

Tri-Valley Developmental Services, Inc.
Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting
TVDS Iola Service Center, 335 N. Cottonwood, Iola, KS 66749
April 26, 2018

Present: Mali Ziglari, Karen Vallier, Steve Sewell, John Scovill, Susan Jones, Margaret Bideau, Mark Ward, Charles Sheedy

Not Present: John McRae, Ken Anderson, Leo Gensweider, Peggy Leis

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mali Ziglari at 6:20 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion made to approve agenda (John Scovill/Karen Vallier). Motion passed.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes from the March 22, 2018 meeting were presented. Motion made to approve minutes as presented (Steve Sewell/Mark Ward). Motion passed.

4. Treasurer's Report

Bill Fiscus presented the financial report for the period ending March 31, 2018. Motion made to approve as presented (John/Karen). Motion passed. After the presentation, Steve had a few questions regarding the waiting list. The list is based upon date of application and there is now an 8-year waiting period. Typically, 100 to 150 individuals come off during a given year; however, 300 individuals go on during the same time period. The state took over the waiting list from CDDOs around 13 years ago. Last year, Tri-Valley's CSP had one person come off the waiting list. The only exception to the waiting list is for those individuals in foster care or a crisis request; which must be approved by both the state and the MCO. I/DD is the only system with a waiting list. Once someone comes off the list, they can ask for any service. Also, individuals cannot sign up until 3 years before they need the service. Case management, on the other hand, is available once a Medicaid application is approved. Currently, we have 105 individuals on the waiting list in our CDDO area.

5. Executive Director's Report

- a. Tomorrow, the state legislature is back in session.
- b. On the federal level, President Trump signed a budget bill for the remainder of 2018. Due to the number of tax cuts in the bill, the feds now must reduce the deficit and they are following the Brownback Model. They are looking to cut between 30 to 60 million from Medicaid/Medicare services. At this time, we do not know how this will affect us. InterHab and Ancor are keeping an eye on this issue.

- c. At the state level, there are a number of bills that may affect us. First up is Senate Bill 438 which deals with medications. The state wants prior authorization from a MCO before certain medications are filled. We don't believe the bill will pass; if it does, the amount of time to get medications for people we serve may slow down.
- d. Second is House Bill 2676 which would give the Secretary of KDADS broader authority. We don't believe anything will come from this bill but we are keeping an eye on it.
- e. There is nothing new to report regarding the new Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) requirement. Only one state, Louisiana, has developed a process for EVV. The state of Kansas has issued an RFP. The state still needs to decide on how the system will look. They have until July 2019.
- f. Starting May 1st, we will have a new program at the Service Centers: we are bringing back Life Enrichment to go along with the Vocational program. By having two programs, it will be easier to keep track of everyone and will result in less chaos at the Service Center. Staff are working on a calendar with daily activities for the Life Enrichment program; the plan is to increase the number of our community activities. We decided to bring back the Life Enrichment program since the Department of Labor has started a push to do away with sheltered workshops and subminimum wage. What they do not realize is that we have people who cannot work in the community.
- g. Staff are working through the recent fire marshal annual inspection. Every year, the interpretation changes. We have just a few issues to resolve from this year's visit.

6. CDDO Report

Things are going fine; there is nothing new to report.

7. Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation

- a. Tricia Campbell gave a report on Cruise Night, which was held on April 10th in Chanute. Approximately 200 people attended the event which was held at Central Park Pavilion for the first time. The Foundation raised \$16,600 during the evening. Another first for the event was the annual Tri-Valley awards ceremony; it was held during dinner. The evening also included the public unveiling of Tri-Valley's new logo. A fun time was held by all.
- b. The Foundation's next event will be the golf tournament which will be held on May 19th at the Horizons at Prairie Ridge Golf Course in Erie. So far, we have two corporate sponsors and seven teams. The tournament is a four-person scramble. We will have hole games, drawings, and both a stretch and silent auction. Entry fee to play is \$200 per team.
- c. The 18th Annual Truck Drawing Raffle is going well. We have brought in \$39,600 with 855 entrants. The truck has arrived. We will be displaying it at the Admin building and plan to take it to the golf tournament.

8. Comments from Groups or Individuals

None

9. Old Business

9.1 BowerComm Update

The public unveilings for the new logo have been held in Fort Scott and Chanute. In Fort Scott, the logo was unveiled at a recent Chamber Coffee. The Chanute Tribune ran an article on the new logo. We have heard nothing but very positive things about the new logo and tag line. Our new website is up and running and staff have begun to use the new logo.

9.2 KanCare 2.0 Update

KanCare 1.0 expired last year, however, the state received a one-year extension though CMS did add a few restrictions. Recently, the state put out an RFP for KanCare 2.0. All three MCOs put in bids. The legislature has asked the state to put a hold on moving forward with KanCare 2.0. They feel that the state should fix the issues with KanCare 1.0; however, at this time, there is nothing to prevent the state from moving forward as they see fit. As a result, the Senate has added a proviso to the FY19 Budget bill that would prevent the state from moving forward; the proviso requires legislature approval for KanCare 2.0. The governor could still line item veto the proviso. Even with this development, the state is continuing to act as though KanCare 2.0 is a done deal. The state did change the RFP; originally they were moving case management under the MCOs and care coordinators. They have issued a new RFP and we do not know what is in it.

9.3 Faith House Update

Renovations are currently underway on Faith House. Advanced is in the process of finalizing the flooring and then finishing the bathrooms. The goal is to be done by June 1st. We have four individuals whose lease is up in June that will move into the home. The home, when finished, will be a completely new house on the interior; with a new foundation and back deck as well.

9.4 Contract Negotiations

On Tuesday, Tim and Kathy Brennon were scheduled to go to Topeka for the annual contract negotiations. On Friday, the state sent out an email saying that they had decided to extend the current contract. This year makes it the third year in a row that the contract has been extended.

10. New Business

10.1 KanCare Legislative Post Audit

Awhile back, the legislature asked the Post Audit to review KanCare. The auditor's findings are now out; Tim got a copy this morning. The auditors lambasted the state for how they have handled KanCare. There is no reliable data; the state could not provide the auditors with numbers. The three MCOs have 1/3 of the state's budget but the state does not know what is going on. There is no proof that the MCOs have helped

with health outcomes. All the money is leaving the state. The goal of KanCare was to reduce institutional care. Since it's inception, nursing home placements have increased by 19%. No individual has moved out of the state hospitals. The MCOs are cutting services by 9% overall. During the audit, the auditors met with providers and InterHab staff who laid out the problems we are having. The full report is available to the public.

11. Announcements

- The Friends of Tri-Valley Golf Tournament will be May 19th at the Horizons at Prairie Ridge Golf Course in Erie.
- The next board meeting will be June 28th at the Iola Service Center at 355 N. Cottonwood at 6 pm.

12. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn meeting (Mark/John). Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Vallier, Secretary