

Jackson County Community Children's Services Fund Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 7, 2019, 2:30 p.m.
Penntower Office Center
3100 Broadway Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri

Board Members Present:

Rhonda Holman (Chair)
Jovanna Rohs, Ph.D. (Vice Chair)
Rachelle Styles (Treasurer) – phone
Brian Kaberline, (Secretary)
Ann Mesle
Marietta Parker

Board Members Absent:

Robert Bartman, Ed. D

Staff Present:

Rob Whitten (Executive Director)
Sue Richter, Recording

Guests, Affiliations:

Nancy Atwater, PFH
Brandi Bair, Hope House
Ashley Burke, Jackson County Executive's Office
Amy Couture, Rose Brooks
Lyn Durbin, Steppingstone
Sarah Forgey, Greater Kansas City Community Foundation
Carol Grimaldi, Cornerstones of Care
Casey Thomas, The Family Conservancy

- I. **Call to Order** **Rhonda Holman**
The Jackson County Community Children's Services Fund (JCCCSF) meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call** **Sue Richter**
Ms. Richter took a Roll call of the Board Members.
- III. **Review and Approval of February 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes** **Action Required**
Board Members were asked for any corrections or amendments to the minutes that had been circulated in the Board packet prior to the meeting. Following a motion to approve, there was a brief discussion regarding board members' professional titles shown in minutes and the placement of guest comments. At their request the J.D. designations for Ms. Parker and Ms. Mesle will be deleted in the future and guest comments will continue to be reported as they have been to date. Chair Holman called for the question to approve the minutes as circulated. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- IV. **Guest Introductions** **Rhonda Holman, Guests**
Guests were invited to introduce themselves.
- V. **Review/Approval of Proposed Agenda** **Rhonda Holman**
A review of the proposed agenda resulted in no changes being suggested.

VI. Old Business

A. Financial Report

Rachelle Styles, Rob Whitten

1. February Financials

Revenue – Tax revenue for February had not been received yet by JCCCSF; but receipt is anticipated by the 10th of this month.

Expenses –The first payment to the Public Relations firm (Fervor) was made in the amount of \$12k. Board Members were advised that rent expense will increase next month due to the office relocation to Penntower and the additional space required for new staff.

Current Assets (02/2019)	\$17.5M
Accrued Liabilities (YE/2018)	\$41.2k
Current Liabilities (2019 Contracts)	\$7.6M
Ending Net Assets	\$9.9M

2. Audit Preparation

Director Styles reported that all entries in the financial system for JCCCSF have been reconciled and financials are current through February 2019. There will be depreciation adjustments to the 2018 financials due to capital expenditures in late 2018 for office furnishings and equipment.

B. Children’s Services Contracting

Jovanna Rohs, Rob Whitten

1. Update on Winddown for 2018 Contracts

All payment obligations for 2018 contracts have been satisfied. With Program Officers coming on board in April, JCCCSF will be better able to assess its performance toward targeted community goals. Mr. Whitten stated that he hopes to identify 2 to 3 community goals to guide the Fund’s work in the future. Ideally, these goals would be shared by other funders with similar interests and funders would be able to work collectively toward them. A scorecard for funded activities that shows utilization of contract funds and progress toward outcomes will assist the funding process moving forward and focus funded partners on the ten service categories designated by state statute.

2. Update on Contracts for 2019

One contract has not been signed because of liability insurance coverage for an organization that is self-funded. The remaining 43 contracts have been executed.

Staff is working with the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation (GKCCF) to revise the reporting tools for 2019 to capture all financial information on one page.

3. School Based Services Request

The timeline for review and approval of the funding slate was discussed as follows

- March 15, 2019 – reviewer scoring due to GKCCF
- March 20, 2019 (8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.) – Board work session
- March 26-27, 2019 –prospective Partner interviews
- April 4, 2019 – Funding slate presented to JCCCSF Board for approval.

C. Executive Director Report

Rob Whitten

1. Hiring Update

Offers were extended and accepted for both the Finance Officer and Program Officer staff positions. New staff will start on April 2, 2019. A second Program Officer position remains open, with an anticipated offer to be extended within the week.

2. Branding Update

The brand impact kick-off session is scheduled for March 13th at Fervor's location. As schedules allow, Board Members were encouraged to attend.

Fervor will also be conducting site visits and advocate interviews. A mid-point check-in with Fervor is scheduled for the week of April 15th, and Fervor will be ready to present findings and recommendations for a brand strategy the week of May 6th. These findings will inform phase 2, which consists of brand identity (logo) and should be completed by late May or early June. Website development would follow.

