

Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation
Board of Director's Meeting
TVDS Administrative Offices, 521 W. 35 CH Pkwy, Chanute, KS 66720
September 26, 2017

Present: Mike Reid, Mike Hofer, Ruth Spangler, Don Koester, Dwayne Umbarger, Max McReynolds, Vic Anderson, Judy Brigham, Sandi Eggers, Shane Schauf, Tim Cunningham

Not Present: Steve Sewell, Lynette Emmerson

Staff Present: Bill Fiscus, Tricia Campbell

1. Call to Order

Chairman Mike Reid called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion made to accept agenda as presented (Vic Anderson/Max McReynolds). Motion passed.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes from the June 27, 2017 and August 8, 2017 meetings were presented. Motion made to accept minutes (Shane Schauf/Judy Brigham). Motion passed.

4. Treasurer's Report

Bill Fiscus presented the financial statements for the period ending August 31st. Motion made to approve treasurer's report (Don Koester/Sandi Eggers). Motion passed.

5. Board Member Reports

None

6. Director's Report

- a. In September, Tim attended a Leadership Summit put on by ANCOR, the national association, in Washington, DC. The summit was informative; it was a couple of intense days going over federal issues. On Tuesday, Tim met with congressional staff for the Kansas delegation, with the exception of Lynn Jenkins. The meetings went well with the staffers.
- b. There are number of issues going on in Kansas.
 - i. The state recently changed their background policy. IN the past, we could offer conditional employment. The state came along and said that such hiring practices were in violation of federal and state law as well as against CMS regulations. Legal counsel looked and found no such violations. Agencies have continued to hire as they have in the past. If the state does not back off this notion, there probably will be a lawsuit. Conditional employment means new hires do not work one on one with clients until after all background checks are finalized and they have been trained by the supervisor.

- ii. A second issue with the state has to do with LPNs. The state has come along and said that LPNs cannot delegate medication duties to staff. Once again, this is not correct. The Nurse Practice Act allows this practice and there is nothing in the law books that say this is illegal. The state, however, is finding some agencies as non-compliant. On this issue, there may be a suit filed. A letter will be sent to the Secretary of KDADS laying out the framework and quoting statutes.
- iii. A third issue is that the state has become more punitive with corrective actions. In the past, they would give a report of what agencies needed to correct. Now, they are not leaving a closing report. Instead, they start fining automatically without giving agencies the opportunity to correct the issue. The state will not work with us anymore. Under the contract, we are to have 30 days notice and a comment period before any policy changes go into effect. This is not happening; as a result we may sue on this issue as well.
- iv. The real problem is that the state no longer has staff that knows the system and knows what is going on. Every few weeks, there are new staff that are throwing away old regulations and bringing in their own without knowing the field.
- v. The final issue is that the state is requiring agencies like Tri-Valley to provide services for individuals in jail with I/DD. The issue is, however, these individuals lose their Medicaid funding when they go to jail. Legally, we do not have to serve them. With the state making this requirement, we are providing the service without being paid for it. Tomorrow, Tim will meet with Secretary Keck. The InterHab group has been meeting with him for the last several months with little to no results.

7. BowerCom Presentation

Lori Bower presented the board with the proposed new logo. Lori gave a 10 minute presentation showcasing the new logo. Following the presentation, the board asked questions and made some suggestions; Lori will take the suggestions and make some minor changes. After a brief discussion, motion made to accept the design and move forward with the rebranding (Dwayne Umbarger/Max). Motion passed. The suggested changes will be brought back to the board at the December meeting. Tim would like to have a roll out party for the rebranding in January. We would have a party and invite the media.

8. Old Business

8.1 Drawing Fundraiser

Tricia Campbell reported on the annual raffle drawing fundraiser. So far, we have sold 102 tickets and have brought in \$4,700. We have sent out three mailings; two that have gone to all past participants and one to just those individuals who entered the 17th raffle drawing. Truck bid requests have gone out to four local dealerships. We have two bids in hand. The deadline for the bids is this Friday. In the last mailing, we put in a poll for truck types. So far, the poll results are: 4 – Chevy; 13 – Dodge; 2 – Ford; and 9 – Toyota. We will also poll the color choices once the truck has been selected. Finally, we may try a new advertising idea this year. Facebook has a way for us to advertise; we would

select the amount we are willing to spend and set up the demographics of the people we want to reach.

8.2 Marketing Plan

The marketing plan was discussed earlier during the BowerCom Presentation.

8.3 Home Donation

On Monday, Tim finalized the paperwork with the Faith House board on the home located in Chanute. The Foundation was the second choice; the first group backed out. We now have possession and the keys. Our first step is to go through the house and send out bid requests for renovation. While the exterior is in great shape, the interior needs some work; it has a lot of wear and tear. The house does have a sprinkler system and is hardwired; so we do not need to install a second floor fire escape. We will add a storm shelter, but our first business is to change the locks, sign up for utilities, and get insurance. We have time to remodel; we are not in a hurry. The renovations would include new flooring, remodeling of bathrooms, and painting the walls. The appliances were left behind in the house.

9. New Business

9.1 Policy Review

The following policies were reviewed and will be brought back for approval at the December meeting: Administration 2 (Purchased Software); Administration 9 (Volunteers); and Financial 1 (Cash Receipts/Deposit Policy). The changes were minor and dealt primarily with correcting titles.

10. Acceptance of All Donations

For the period from June 28th through September 26th, the Foundation received \$8,458 in donations. Motion made to accept donations (Judy/Sandi). Motion passed.

11. Announcements

The next board meeting will be December 5th at the Iola Service Center at 6 pm. This meeting will be our holiday meeting.

12. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn the meeting (Max/Shane). Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Spangler, Secretary