



CHILDREN'S TRUST REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 03, 2023, at 4:00 PM

CTAC, 802 NW 5th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601

Meeting called to order at 4:10pm by Chair T. Certain.

Roll Call

Agenda Review, Revision, and Approval

Approval of the agenda also approves all the items on the consent agenda.

Motion to approve by Member K. Cornell

Second by Member M. Labarta

Consent Agenda

1. 2nd Quarter Budget Report, Balance Sheet, and Income Statement
2. Programmatic Awards and Expense Report
3. February 2023 Checks and Expenditures Report
4. 2nd QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT to the BoCC
5. 2023 Board Attendance
6. Board Meeting Evaluation Survey Results from 03.20.23
7. 03.20.2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

General Public Comments

Johnathan Leslie, Executive Director/CEO of Project Youth Build, spoke to feeling that opportunities are available, but access is not. Leslie shared a story about traveling to Ocala with a couple students for them to receive dental assistance because there were no Medicaid appointments in Gainesville.

Margot DeConna, Executive Director of Food4kids, introduced herself as the new Executive Director and she is looking forward to collaborating with the Trust.

Walter Sachs, Regional Managing Director Northwest Region for the Department of Children and Family Services, thanked the board for their work. Sachs shared that he has served on numerous CSC boards, and he understands how hard it is and how much is required of those making decisions about impact on children and families.

Addison Staples, Executive Director of Aces in Motion spoke to contracts ending in six months for most providers. He reminded the board of the challenges he faces as a provider if he's not being able to plan for the next year.

Chair's Report

8. Executive Director Performance Evaluation

Chair T. Certain shared that Executive Director M. Kiner asked about a mid-year review to make sure she is on track and performing well.

Several board members spoke about how well they felt ED Kiner was doing. Others shared that they feel staff appeared to be happier. The board members said that they are overall pleased with the ED and think a midyear review is unnecessary.

Executive Director's Report

9. 04.03.2023 ED Report

ED M. Kiner highlighted Childrens Week in Tallahassee. ED Kiner saw Representative Yvonne Hayes Hinson and Representative Chuck Clemmons. She reported the Business Leadership Institute (BLI) held its 3rd class on a very informative topic, business finance. Highlights included personal finance, credit, and managing debt.

Old Business

10. Special Programs Policy Update 6.80

ED Kiner shared the proposed language for Emergent needs to add to the current policy. Funding was approved by the board at the March 20, Board meeting. The emergent funds language has been added as section 6.80.C. Trust staff also used this opportunity to review and update any language that does not align with the sponsorship policy. The staff intends to create an application process that guides and supports local providers with submitting the best possible application for emergent funds.

Motion to Approve Member M. Labarta
Second by Member K. Cornell
All in favor

Discussion

The group asked if there is a cap on sponsorship awards. They also asked if applicants receive notification if their sponsorship application is denied? ED Kiner informed them that the cap is \$2,500. All applicants receive notification in writing regarding their sponsorship requests.

11. CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services, Inc. Request

ED Kiner recommends CDS apply for funding once the Emergent Needs Funding Opportunity Application opens. The request can be considered at that time.

Discussion

Should the organization apply for funding it does not appear to the board that the request qualifies.

New Business

12. Continuous Quality Improvement (Bonnie Wagner)

Trust Staff Member B. Wagner informed the board that staff has been working in collaboration with Providers to develop a tool and process for CQI which includes shared review, reflection, and planning on a regular cyclical basis for all providers and programs. Staff developed an initial draft tool and concept to support the review of shared goals, evaluation results, and identifying ways to improve and better support services and systems. Staff asked the board for support to continue implementation and collaborative refinements.

Discussion

Do we have a problem getting data? Can we ask for more for attendance requirements? Where do we get the qualitative data to show the success stories? Do we ask if the children grow after participating in the program? Do we ask the parents if they see any changes in their child?

13. Gainesville Bridge Literacy Program Reassignment (Kristy Goldwire)

Motion to Approve by Member K. Cornell
Second by Member L. Pinkoson
All in favor no discussion needed.

ED Kiner asked if the group could discuss the date and time for the upcoming Program Funding workshop. The group decided to hold the workshop at 9am on 4/17.

Board Member Comments

Member Twombly shared the next Steering Committee meeting will be a virtual meeting on April 27th 10am-12pm.

Member Hardt asked Member Twombly what is next for the Strategic planning process. Member Twombly read the list of upcoming scheduled Steering committee/Strategic planning activities. ED Kiner added that the Steering committee will work on the strategic plan that will be brought to the board for final approval.

Member Cornell asked when would be the earliest a Provider may know if they will receive funding? ED Kiner responded potentially May after an RFP is released.

DOP K. Goldwire described the RFP process advising that the RFP process will take a few months before it will be finalized.

Member Pinkoson further added that the board will honor the commitments of the long-term contracts. The other programs will know after we make decisions on what we will fund.

Member Labarta responded to the discussion about when providers should be notified about their status. She stated finding out in August is not unusual for a timeline when on an annual contract that expires at the end of the fiscal year.

Options were discussed about providing feedback to Providers regarding funding changes. The group agreed that the discussion would be continued at the Funding workshop scheduled for 4/17/23.

Meeting adjourned at 5:43pm

Next Meeting Dates

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, May 8th, 2023 @ 4:00 PM

Children's Trust of Alachua County, 802 NW 5th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, June 12th, 2023 @ 4:00 PM

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