

JCDS GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2019

1.0 Call to Order

Robert Stephan, Treasurer, called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. Board members present were: Gayle Richardson, Bob Duncan, Bob Stephan, Rick Marien, and Debbie Scott Williams. Members absent: Dale Chaffin and Kyle Russell (excused absence). Others in attendance were Chad VonAhnen, Executive Director and staff members Tim Arnold, Shelly Toft, Shelly May, Melissa Reeves, Beth Johnson, Nancy Laflin, and Holly DeLaRosa-Avila. Also in attendance was Michael Ashcraft, Johnson County Commissioner; Maury Thompson, Deputy County Manager; and Joe Connor, Assistant County Manager.

Commissioner Ashcraft and Mr. Connor were introduced as new liaisons.

2.0 Minutes

Note for the Record: The January 22, 2019 board meeting was cancelled due to severe weather conditions.

Mrs. Scott Williams moved and Mr. Duncan seconded to approve the November 27, 2018 minutes as written. Motion approved.

3.0 Financial Reports

Mr. Arnold referenced the reports in the board packet, including the unaudited 2018 year-end report. The reserve balance ended up at 9%, which is within county requirements. Discussion was held about the increased overtime costs due to vacant positions. JCDS and the county are holding ongoing discussions on the best way to address the issue. In spite of all the vacant positions, JCDS turnover is 20% with the remainder of the state experiencing a 50% turnover rate in direct support staff.

Mr. VonAhnen added that the Governor's proposed budget includes \$20 million for the waiting list, but state providers do not have the capacity to serve everyone on this list at this time due to staffing issues and accessible housing in some areas.

4.0 Presentations

Holly DeLaRosa-Avila and Nancy Laflin, Senior Direct Support Professionals, working within the retirement programs were introduced by Mr. VonAhnen.

Mrs. Laflin presented on the Annex Program, a specialized retirement program designed to provide a sensory safe environment that is individually designed to maintain engagement and participation in activities for individuals living with dementia. Mrs. Laflin shared several statistics regarding the Down Syndrome population and early onset Alzheimer's/Dementia and how it is requiring the need to expand these services.

Mrs. DeLaRosa-Avila presented on the Active Agers Program, which seeks to meet requirements of the Final Rule with retirees that want active community integration, continued learning, and healthy living opportunities. This group spends each day in the community in a variety of activity, including plays, movies, music, fairs, dancing, exercising, classes, and volunteering.

5.0 Board Action Items

Mr. VonAhnen stated Mr. Chaffin requested a revision to the existing bylaws. Mr. Chaffin is asking for the deletion of the one-year service requirement for participation on the Nominating Committee. Other committees do not have this requirement and removing it will lend consistency and experience within the makeup of the committee.

Mrs. Scott Williams moved and Mr. Duncan seconded to approve the removal of the sentence "Members of this committee shall serve for one year" to Article V, Section 2 of the bylaws, effective immediately. Motion carried.

6.0 Board Committees/Liaisons

Mr. Marien reported the Friends of JCDS board recently held a strategic planning session focusing on the organization's Vision and Mission. He referenced several handouts on the table – the 2018 annual report card, the flyer announcing the next Musical Wednesday event, and a card about the Kansas Community Service Tax Credits.

Mr. VonAhnen shared photos through realtor links of the two homes that have just been purchased by Friends of JCDS, commenting on the need for another Alzheimer's Dementia home to be utilized.

Mrs. Richardson stated the Families for KanCare Reform group is working toward withdrawal of the renewal of the KanCare program and secure a change in the organization operating the KanCare clearinghouse due to the delays, inconsistencies, and eligibility approvals within the program.

Commissioner Ashcraft stated he would be the agency liaison this year and has served in this capacity in the past. He noted he looked forward to getting up to speed again about what all the agency is undertaking.

7.0 Director's Items

Ms. May announced she has been working as the Deputy Director for seven weeks and provided a detailed list of items that have changed and the definitions for these items that will be presented in her monthly chart.

Mr. VonAhnen announced that Mandy Flower had been hired to be the new Community Developmental Disabilities Organization (CDDO) Director and would begin work in March.

Mr. VonAhnen advised the board that the state CDDOs are planning to negotiate a new contract with the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services in May.

Mr. VonAhnen also commented on the capacity issue that is being experienced across the state with the closing of provider agencies. These agencies are unable to stay open or expand for several reasons, including a lack of rate increases, affordable and accessible housing, and the problems presented by the State Fire Marshal's Office in residential services. Between 2014 and 2019, Johnson County has seen a 25% decrease in the number of providers operating services.

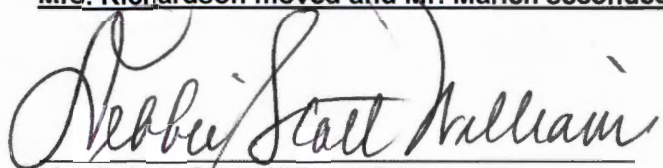
Mrs. Reeves stated the Self-Advocacy Group (SAG) will be focusing their efforts this year on learning about local government and advocating for themselves. Several speakers will be addressing the group this year also.

Mrs. Reeves commented on several videos that have been done for the agency by Isaac, a Project SEARCH intern currently working in the county's Public Information Office.

Mr. VonAhnen noted that some of the board has expressed an interest in a form of a strategic planning retreat to look further at policy or operational issues. This will be considered for October.

8.0 Adjournment

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debbie Scott Williams". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mrs. Debbie Scott Williams, Secretary

Recorded by:
Shelly Toft