

Tri-Valley Developmental Services, Inc.  
Board of Director's Meeting  
TVDS CDDO Office, 115 E. Main, Chanute, KS;  
Neodesha Service Center, 1001 Wilson Drive, Neodesha, KS 66757;  
Zoom  
August 25, 2022

Present: John McRae, Susan Jones, Karen Vallier, Steve Sewell, Sharon Suske, Jim Hogan, Van Bettega, Rita Cornett, Derrick Payne, Lindsay Madison, Angie Morrison

Not Present: Devin Johnson, Anna Methvin, Janet Rash, Connie Hey

Staff Present: Bill Fiscus, Joe O'Rourke, Rachel Crigger, Tricia Campbell, Lea Chickadonz

1. Call to Order  
Chair John McRae called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
2. Adoption of Agenda  
Motion made to adopt agenda as amended to remove section 6.1 under Old Business (Rita Cornett/Sharon Suske). Motion passed.
3. Minutes of Last Meeting  
The minutes from the June 30, 2022 meeting were presented. Motion made to approve minutes as presented (Karen Vallier/Rita). Motion passed.
4. Treasurer's Report  
CEO Bill Fiscus presented the financial report for the period ending June 30, 2022. Motion made to approve the financial report as presented (Susan Jones/Van Bettega). Motion passed.
5. Staff Reports
  - A. CEO Report
    - I. InterHab has come up with their legislative platform for FY23. They will recommend the following for KDADS budget: 1) provider rate increase; 2) rate increase for case managers; 3) funds to remove 300 people from the waiting list; and 4) increase funds in state aid and state general fund. This plan does not take inflation into account. 2022 was a good year but there are ways we can continue to improve.
    - II. The state has given providers money for retention and recruitment bonuses. The bonuses are: \$2,000 for retention and \$1,500 for recruitment. The bonuses will be given out in a 3-payment process. Staff are appreciative of the bonus.
  - B. Program Report
    - I. Rachel Crigger, VP of Programming, reported that we are down to 27 openings. In June, we had 36 openings. Twenty-seven is our lowest number of openings since pre=covid.
    - II. Thanks to the improved staffing, we are now able to offer different activities to individuals in the day program.
    - III. Our Covid levels have decreased; we currently have 15 positive cases. Steve Sewell enquired into client vaccination status. Approximately 65 to 70% of all individuals served have been vaccinated. Staff track positive cases for both vaccinated and unvaccinated and track the trended data. We have a process in place for all positive

cases. Thanks to a grant, Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center has provided Tri-Valley with a large number of home testing kits. We also follow CDC and KDHE guidelines for masking of staff. Steve was interested in the correlation between those vaccinated, unvaccinated, with boosters, and positive cases.

#### C. Operations Report

- I. Joe O'Rourke, VP of Operations, gave an update on Tri-Valley a/c units. In July, we registered 17 days above 100 degrees.  
Steve asked about an inventory of HVAC systems. Joe is going to sites to collect system data. Fort Scott has 17 units at the Service Center that are close to 20 years old. Staff are reviewing utility bills and working to identify units that are aging and losing their efficiency. Steve suggested that we put together a HVAC replacement schedule similar to our vehicles. Steve also wondered if there was money available from the federal government for upgrading systems. Joe was unsure but will check.
- II. Steve suggested that we look into compressed natural gas for vehicles. At this time, the closest station is in Wichita; however compressor can be set up anywhere. Joe will ask Interhab to see if other providers utilize natural gas for their vehicles.
- III. On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Fort Scott suffered a power loss across the city from a lightning strike. With power out at several sites, individuals were brought to stay at the Service Center.
- IV. The construction at Humboldt continues. Our fire system plans have been approved by the State Fire Marshal. The room addition in Neodesha is almost complete.
- V. On August 11<sup>th</sup>, Tri-Valley held a Chamber Coffee at the Fort Scott Service Center. Staff gave a presentation on the new bailer that was donated by Advantage Metals. Fourteen bails have been assembled. Our next step is find a company to pick-up the bails. Now is a good time for paper prices; prices are the best in the last 25 years. The bailer has already saved in wear and tear for the box truck as well as staff time.
- VI. The Cobalt Buffing Pads job is going well. In July, Cobalt shut down, so the number of pads decreased. It will soon pick up.

#### D. Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation

- I. Tricia Campbell, Special Projects Coordinator, reported on recent golf tournaments.
  - a. The Fredonia tournament was held on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Fredonia Golf Club. Six teams played. The tournament had two flights. A Flight teams were 1<sup>st</sup> place – Kent Marr, Rick Cunningham, Jim Dart, and Rick Jensen; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Russ Vallier, Stan Vallier, Trent Vallier, and Hayden Vallier; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Bill Fiscus, Jared Fiscus, Jake Fiscus, and Dillon Wolverton. B Flight teams were 1<sup>st</sup> place – Jason Stout, Camden Cunningham, Jake Miller, and Sam Ayer; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Jake Scott, Michael Hatcher, Wally Maples, and Mike Prince; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Joel Porter and Kiz Porter. Rick Jensen won both the Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive Contest.
  - b. The Chanute Golf Tournament was held on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Fifteen teams played. The winners for A Flight were: 1<sup>st</sup> Place - the team from CPI Technologies consisting of Erik Crane, Josh Glover, Rob Kassing, and Derek Powell; and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - the team from Advanced Systems consisting of Darren Lueberring, Evan Lueberring, Noah Lueberring, and Connor Newman. The winners for B Flight were: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – the team from B & W #2 consisting of Jay Manly, Spencer Styles, Brett Shields, and Jeremy Wheeler; and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - the team from K-W Contractors consisting of Dillon Wolverton, Noah Kepley, Nathan Manbeck, and Monty Manbeck. Along with the two flights, prizes were handed out for the

Longest Drive (which went to AJ Evans) and Closet to the Pin (which went to Thad Wells).

- c. The next golf tournament will be September 10<sup>th</sup> in Fort Scott at the Woodland Hills golf course. So far, we have thirteen teams set to play.
- II. Diane Brown, winner of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Truck Raffle Drawing, came on August 17<sup>th</sup> to collect her prize. She was very excited about winning the truck. Bids have gone out to the local dealers for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Truck Raffle Drawing. The deadline for bids is August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- III. The Foundation is in the midst of the annual membership drive.
- IV. Tri-Valley has two upcoming fundraisers: holiday cards and poinsettias. Information will be made available shortly.
- E. CDDO Report
  - I. Bill Fiscus reported that the CDDO will change its name back to TVDS CDDO. The state has been notified. Our local vendor will change the logo on the front of the building in Chanute soon.
  - II. DPOK has completed a satisfaction survey with parents/clients. Out of 55 responses, we only had two negative responses.

6. Old Business  
None

7. New Business

7.1 Policy Review

Bill presented a new policy to the board in regard to property damage caused by an individual served. The board had a few suggestions to the policy. The policy and suggestions will be sent to our attorney for review. The policy will be brought back for the October meeting for approval.

8. Comments from Groups or Individuals  
None

9. Announcements

- 2022 Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation Fall Golf Classic – September 10<sup>th</sup> at Woodland Hills Golf Course in Fort Scott
- Next Board Meeting will be October 27, 2022 with location to be announced.

10. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn meeting (Van/Angie Morrison). Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Vallier  
Secretary

10/11/22  
Date