

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2020 12:30 pm
Wildwood Boardroom

Chairman: Mike Jordan

Location: Kids Central- Board Room

Present: John Cooper, John Aitken, Paula Mealy (minutes), Mike Jordan, Gordon Johnson, Kevin Sheilley, Tom Ranew, Lance Kinney, Cyrus Robinson, Bobby James, Shalonda McHenry Sims; Lisa Alexander, Matt Bartoli, Janice Johnson, Rodney Rocker

Board Members not Present, Mark Wickham, Kelly King, Rebecca Schatt, Chris Langley, Sandi Moore

Guests: Barbara Williams (DCF), Helena Richardson (LifeStream), Jessica Gilbert (Director of Community Affairs) and Shawanna Felton (Development Manager)

Quorum: Yes

Call to order January 23,2020 at 12:32 pm

I. Chairman's Remarks - Introductions - Welcome Brad Rogers to the Board of Directors. Mike reminded board members that we need more from Citrus and Hernando counties as we only have one member for each of those counties.

- a) Approval of Board Minutes from November – Lance moved to approve, Cyrus seconded the motion. All were in favor and unanimously approved.
- b) Board Donations Received - \$2750. 12 of 15 members donated funds to the cause.
- c) Board Education – CMAs – Helena Richardson presented an overview of the Case Management Organizations. LifeStream is one of 3 Case Management organizations operating under Kids Central performing Family Care Management and Adoptions. They cover Sumter and Lake Counties. The Centers covers Marion County and Youth and Family Alternatives covers Citrus and Hernando Counties. These agencies serve children and families with allegations of abuse, abandonment, or neglect. Some of the services offered include protective services case management, conducting home visits with all children served, monthly face to ace parental contact, assessing the entire family, conduct court reports and home assessments, provide testimony during court proceedings, and provide links to identified services that promote change and stabilization.
- d) New Members – Select a Committee to Join as soon as possible. Available committees are Finance, and Community Development
- e) Approval of Policy Changes – Mike discussed changes proposed, which had been distributed for review in early January. Cyrus motioned to accept the changes and Rodney second the motion. All were in favor and unanimously approved.
- f) Community Grant Requests - John Aitken reviewed all grant requests submitted to the sub-committee. The sub-committee had suggested 17 organizations but 1 is disbanding due to lack of funding. The 16 remaining were discussed. Members were asked to think about an additional recipient and contact John A. if they have a good candidate. Gordon moved to accept all grants submitted and Bobby seconded the motion. All were in favor and unanimously approved. Gordon and Lisa suggested that we need to eventually follow up with each organization, ask how the funds were used, and what effect the funds had. John Aitken suggested that some board members will attend a few of the check presentations. Bobby suggested visiting Pace Center for girls and the Boys and Girls clubs to see the great work they are doing.
- g) Mike also mentioned his community letter was sent to 36 of his personal contacts, and it resulted in 2 donations to KCI. The intent was to spread the word on who we are and get

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our message out in the community. The contributions were a nice side benefit. Mike will send list to Paula for our database of board contacts.

II. President's Report

- a) Performance Scores (December) – There were only 2 yellow measures (CBC05 and CBC 06) in December, and none in the red. Performance has been remarkable given the challenges we are facing. KCI continues to meet regularly with CMAs to review their scores as well.

Texas Public Policy Foundations worked to rank states using total system of care measures, using data from fiscal year 2017/18. In the document titled “Right for Kids Ranking”, January 2020, Florida ranked 6th in the nation based on a list of seven desired outcomes (Reduce number of children in foster care, reduce number of victims and recurrence of child maltreatment, increase permanency for children exiting foster care, reduce time in foster care to permanency, increase placement stability, least restrictive placement setting, and achieve permanency for teenagers). Comparing top 10 states by population, Florida's performance score places us at number 2 in the country, based on Key Performance indicators. John will be in Tallahassee Monday for Rally in Tally. He will conduct a press conference discussing Right for Kids Ranking and will also share John's Key Performance Indicators chart for Florida.

- b) Meetings with Secretary Poppell - covered below
- c) Legislative Session Updates - 3 Bills have been introduced. Each has good and bad elements from our perspective. Bill 1326 - DCF Accountability Bill adds a scorecard in statute to introduce measures. We have no issue with measuring performance. Unfortunately, some measures have been identified that we cannot influence or control. John suggested different separate and distinct measures for CPIs, attorneys, and us, so we can work on what we can influence. The number of measures (29) also seems to be an issue – too many to be practical. Example of measures identified for us that are of concern include Parents employed during services (we have no control over their employment), and Parents must have sustainable housing (we have no control of housing). The funding included in the bill is good. The language is not good.

Jordan's law (bill #122), suggests taking the Training function away from KCI and send it back to DCF at the state level. We are not in favor of this as the quality of training will suffer as it did years ago, which is why it was removed from the state and placed out in the communities.

Bill 105/1324 Simpson (35% language is good, which limits how much services a lead agency can deliver). John had wanted this years ago. The challenge is the timeline for foster parent training is too strict. We need more flexibility to fit the needs of potential foster parents.

- d) FFSPA Update – The requirement for programs to be Well- Supported was extended to allow more time. The state of Florida was allocated over \$20M to help with the cost of implementing the new legislation. Some of the requirements have been delayed a year.

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- e) Media Requests Update – Gatehouse Media is the source of all the media requests. They control several news outlets. More stories are expected to come. Secretary Poppell will not speak with them. If more stories are published and more requests for information are presented, it will be shared with the Board.
- III. Operations Report - Shalonda
- a) Out of Homecare Update - Nothing to report
 - b) Diversion and Prevention Update – John reviewed several charts depicting Kinship clients served and services provided as well as neighborhood projects, volunteer hours, resource center stats, and Education and Healthy Start reports of services provided
- IV. Financial Report
- a) December Financials – Kevin and John Aitken reviewed – Cyrus asked what has driven cost down in total child care program expenses on the Income Statement? John Cooper explained that we now have more kids leaving care than kids coming into care. We are also paying overtime to get adoption HS done more quickly, and we are using some retired folks to complete home studies as well. John Aitken explained that next month will be discussing revising the budget for the second half of the fiscal year. We will still have a small deficit but hopefully finance will be able to revise expenses down to eliminate that deficit. Kevin motioned to accept the financials as presented and Rodney second the motion. All were in favor and unanimously approved.
 - b) Purvis Gray Update – Audit update is now complete and submitted to the state.
 - c) Finance Report – (No Meeting in December)
- V. Committee Reports
- Audit Committee – No report
 - Executive Committee Report (No Meeting in December)
- VI. Community Development and Media Clips – Gordon congratulated all of the organization regarding the \$19K brought in for Christmas presents for our clients/families. Shawana is doing a great job engaging the community and hit the ground running in her new position. Casino Night (Havana Nights) is in March, and HALO is in April. Board Members are expected to purchase/sell 4 tickets each to Casino Night. The new Website design is going well with a launch at the end of January planned. Discussed creating other events in remaining counties, like a 5K race for example.
- VII. Board Development – Nothing other than a reminder that Hernando and Citrus are not well-represented on the Board. – any new potential members should come from those areas of the Circuit.
- VIII. Unfinished Business / New Business – Bobby reported that he had just been at CF Community College and talked with Russ Randall, candidate for state representative. It’s amazing what candidates do not know about what we do. Bobby suggested bringing him in for one of our meetings. John Cooper suggested caution as we would need to invite all candidates not just one.
- IX. Public Forum - Nothing to discuss

Next Meeting – March 26, 2020, 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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Meeting adjourned at 1:53pm

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