

Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation  
Board of Director's Meeting  
TVDS Administrative Office, 521 W. 35<sup>th</sup> CH Pkwy, Chanute, KS 66720/Zoom  
June 25, 2024

Present: Judy Brigham, Mike Hofer, Sandi Eggers, Phil Newkirk, Joel Norris, Joel Porter, Larry Coleman, Bill Fiscus

Not Present: Steve Sewell, Vic Anderson, Mike Reid, Terry Harper, Lynette Emmerson

Staff Present: Melissa Cannon-Smith, Joe O'Rourke, Lea Chickadonz, Tricia Campbell

1. Call to Order

Chair Judy Brigham called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion made to adopt the agenda as presented (Joel Porter/Mike Hofer). Motion passed.

3. Minutes

The minutes from the March 26, 2024 meeting were presented. Motion made to accept minutes as presented (Mike Hofer/Joel Porter). Motion passed.

4. Treasurer's Report

Lea Chickadonz, VP of Administration, presented the financial report for the period ending May 31, 2024. Motion made to accept report as presented (Mike Hofer./Sandi Eggers). Motion passed.

5. Old Business

5.1 Program Report

- a. Melissa Cannon-Smith, VP of Programming, reported that on May 7<sup>th</sup> Tri-Valley completed its annual licensing review with the state of Kansas. We received word today that Tri-Valley will receive a full license for all services. This is the second year in a row that we received a full license with no issues.
- b. Melissa recently attended a training on retention and recruitment for I/DD providers. An agency similar to Tri-Valley started this program two years ago. They have gone from a 40% vacancy rate to 0. One thing the agency did was to create a new position that is essentially a social worker for DSP staff. Tri-Valley staff are going to approach the Tri-Valley Board for permission to create a similar position. This position would help with the on-boarding process as well as help with the aforementioned retention and recruitment.

5.2 Operations

- a. Joe O'Rourke, VP of Operations, reported on the various work projects underway.

- i. Work on the Administration and Chanute Service Center roofs was completed.
  - ii. The Fairway property in Fort Scott has a new driveway.
  - iii. The Jent property in Fort Scott has a new sidewalk.
  - iv. The back parking at the Oak Street property has new gravel and is level.
  - v. The roof at the Eureka Service Center is repaired.
  - vi. Drainage issues at Administration and Chanute Service Center have been addressed.
  - vii. The concrete pad for the Chanute Greenhouse has been poured.
  - viii. We have painted the interior at several sites including Rankin in Moline and Denman in Chanute.
- b. In June, Joe purchased three Chrysler vans to replace vehicles with high mileage.
  - c. Last Friday, Joe went to Wichita and purchased several appliances.
  - d. Staff are getting competitive bids for our fire maintenance program. We continue to have issues with our current vendor.
  - e. Joe is developing a replacement schedule for roofs and HVAC systems.
  - f. We have four big areas for repairs/maintenance: cooling; furnaces; appliances; and vehicles. In April, 65 repairs were completed and in May, that number reached 77.

### 5.3 Administration Report

VP of Administration, Lea Chickadonz, reported that a HUD representative will be coming back to inspect the Brentwood/HUD paperwork. Lea is waiting for them to schedule the site visit.

### 5.4 CEO Report

- a. Bill Fiscus, CEO, reported on Tri-Valley's 14c subminimum wage certificate. Chanute Day has successfully transitioned away from subminimum wage contracts. As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, any person working in Chanute Day is making minimum wage. The other Day programs make the transition on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Tri-Valley no longer has a 14c certificate. Most providers in Kansas and nationwide have done away with their 14c certificate.
- b. The state legislature allocated funding for the I/DD field this legislative session.
  - i. The legislature increased state aid fund by 1 million. Tri-Valley's allocation equals \$15,000.
  - ii. The legislature allocated funds to remove 500 individuals off the waiting list. Seventeen people are coming off the waiting list from Tri-Valley's CDDO service area.
- c. The twenty-seven CDDOs are under contract negotiations with the state. Fifteen areas of the contract need resolved. The CDDOs sent a group response to the state around two weeks ago. There has been no response

back from the state. The state has previously stated that they did not want to extend the current year's contract. With the year ending on June 30<sup>th</sup>, we will probably have to extend the current contract and then move to mediation with the state.

