chair, Beck Schatt, and she was honored with a plaque. Toni James, an outgoing board member was also honored with a plaque and Steven read the inscription aloud. Toni addressed the board saying that when she started in the field back in the 80's privatization was just beginning and she supported it then and congratulated everyone for their hard work on getting it to where it is today.

Review of Board Minutes from October

Steven Yates

October meeting minutes were reviewed and motion to approve was made and seconded and all approved.

Chairman's Remarks

Rebecca Schatt

Approval of new officers was made by Gail and seconded by Toni and approved by all. Board Policy Manual - Cyndi referenced section 7.2 for review and all highlighted changes were reviewed. She mentions in particular the change from the language "KCI" to "Kids Central Inc". Motion made by Dyer to approve and seconded by Gail and all approved.

Meeting Schedules

Cynthia Schuler

Cyndi tells committee chairs to get their meeting dates to her and she will get them out to everyone. Next board Meeting is the retreat in Wildwood.

President's Report

Cynthia Schuler

Policies – the other new polices were sent out in emails, more are hard-copied in packet. Board has to approve for COA. Motion was made and seconded and all approved.

Prevention Success Stories review of stories in packet. Mike Jordan asked if there was data on the reduction of child abuse. Joanne - yes, see article on page 62 of packet for some. Cyndi plans to bring article when she talks to legislators.

Neighborhood Projects Update – this really has a big impact and exciting stuff is going on, and this is all because of an investment in a facilitator position by Kids Central.

Maltreatment Report for 2009 – 2010 - Steve Yates states that these maltreat numbers by county are a good piece of information to be brought to the legislators when they are visited.

Prevention of Child Maltreatment - review

Prevention Data Report – review - Bill Daiuto states that the Hot line is trending up lately.

Performance Measures – are not as bad as they look - data entry errors that have been corrected and more attention to details of dates needed

HPRP & HOPE Updates- probably the last report on HPRP as the funds have ended and they were able to serve quite a few families but hopes they continue to stay in their homes
HOPE – a new program, slow to get referrals because investigators don't understand the program, we have to get out there to re-educate. For domestic violence cases that are reported to Hot Lines.
Kinship Updates - tells of Kinship care Christmas party – Jack Farley will play Santa for 147 from all 5 counties.
Aging in America Conference- two Kids Central people presenting at a National conference in CA
Last item is that Kids Central is still negotiating contract.

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Operations Report

Irene Rickus

Family Finders Success Stories - this is an example of a weekly report that goes out to all of our providers, which includes a "Tip of the week" that she reads out loud.

Data graphs and charts – shows a downward trend so it's going in the right direction. She notes that Kids Central has a higher than national average of children being placed in a relative's home. Also states that foster care parents are of a higher caliber recently but still need to get the number of foster parents up. Cyndi states that adoptions are up this year so will need more subsidy money.

Financial Report

Dyer Michell

Review of financial – private unemployment insurance – we save a little and avoid the risk.
Action needed on lease of facilities – contract good thru 12/31/2013 – subcommittee to look into these options and report back to board

- Talk to owners about proposed increase
- Owning a building or building a building
- Sign the lease early to get a better deal

Motion made and seconded and approved by all to form sub committee
Credit Line – we have a \$200,000 line which is up for renewal – do we stay at this level or up to \$500,000, our bank partner is agreeable to this. This is only to be used if we had no other choice and CFO or designee approve it. Motion made and seconded and approved by all to increase.
John reviewed statement and motion made, seconded and approved by all to accept.

Committees

Executive Committee- R. Schaff – she talks about the One Voice for Volusia meeting, which was impressive. She knows that several groups are applying for that district so it should be interesting.

Best Practices Committee - P. Courter – they have talk about how to improve Family Findings – use early in order to get services lined up and says that you see it played out in all these numbers!

Community Development Committee – Danielle Damato and Trudy Holden – update on Casino Night in the Villages. This is a fund raiser and will get tickets and flyers out quickly. They do need help with Silent auction items.

Cyndi also spoke of the "Holiday Office Party" last Friday, saying it was a great fun event and benefited Kids Central. Need more of those fund raising events sponsored by others.

Community Assessment - S. Yates – getting great results and wants a demo done at the board offsite of the Electronic Bluebook – which is an electronic program that carries information a child as they move from one place to another, includes pictures and special events. Also a demo of Dashboard needs to be shown at retreat.

Board Development Committee - G. Burry – has 2-1-1 cards that were sponsored by Kids Central and passes them out to members. She got these at the United Way of Sumter County meeting.
Trudy put together the chart on the makeup of the board right now and talked about prospective new member they met last week and another from the Villages, and perhaps another from Kiwanis club. They are working on it. John talked about how members could video conference into meetings and how that might persuade new members to join.

Business Development - S. Spivey – Kevin Campbell's contract will be here and signed by Monday, 12/20. The ITN response will be filed in Jan. The folks at the meeting held in Volusia county were surprised by how Kids Central does business as an administrative company and not a service company. Steve S states that if we get that contract we will have a lot of work to do.
Cyndi states that Dr Crumbly and Paul Niven both want to partner with us and like the way we do business.

Media Clips - reviewed

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