

JCDS GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES March 22, 2022

1.0 Call to Order

Mr. Rick Marien, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. Board members present were: Dale Chaffin, Kyle Russell, Rick Marien, Debbie Scott Williams (virtual), and Kiki Oyetunji (virtual). Members absent: Gayle Richardson and Mike Hughes. Others in attendance were Chad VonAhnen, Executive Director and staff members Shelly May, Shelly Toft, and Chris Linnane. Also, in attendance was Michael Ashcraft, County Commissioner and Joe Connor, Assistant County Manager.

2.0 Minutes

Mr. Marien moved and Mr. Russell seconded to approve the February 22, 2022 board minutes as written. Motion carried.

3.0 Financial Reports

Mr. Linnane commented on the items in the monthly report, noting the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) revenue is slightly ahead of budget as are other revenue sources. Expenses are favorable, lagging budget by 7.5%.

Mr. Russell moved and Mr. Marien seconded to accept the February Financial Report as prepared. Motion passed.

4.0 Presentations

Ms. May introduced the following individuals in service and staff who were present virtually to talk about a Day in the Life of a Direct Support Provider. The "Golden Girls," as they are commonly known, are Lindsey Henry, Kay Nicolay, Renee Meroney and Peggy Zook. The direct support professionals present were Robert Frampus Frye and Carla Smith.

Mr. Frye and Ms. Smith shared with the board parts of their atypical day at the residence. In addition, each of the Golden Girls responded to questions from those in the meeting room, as well as providing opinions on their house and yard, bedroom décor and Day Service activities conducted in the home as a result of the pandemic.

5.0 Board Committees/Liaisons

Mrs. Scott Williams reported the Friends of JCDS is planning for the upcoming April 14, 2022, back in person, Celebrate Friends event. Friends of JCDS provided Baked Potato Pizza for staff and individuals at the Elmore Center in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

6.0 Director's Reports

Ms. May reported that a new case manager was recently hired who is bilingual in Spanish. JCDS has about 15 openings for direct support staff at this time and is seeing things moving toward more in-person activity with art fairs, picnics, and other activities outside of the Elmore Center or an individual's residence.

Ms. May stated that JCDS and the InterHab organization are looking into technological solutions to reduce the reliance on having staff available due to those shortages at this time.

Mr. VonAhnen announced the new Community Developmental Disabilities Organization (CDDO) Director, Monica Pfannes, will begin on March 28, 2022.

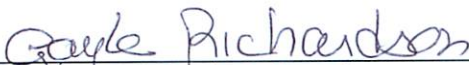
Mr. VonAhnen reported the 14% proposed rate increase is currently in the House and if the proposal passes, it will move to a conference committee to arrive at the final allocation. Senate Hearings will be held Wednesday on HCBS.

ANCOR is leading a research project on "meaningful" Day Services, to include a blending of services and funding. JCDS is interested in participating.

The April 26, 2022 board meeting will include the joint meeting with the Board of County Commissioners and will be held at the County Administration Building at 111 S. Cherry Street in Olathe.

7.0 Adjournment

Mr. Chaffin moved and Mr. Russel seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Motion approved.



Mrs. Gayle Richardson, Secretary

Recorded by:
Shelly Toft