## 6. Old Business

### 6.1 Drawing Update

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Truck Raffle Drawing ended on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> when the winning ticket was drawn. The winner was Thomas Lazerus of California. We received 1,830 entries and brought in \$84,750, for a profit of \$14,150. We received entries from forty-nine states; Vermont was the lone hold out. Kansas had the highest number of entries at 368, with California (139) and Texas (135) right behind. After a brief discussion, motion made for the Foundation to hold a 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Raffle Drawing (Mike Hofer/Joel Porter). Motion passed.

### 6.2 Fundraisers

#### a. Boardwalk BBQ

The Foundation's annual spring fundraiser was held on April 16<sup>th</sup>. We had a good crowd at the new venue, SEK Impact Center. Approximately 150 people attended. We raised \$11,631.14 from the event. We were down slightly from last year due to expenses, such as dry cleaning and facility rental.

#### b. Golf Tournaments

i. The Erie Golf Tournament was held on May 18<sup>th</sup> with six teams. It was a good tournament. The date may have been a bit early for golf; Erie's league had just started the week prior. We made approximately \$2,414.71.

ii. The Fredonia Golf Tournament will be Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. We have fourteen teams signed up with seven-hole sponsors and three corporate sponsors. Sonic Drive-In of Fredonia is sponsoring water. Subway of Fredonia is catering the meal and has donated 3 trays. Wilson Medical Center is donating a lawn chair for a door prize and cooling towels for all golfers. Equity Bank has also donated a door prize and golf kits for all golfers.

iii. The Chanute Golf Tournament is set for Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> with Fort Scott's tournament to be September 14<sup>th</sup>.

b. Awards Ceremony – Tri-Valley held their awards ceremony on May 1<sup>st</sup>. This was the first joint ceremony since Covid. Max McReynolds was on hand to receive the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation's Visionary Award.

## 7. New Business

### 7.1 FY25 Budget

Bill presented the FY25 Budget for the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation. Motion made to approve FY25 Budget as presented (Joel Porter/Mike Hofer). Motion passed.

7.2 House Purchase

As mentioned during the CEO report, Tri-Valley CDDO will have 17 people coming off the waiting list. Case managers have reached out to find out what services these individuals will be requesting. Several have stated that they wished to receive residential services through Tri-Valley. Currently, there are only three openings in the Foundation homes and they are located in Moline. The individuals coming off the waiting list are in Chanute. Bill has met with a realtor and has a list of homes that are for sale in Chanute and Humboldt. Bill, Mike Hofer, and several Tri-Valley staff toured one home in Chanute but it had several issues. Bill provided the board with a list of the potential homes. Judy Brigham mentioned there is land available in Iola; however, these individuals have requested Chanute. Bill asked for the Board's approval to move forward with purchasing a new home. The Foundation may need to move quickly. Joel Porter liked the idea of Bill and staff touring the homes to evaluate them and provide the board with an update via email. Motion made to give Bill the authorization to look at homes available for sale in Humboldt and Chanute (Joel Porter/Mike Hofer). Motion passed. There were two homes located next to each other in Humboldt that will be given first priority.

8. Board Member Reports

None

9. Donations

For the period from March 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>, the Foundation has brought in \$54,742. Motion made to accept donations (Sandi Eggers/Joel Norris). Motion passed.

10. Announcements

The next board meeting will be September 24<sup>th</sup>.

11. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn meeting (Joel Porter/Mike Hofer.). Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Eggers                      7/21/24  
Secretary                              Date

Addendum to June 25, 2024 Foundation Board Minutes

Wednesday, July 18, 2024

Bill Fiscus submitted an email vote to be taken to purchase the property located at 1001 W. 10<sup>th</sup> in Chanute, KS for the amount of \$165,000.

The vote was conducted via email and was approved by a majority of board members.