



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2021

5:00-7:00 pm; via Zoom call

Board Members Present: Marina Bressler, Sean Haag (5:40pm), Paul Lenzmeier, Leanne Matchen, Stephen Nash, Mark Nolen, Don Phillips, Stephen Spears, Jennifer Stone, Anna VonRueden, Chris Warner

Board Members Absent: Sue Woodard

Staff and Guests Present: Julie Fliflet, Cheryl Jensen, Mark McNamer, Julie Orlando

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm by Stephen Spears, Chair of the Board.

Approve Agenda

Motion made by Chris Warner, seconded by Marina Bressler and passed unanimously to approve the agenda.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion made by Marina Bressler, seconded by Stephen Nash and passed unanimously to approve the March 22, 2021 minutes.

Mission Moment – Hope Place In-Depth

Mark McNamer gave an overview of the Hope Place Transitional Living Program. Hope Place opened in 2016 as the first transitional housing facility for young adults in the north metro. Residents can stay for up to 24 months as they work towards self-sufficiency and sustainability.

Finance & Administration Report

Julie Fliflet reviewed the highlights from the 1st Quarter financials that were included in the board packet. During the first quarter, H4Y secured over \$200,000 in unbudgeted COVID relief funding which has resulted in a strong start financially for 2021. Mark Nolen noted the new financial statement packet and presentation which allows for more detailed information and transparency in our financial reporting to the board.

Program Report

Mark McNamer reviewed the March 2021 Program Snapshot noting that March was the busiest month we have had at the Drop-In Center in over a year with over 200 youth visits. There is currently one vacancy at Hope Place, and currently 11 active youth in the Hope Homes program. He also gave some updates on the recent grant submitted to MN Dept of Human Services Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) and touched on some recent activities and resources associated with the Drop-In Center.

Advancement Report

Julie Orlando reviewed the Advancement Scorecard for March. She also gave an update on the upcoming A Night for Hope Gala and the decision to post pone until May 22nd. She updated the board on some recent projects including the newly updated website and encourage all board members to take a look if they hadn't been on the website lately. Also noted was the upcoming GiveMN Spring Forward campaign that will run May 1 – 11th and that they are working to establish a pool of matching funds for that campaign.

Interim Executive Director Report / Strategic Planning Committee Update

Jennifer Stone, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee and Cheryl Jensen, Interim Executive Director noted that work had been done to review and refine the strategic priorities. Next step in the process is for the Leadership Team to work with the current draft and provide further refinements and recommendations for the strategic planning committee to react to and discuss.

Nominations Committee Update

Chris Warner, Chair of the Nominations Committee, indicated there is a potential new board candidate recommended by Anna VonRueden. Her name is Sara Lindgren, and she works with the Anoka-Hennepin School District. She was going to join the board meeting tonight to observe but had a last-minute conflict and was not able to join.

Board Portal Tutorial and Committee Responsibilities

These two items will be tabled to the next board meeting.

Adjourn to Annual Meeting

A motion was made by Mark Nolan, seconded by Jen Stone and passed unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Fliflet
Director of Finance & Administration