3. Funders' Roundtable

A meeting hosted by the Jackson County Mental Health Fund (JCMHF) was attended by the Health Forward Foundation (HFF), REACH Healthcare Foundation (RHF), United Way and JCCCSF. Each organization discussed its current funding activities as follows:

- JCMHL shared an interest in better understanding barriers to accessing services. JCMHL is currently conducting a pilot with six providers focused on rapid cycle improvement utilizing a value-based payment model that incentivizes improved access and outcomes. Another area of focus is Case Management, which is now funded through a three-tiered reimbursement model tied to complexity.
- HFF – A significant focus for this organization is their “Enhanced Suicide Care Academy”. They have looked at several models including the national “Zero Suicide Model”. They are looking at support beyond just clinical staff. HFF also mentioned an interest in school-based services with efficiency and fidelity to a model as noted areas of interest and concern.
- RHF – The foundation will continue its work to achieve health equity by reducing barriers to coverage and care. Their theory of change focuses on two targets with three outcomes and supporting strategies. Two noted priority populations of interest for RFH are foster youth aging out of care and homeless youth and adults.
- United Way noted that as funding has declined, their pool of funded mental health services has also had to be reduced. Their funding for mental health services is mostly through small grants.

Takeaways from these discussions were commitments from those present to meet quarterly to explore common goals, to look for ways to better work together as a funding community, and to implement strategies for improvements in services offered in Jackson County.

4. Other Updates

- Reauthorization - Consideration for reauthorization of tax funding for upcoming ballot placement continues. There have been observations that the sunset for both COMBAT and JCCCSF are negatively impacting the county's bond rating. The board needs to pay close attention to the bond rating issue to ensure that the Fund's current ability to control its decision making and spending is not traded off in the process. Jackson County's CSF (Children's Services Fund) is currently funded at a lower rate than other Missouri counties' Funds. If an increase is requested from voters, this could be positioned as a corrective measure to keep Jackson County in line with the other 8 counties that have approved CSFs. The appropriateness of what the JCCCSF can and cannot do as it relates to the ballot issue needs to be clearly defined as a next step in this process.
- Upcoming engagements – The Executive Director will attend the following: The Child Welfare & Youth Development Roundtable with LINC (March 8, 2019), The Children's Service Coalition Meeting (March 8, 2019) and the Children's Health Summit (April 1, 2019).

VII. Other Items

Rhonda Holman, All

A. Board Vacancies

Two District 3 candidates have been identified through assistance from Jaime Masters in the County Executive's Office. The Chair and Executive Director met with one of those candidates last month. Unfortunately, because of an upcoming housing arrangement with a JCCCSF funded partner, he is ineligible for board membership. A meeting with the second candidate is scheduled following today's meeting.

B. Board Education: Guest Speakers, Research, Consultation, etc.

An invitation was extended and accepted by Theresa Byrd from the Juvenile Court for Jackson County. She is currently slotted to present at the May meeting. Other suggestions included requests for the Executive Director of Boone County's CSF to present their outcomes dashboard, and for the St. Louis/St Louis County/St. Charles consortium to discuss their collaborations. This could be particularly helpful to the JCCCSF as neighboring counties in the Metro Kansas City area establish CSFs.

C. Director and Guest Comments

Director Parker reported that review of the by-laws is underway, and the working group hopes to present a draft at the April meeting. A draft will be submitted to the Fund's attorney for legal review prior to presentation to the Board.

Director Kaberline shared that the Nominating Committee should have a slate of officers to present prior to the April meeting.

Mr. Lyn Durbin of Steppingstones shared appreciation regarding Board conversation that JCCCSF funds are not intended to supplant other funding previously received. This funding was intended to close the gaps that existed prior to the establishment of the JCCCSF.

Ms. Carol Grimaldi, Cornerstones of Care, expressed appreciation that JCCCSF continues to investigate an increase in the funding rate and elimination of the sunset.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn.

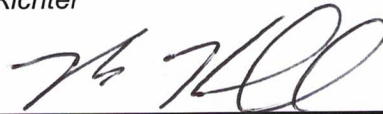
First: Marietta Parker

Second: Ann Mesle

Motion: Approved

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Sue Richter



Brian Kaberline, Secretary

Next Meeting: April 4, 2019 – Penntower Office Center – Room 132, 2:30 p.m.