

Tri-Valley Developmental Services, Inc.
Board of Director's Meeting
TVDS Administrative Office, 521 W. 35 Ch Pkwy, Chanute, KS/
TVDS Neodesha Service Center, 1001 Wilson, Neodesha, KS /Zoom
April 27, 2023

Present: John McRae, Susan Jones, Sharon Suske, Jim Hogan, Van Bettega, Connie Hey, Derrick Payne, , Rita Cornett, Janet Rash, Randy Lemasters, Matt Morgan

Not Present: Steve Sewell, Devin Johnson, Lindsay Madison, Georgia Masterson, Anna Methvin, Angie Morrison

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

1. Call to Order
Chair John McRae called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.
2. Adoption of Agenda
Motion made to adopt agenda as presented (Susan Jones/Sharon Suske). Motion passed.
3. Introductions
Bill Fiscus introduced Randy Lemasters and Matt Morgan, our new Board of Director members representing Neosho County.
4. Minutes of Last Meeting
The minutes from the February 23, 2023 meeting were presented. Motion to approve minutes as presented (Derrick Payne/Sharon). Motion passed.
5. Treasurer's Report
CEO Bill Fiscus presented the financial report for the period ending March 31, 2023. Motion made to accept report (Susan/Rita Cornett). Motion passed.
6. Staff Reports
 - A. CEO Report
 1. Bill gave a legislative update. InterHab has targeted three areas of concern this year.
 - i. The legislature has approved the TCM rate increase; the current rate of \$42.44 will increase to \$75 per hour starting July 1st.
 - ii. Interhab pushed to add a yearly rate study proviso to be to the budget amendment. This has also been approved. The proviso will push KDADS to conduct an annual rate study to look at HCBS rates. The survey was a part of the DD Reform Act. KDADS has not conducted a survey for the past several years. The survey will look at what providers should receive versus what they actually receive.
 - iii. Interhab staff were also working with the legislature to remove the Fire Marshal requirement for licensing. This bill died in committee. It was presented late in the session.
 2. Bill received good news from our BCBS representative. Our health insurance rates decreased by 1.6%. Tri-Valley will recoup the savings and staff premiums will

remain the same. In 2022, we saw an increase in our rates. Tri-Valley absorbed the rate increase and staff premiums stayed the same.

3. The Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation has made an offer to purchase a home we are currently renting. The Foundation now has 15 homes.

B. Program Report

1. Melissa Cannon-Smith, VP of Programming reported on Tri-Valley openings. Staff vacancies have decreased by 23%. We currently have 15 openings; one for day and fourteen for residential. We have filled our Appointment Clerk and Residential Coordinator openings.
2. On March 15th, Tri-Valley staff and clients joined 500 other attendees for the 2023 InterHab Advocacy Day at the State Capitol. Governor Kelly was a surprise speaker; she signed a proclamation that named March as Kansas Disability Advocacy Month. Following the rally, clients and staff dropped off small plants grown in Fort Scott with our local legislators.
3. It is time to renew our state license. The review should happen in May.

C. Operations Report

1. Joe O'Rourke, VP of Operations, reported that he is reviewing all 24 Tri-Valley residential/work settings. He has completed 22 out of 24 sites. He is complying a master list for all appliances owned by Tri-Valley. He is reviewing the age of the appliance and how often we have replaced them. We see a lot of issues with our washer and dryer units.
2. The state Fire Marshal has completed 80% of Tri-Valley site visits. He still needs to visit sites in Neodesha and Moline.
3. Joe reported on Tri-Valley's contract with Cobalt Boats. In March, we did 2,649 buffing pads. In a 12-month period, we have cleaned 17,594 buffing pads, which averages out to 1,500 a month. Tri-Valley is paid \$2 a pad. Cobalt will be recognized as Business of the Year for the west side at the Neodesha Awards Ceremony.
4. Joe had the opportunity to meet with the owner of a new business coming to Neodesha. Sycut is based out of London and creates railroad ties using recycled plastic. They plan to collect plastic from the public. Joe thought that Tri-Valley might have the opportunity to partner with the company. The company plans to hire 130 employees. They plan to hold plant tours in May.
5. We continue to have issues with our buses. We have found mechanics in Wichita and Osawatomie but would like to find someone closer that works on buses. John made a suggestion for a mechanic in Iola.

D. Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation Report

1. Tri-Valley will hold three award ceremonies in 2023. The first ceremony will be April 28th at the Neodesha Service Center. The second ceremony will be May 5th at the Fort Scott Service Center. The final ceremony will May 12th at Central Park Pavilion in Chanute.
2. Tricia Campbell, Special Projects Coordinator, reported that the Foundation has received 863 entries for the 23rd Annual Truck Raffle Drawing.
3. The Foundation held their annual spring fundraiser on April 18th at Central Park Pavilion in Chanute. This year's theme was Boardwalk BBQ. We had approximately

160 guests in attendance. We had 40 silent, 10 stretch, and 11 live auction items. We featured two new live auction trips courtesy of Monarch Cement Company: 7 nights in Kissimmee Fl and 3 nights at a B & B in Arkansas. Brenda Harrison offered two catered meals as well. The meal was catered by Horizons at Prairie Ridge in Erie and included pulled chicken, pulled pork, potato salad, baked beans, green beans, and a Hawaiian roll. Cupcakes were provided by Jennifer Brown Sanchez. Photos of the evening were done courtesy of Larry Holman. Dave Petersen served as Auctioneer. John Graham provided sound and lighting. Students from Neosho County Community College were our servers. The bar was furnished by Newkirk, Dennis & Buckles.

Our sponsors were

- Promenade – Steve Faulkner Ford, Monarch Cement Company, and David & Beth Toland.
- Colonnade – Pete’s of Erie, Home Savings Bank, Community National Bank, IMA; Hofer & Hofer & Associates; Newkirk, Dennis, and Buckles.
- Esplanade – Community National Bank – Eureka; Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips; Gates Corporation; Neosho County Community College; Ash Grove; A. Lusker Masonry LLC
- Arcade – Cheney Witt Funeral Home; Hi-Lo Industries

We are projecting a profit of \$14,000.

4. The date for the Erie golf tournament is June 10th. We have six teams and three corporate sponsors. The Fredonia tournament is set for July 15th and we already have 4 teams and 3 corporate sponsors. The Chanute tournament is set for August 12th and we have 4 teams and 3 corporate sponsors. The Fort Scott tournament is September 16th and we have 1 team and corporate sponsor.
5. Tri-Valley has received several memorials in March and April. Memorials were left in honor of: Jon Spangler; Pam Smedley; and Terry Perkins.

E. CDDO Report

Bill reported there will be no state contract negotiations for 2024. All CDDOs have agreed to leave the contract as it is.

7. Old Business

7.1 Board Member Update

Bill will discuss the board member update under new business 8.1.

8. New Business

8.1 Proposed Changes to By-Laws

In the past, County Commissions have appointed Tri-Valley board members for their respective counties in the CDDO service area. Usually, these appointments are rubber stamped items. After discussing with other agencies across the state, we would like to change the board member appointment process. Kurt Kluin did research in the subject and he could not find any regulation that requires county commission approval for board members. Kurt has gone through the By-laws and has made several suggestions. First, we will remove the portion on county commissioners approving board members. Secondly, Kurt felt that our language needed clarification on the board make-up. The board will vote upon the proposed by-laws at the June meeting.

9. Comments from Groups or Individuals
None.

10. Announcements
The next board meeting will be June 29, 2023 with the location to be announced.

11. Adjournment
Motion made to adjourn meeting (Janet Rash/Susan). Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

<u>John McRae</u>	<u>6-16-2023</u>
John McRae, Chair	Date