

JCDS GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 22, 2020

1.0 Call to Order

Mr. Kyle Russell, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. Board members present were: Gayle Richardson, Kyle Russell, Bob Stephan, Debbie Scott Williams, and Aderonke Oyetunji. 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.

2.0 Minutes

Mrs. Scott Williams moved and Mr. Stephan seconded to approve the August 25, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3.0 Financial Reports

A report was provided on the Covid-19 related financial status and the application for Covid-19 funding sources. Both revenue and expenses continue to be down during the pandemic.

Mr. Stephan moved and Mrs. Richardson seconded to approve the August 2020 Financial Report as presented. Motion passed.

Chairman Russell introduced new board member, Mrs. Aderonke “Kiki” Oyetunji as she joined the virtual meeting. Mrs. Oyetunji is replacing Mr. Bob Duncan whose term expired on August 31, 2020. Mrs. Oyetunji provided a brief introduction of her interest and experience relative to the mission of the agency.

4.0 Presentations

Mr. VonAhnen provided the status of Covid-19 at JCDS, along with the availability and use of personal protective equipment (PPE).

Ms. May provided agency specifics for various residential units and stated that the next phase of returning individuals in service to the Day Program has been delayed due to additional positive cases.

In addition to working in alternative settings, the impact of the virus is wearing on employees, mostly those that have had scheduling changes as it affects their families and school schedules. JCDS has experienced call-offs and resignations and currently has 27 open positions. As a result of the open positions, JCDS will conduct drive-thru open interviews on September 30 and October 1, 2020.

Since the pandemic began, the agency has had ten staff and eight individuals in service test positive for Covid-19. Training for both employees and individuals served on wearing masks has taken place.

Ms. Flower shared that across the Johnson County provider network, 22 individuals served in 14 agencies have tested positive, along with 20 of their employees. One individual has passed away. This equates to slightly under 1% of the total served.

Johnson County’s Emergency Management Department has provided 35,000 masks for the affiliate network and the CDDO will be distributing them at the end of the week.

Mr. VonAhnen commented on collaborations during this time with several county departments.

5.0 Board Committees/Liaisons

Mrs. Scott Williams reported the Friends of JCDS has been utilizing volunteers to make improvements to the outside and yards of several homes; conducting a variety of activities for the individuals to participate in and delivering food for Direct Support Professionals day.

Commissioner Ashcraft commented that employees are doing a great job among Covid-19 fatigue.

6.0 Director's Reports

Ms. May stated there is interest from the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to conduct a pilot project on value-based employment opportunities.

Ms. Flower reported Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) is providing training to all affiliates on the Final Rule.

Mrs. Reeves stated the agency would be holding Employment and CDDO Fairs virtually, along with legislator meetings and a legislative panel after the elections.

Mr. VonAhnen reported the county auditors are working on the scope of the upcoming audit and would like to talk to individuals in service. The ANCOR organization will be holding a virtual policy summit the first of October and he will be leading a "deep dive" discussion on lessons learned and where the industry may be going.

7.0 Adjournment

Mr. Stephan moved and Mrs. Richardson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Motion passed.

Approved via virtual meeting October 27, 2020 due to CoVid-19 pandemic. st

Mrs. Gayle Richardson, Secretary

Recorded by:
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