

JCDS GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 24, 2022

1.0 Call to Order

Mr. Rick Marien, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Board members present were: Gayle Richardson, Kyle Russell, Rick Marien, Debbie Scott Williams, Kiki Oyetunji, and Mike Hughes. Excused Absences: Kyle Russell and Dale Chaffin. Others in attendance were Chad VonAhnen, Executive Director and staff members Shelly May, Shelly Toft, Chris Linnane, and Monica Pfannes. Also, in attendance was Joe Connor, Assistant County Manager; Angeline Anderson, JCDS Director of Day and Employment Services; LaToya Curry-King, Team Leader of Employment Services; and Zachary Foster, Project SEARCH Graduate/Intern.

Introductions were made of the guests.

2.0 Minutes

Mrs. Richardson moved and Mr. Marien seconded to approve the April 26, 2022 as prepared. Motion passed.

3.0 Financial Reports

Mr. Linnane discussed a few timing and accounting issues that are skewing the financials temporarily. These will be adjusted. The HBCS rate increase was discussed; the Immediate Action Plan JCDS presented to the Board of County Commissioners to hire additional staff and to spend down the some of the reserve account; and hiring and retention bonuses were discussed.

Mrs. Richardson moved and Mr. Hughes seconded to accept the April 2022 Financial Report as prepared. Motion carried.

4.0 Presentations

Ms. Curry-King shared a PowerPoint presentation and gave an overview of the Project SEARCH program that is an educational, skills training, and employment program for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and has successfully trained and secured internship opportunities for 96 individuals over the past eight years. The program has a minimum of a 70% placement outside of the Covid disruption period.

Mr. Foster, a graduate of the 2022 program, served one of his rotation periods as an intern with the Community Developmental Disabilities Organization (CDDO) and shared his experience in the program.

Mr. Marien spoke at this year's graduation for the first time and found it a terrific experience.

5.0 Board Committees/Liaisons

Mrs. Scott Williams and Mr. Hughes commented on Friends of JCDS, noting the purchase of another house on 67th Street. This is property #21. The recent Celebrate Friends event brought in about \$35,000. The next Hamburger Mary's event is July 14.

Mr. VonAhnen shared that Friends of JCDS would be accepting cryptocurrency now through the use of an intermediary service.

Mr. Connor reported the county manager's office is immersed in the budget process for about the next five weeks.

6.0 Director's Reports

Ms. May reported four new staff would be hired for Community Employment, and another Case Management position was being added due to the increasing numbers of individuals waiting for Case Management Services. The Community Behavioral Health Team (CBHT) will also be hiring two more Behavioral Specialists as there is a waiting list for that service.

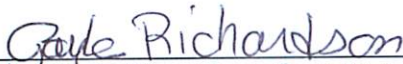
Mrs. Pfannes is out touring affiliate agencies and trying to increase capacity within the existing network and by adding additional affiliates. Mrs. Pfannes is also on a workgroup determining the dispersal for the increase in CDDO Administration funds.

Sheri Kendall with the CDDO will be retiring from JCDS at the end of the month.

Mr. VonAhnen stated the county manager's recommended budget plans include enhancements in pay and benefits to address workforce issues and also includes a mill levy decrease recommendation.

7.0 Adjournment

Mr. Hughes moved and Mr. Marien seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion approved.



Mrs. Gayle Richardson, Secretary

Recorded by:
Shelly Toft