Tri-Valley Developmental Services, Inc.
Board of Director's Meeting
TVDS Administrative Office, 521 W. 35 Ch Pkwy, Chanute, KS/Zoom
April 24, 2025

Present: Susan Jones, Connie Hey, Jim Hogan, Derrick Payne, Angie Morrison, Randy Lemasters, Matt Morgan, Janet Rash, Sharon Suske

Not Present: John McRae, Anna Methvin, Devin Johnson, Steve Sewell, Lindsay Madison, Rita Cornett, Georgia Masterson

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

1. Call to Order
   Vice Chair Susan Jones called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda
   Motion made to adopt the agenda as presented (Angie Morrison/Derrick Payne). Motion passed.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting
   The minutes from the February 27, 2025 meeting were presented. Motion made to accept minutes as presented (Randy Lemasters/Derrick). Motion passed.

4. Treasurer's Report
   Lea Chickadonz, VP of Administration, presented the financial report for the period ending March 31, 2025. Motion made to accept financial report as presented (Sharon Suske/Matt Morgan). Motion passed.

5. Staff Reports
   A. Program
      - Melissa Cannon-Smith, VP of Programming, reported that two of the three staff enrolled in the DSP+ Apprenticeship Program through InterHab, Department of Labor, and Kansas Department of Commerce have completed their course work through Wichita State University.
      - Our licensing surveyor comes on May 13th for the annual day and residential licensure review. This year, she was given access to Therap data; she can go in to review data throughout the year. This will help save time and allow us to continue to build trust. We can also correct issues as they arise.

   B. Operations
      - Joe O'Rourke, VP of Operations, reported that the planning process for FY26 has begun. We are looking at our fleet and utilities.
      - Out of 65 vehicles in our fleet, 30% have either a chip or cracked windshield.

- Earlier today, Joe and Bill Fiscus met with our attorney, Kurt Kluin, to develop a purchase agreement for the Eureka Service Center.
- The following projects are underway at Tri-Valley facilities.
  - The case management offices in Chanute have new flooring. Chair mats have been ordered.
  - There is a flooring issue at the Moline Service Center. We cannot lay planking. Joe is looking at other types of flooring, possibly laminate. We are in the process of painting the service center.
  - The shed for Western House was delivered earlier today.

C. Administration

- Lea Chickadonz, VP of Administration, updated the board on the KDADS rate study. KDADS has scheduled a meeting on May 8th to discuss the study.
- In January, Administrative staff met with IMA to discuss health insurance strategies for FY26. Lea and Bill will meet with IMA and BCBS representatives in May to finalize our plans. Open enrollment for health insurance in the month of June.
- Supervisors are finishing staff evaluations for the year. Evaluations are completed quarterly so that Supervisors may meet with staff to address issues as they arise.

D. CEO Report

- Bill Fiscus, CEO, updated the board on the most recent legislative session.
  - For FY26, the legislature included funds to remove 200 individuals from the waiting list.
  - The legislature added a 1.67% rate increase for HCBS.
- KDADS is moving forward with their initiatives. These changes are a result of the state's corrective action plan for HCBS Setting Final Rule. One change is the unbundling of day services. The goal is to promote independence and person-centered planning. To help with these initiatives, KDADS has offered grant funds to providers. Tri-Valley submitted our grant application on April 14th. On May 28th, we should hear if our grant was approved.

E. Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation

- Tricia Campbell, Special Projects Coordinator, reported that the Foundation has received 712 entries for the 25th Annual Raffle Drawing. From mid-March through mid-April, we had an issue with our credit card processing. That issue has been resolved.
- The 2025 Boardwalk BBq fundraiser was held on Friday, April 4th at the SEK Impact Center. The event was moved to a Friday night and it went great. We had 158 guests. Robbi Bell was the featured entertainment for the evening. The dinner was catered by C & S Traveling Kitchen with dessert, in the form of mini-bundt cakes, provided by Brenda Harrison, TVDS Director of Programming. Students from Neosho County Community College served as wait staff for the evening. Featured on our live auction were trips to Nashville and Las Vegas. Our silent and stretch auctions

featured many unique items including baskets from local businesses. The Foundation made an estimated profit of $13,568.

- The Foundation golf tournaments are set for June 28th in Fredonia, August 2nd in Erie, and September 13th in Fort Scott
- Tri-Valley was named as recipient for two memorials: Luke Johnson and Karen Sailor. Ms. Sailor's family has requested that funds be spent in Fort Scott. Staff would like to purchase a Smart Board with the funds.
- On May 1st, Tri-Valley will celebrate our 50th anniversary. The celebration will be at the Central Park Pavilion at 1 pm.

F. CDDO

- Bill Fiscus reported that the CDDO contract for FY26 is finalized. The legislature stepped in to help when they were informed that the state missed CDDO payments from July through December. Both payments were made in January. The legislature ensured that CDDOs would receive their payment on July 1st.
- In the packet, Bill provided a timeline of the history of Tri-Valley's CDDO. CDDOs or Community Development Disability Organizations were created in 1995.
- CDDOs across the state are working with the KDADS and advocates to resolve a conflict of interest. Several committees are working to find a solution.
- TCMs across the state are also working to resolve their conflict of interest. CMS sees a conflict of interest when case managers work for CSP (community support provider). Several committees are working on this issue as well.

6. Old Business

6.1 Eureka Service Center

The sale of the Eureka Service Center is in the works. Kurt Kluin will draft a purchase agreement. The buyer has asked if he could purchase it on a finance plan. He would put $2,000 down and make eight installments at 4% interest with a balloon payment of $11,000. Motion made that Tri-Valley agree to finance purchase of the Eureka Service Center as proposed (Matt/Jim Hogan). Motion passed.

7. New Business

7.1 Winfred Jent Award

On May 1st, Tri-Valley will hold our 50th Anniversary and Annual Awards Ceremony in Chanute at Central Park Pavilion. One of the awards to be presented is the Winfred Jent Board Award. The staff recommended that the board recognize the City of Moline. Throughout the years, the city has been a partner with both New Beginnings and Tri-Valley. They are helpful when we have issues with excessive water usage. Recently, they repaired our bench that was damaged in an accident. Motion made to present the City of Moline with the Winfred Jent Award (Randy Lemasters/Derrick). Motion passed.

On April 29th, the Tri-Valley Executive Team will present the City of Moline the Winfred Jent Award since they are unable to attend the awards ceremony. Jim Hogan, Janet Rush, and Connie Hey plan to attend the presentation.

7.2 Policy Review

Bill presented three personnel policies. The proposed changes have been reviewed by Kurt Kluin. The board will vote upon these policies at the June meeting. Sharon Suske asked for clarification on Personnel Policy 105 (Hiring of Relative). Bill will contact Kurt to ask for clarification.

8. Comments from Groups or Individuals

None

9. Announcements

- Janet Rash expressed her appreciation for Tri-Valley awarding the Jent Award to the City of Moline. It is nice that they are being recognized. Joe mentioned that the two benches in front of the Moline Service Center have names of families that were instrumental in bringing services to Moline.
- The next Board Meeting will be June 26, 2025. The June meeting will include officer elections, approval of FY26 budget, policy review, and scenarios for case management and CDDO conflicts of interest.

10. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn meeting (Matt/Janet). Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Jones 6/5/2025

Vice Chair Date