

# Board Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2017 1:30 pm

Kids Central Boardroom, Wildwood



**Board Chair:** Jeff Dawsy

**Location:** Kids Central– Boardroom

**Present:** Jeffrey Dawsy, Stephen Spivey Rebecca Schatt, Bobby James, Mike Jordan, Cyrus Robinson (via phone), John Cooper, Marshall Schaap, Matthew Ostrander, Tom Ranew, Kevin Sheilley, John Aitken, , Barbara Myshrall (minutes)

**Board Members not Present:**, Rodney Rocker, Shalonda McHenry-Sims, Gail Burry

**Guests:** John Pridham, DCF

**Quorum:** Yes

**Call to order:** 1:45 pm

## I. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome and Call to Order

- a) Approval of Board Minutes from November & January  
Motion to approve minutes was made by Steve Spivey, seconded by Bobby James, all in favor and unanimously approved.
- b) Approve changes to by-laws regarding term length  
A motion was made by Steve Spivey, seconded by Matthew Ostrander all in favor and unanimously approved.
- c) May Annual Retreat  
Jeff reported that in the past, we provided the certifications that are affirmed every year at the board retreat so that you can take your time and read them carefully and sign them and submit them at the May Board Retreat.

## II. President's Report

**John Cooper**

- a) Performance  
John reported on the performance measures. He reported a glitch in the system which is causing measures to be reported incorrectly. John reported that Out of Home Care is at 1579 today. We peaked in June and July at over 1600. We are trending in the right direction and beginning to see more exits. We are about 50 below our peak.
- b) Budget Update  
John reported we are still anticipating a deficit of about \$1M. We are still holding vacancies at the lead agencies. We do anticipate ending the year at about \$1.1-\$1.3M deficit. We applied for the risk pool.

Risk Pool Application-DCF Site Visit

The Department decided to tier the agencies in need. We are in Tier 2. The site visit is tomorrow from 9am – 3pm tomorrow. If any board member would like to attend, you are welcome. The \$5M set aside for the Risk Pool is already spent. There is additional money that will be distributed to the



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agencies in deficit. We are still getting good intelligence back from the House & Senate that they are going to fund the back of the bill.

## c) Legislative Bills

John reviewed the bills that have been submitted. He spoke to Rep. Baxley about a bill he submitted for Rep. Harrell. There are 3 things that John objects to: 1) rating foster homes like they do group homes. Senator Baxley likes that idea however John said that rating and measuring foster parents is not appealing for many reasons. 2) They want foster homes to become certified. We have 249 foster homes and the certifications would be \$200 per person which is another million dollars of unfunded mandates. There is an incentive tied to homes that are certified but we do not know from where these funds would come. Baxley asked us to work with Rep. Harrell to see if we can fix the issues.

### Meetings w/ legislative leadership

John reported that he and Steve met with several legislators and discussed funding issues. We will continue to share our message with the legislature.

## d) Insurance RFP Update

John reported that we started the RFP process about 8 months ago. John Aitken reported on the process used by the committee to select our provider for insurance for next year. John Aitken reported that he and John Cooper would review the submissions to identify any submissions that clearly did not meet our needs. There were 5 proposals considered. One was not equipped to service our agency so the remaining 4 were considered which resulted in 2 in-person interviews with Bouchard and Lassiter-Ware. The committee recommended that we retain our current insurance provider, Bouchard Insurance. Jeff asked for a motion and further discussion.

Marissa expressed that this is a huge expense for us and she doesn't understand why we don't take a more pro-active approach to trying to bring these costs down. Kevin Sheilley indicated that we get detailed reports on very small things here but this is a pretty big decision and the board as a whole has received nothing at all in regards to how this decision was made. Mike suggested that in the future that maybe these meetings should be open to anyone who has expertise in the area to participate. Steve elaborated on the submissions and how Bouchard was able to exceed the other submissions by virtue of being with us from the beginning and working with the legislative process.

Mike moved that we accept the recommendation from the Insurance Committee for Bouchard to provide insurance services, Matthew Ostrander abstained, voted for was Mike, Marshall, Becky, Bobby, Jeff and Steve, and against was Kevin Sheilley. Jeff stated that we appreciate the comments, recommendations and suggestions and will provide more information in future situations.

## III. Operations Report

- a) Out of Homecare Update
- b) Independent Living Update
- c) Diversion & Prevention Updat

## IV. Financial Report

- a) Finance Committee Report



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Bobby reported that the Finance report is included and submitted for board approval, seconded by Matthew Ostrander, all in favor and unanimously approved.

John Aitken reviewed the financial statements. He stated that the wrong report was submitted to Barbara. Matthew made a motion to accept the financial statements, seconded by Steve Spivey all in favor and unanimously approved.

- Revised Budget

John Aitken discussed the process for arriving at the revised budget. He said there are not a lot of major changes but there are a few changes that are very large. He reviewed the changes. 14 of the 18 CBC's are reporting a deficit. We are one of the highest. Steve made a motion to approve the amended budget as submitted, seconded by Jeff Dawsy, all in favor and unanimously approved.

- Healthy Start Balanced Scorecard

John explained that our Healthy Start staff was part of the Kids Central balanced scorecard and since they've grown, he believes it's important that they have a scorecard of their own. A scorecard for Healthy Start is submitted for approval. A motion was made by Kevin to approve the scorecard, seconded by Becky, all in favor and unanimously approved. Kids Central received MIECHV funding and the Health Department will continue to provide these services in Marion County,

## V. Committee Reports

### Audit Committee

Gail is excused and there is no activity or report.

### Community Development Committee

#### Casino Royale Update

Kevin reported that sponsorships are going very well and approaching \$15k. He indicated that sponsorships are concentrated in Marion County. He also asked the board members purchase and help sell tickets. We also need assistance in securing prizes. Kevin said it is setting up to be a very nice event on May 5 at the Ocala Hilton. There is a block of rooms with a special rate at the Hilton.

### Executive Committee

- Slate of Officers for May Meeting

Steve discussed that we need a replacement for the Finance Committee Chairman. He urged some folks to give it some thought to serve in an officer capacity.

- Board Development

Becky reported that Chris Langley is the Marketing President for BB&T and he lives in Ocala. There is a lunch meeting scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup> and he seems to be very interested. Cyrus had recommended William Whitehead and he indicated that he had not gotten back in contact. She asked if anyone had any suggestions to please contact her. Steve said that Barbara Garola is a judge that has an interest in child welfare and he wanted to speak to her.

- Legislative



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Steve indicated that Cooper covered the legislative issues in his report. Kevin asked if you are in Tallahassee on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at the Governor Club.

## VI. Media Clips

## VII. Unfinished Business / New Business

## VIII. Public Forum

Next Meeting – Annual Board Retreat

May 25, 2017 9:00 a.m.

Wildwood Boardroom, 901 Industrial Drive, Suite 200, Wildwood, Florida 34785

Cooper suggested we take a half day instead of a full day so the meeting will take place from 9am to noon.

Motion to adjourn was made by Matt, seconded by Becky, all in favor and unanimously approved.



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