



Providing Services to Persons
With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 11, 2021

Present:

Darcy Arnold
Mary Turner
Mary West
Carolyn Rettig
David Lane
Dr. Lou Dwyer via Zoom
Julie Hilmes
Mike Schottelkotte
Trevor Harrison
David Kienholz

Absences:

Traci Watson

Staff Present:

Tom Turner
Steve Dahlman
Aimee Pruitt
Kevin Sowder via Zoom
Holly Tea via Zoom

- I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by President Darcy Arnold.
- II. Absences: See above
- III. Minutes Review. Motion by Trevor Harrison and seconded by Mike Schottelkotte to approve minutes from the April meeting, with one correction. Elaine Wood attended April's meeting via phone. All in favor, motion carried.
- IV. Public Comment:
 - A. Board Emails: Darcy reminded everyone to check your COI emails.
- V. Executive Director's Report: Tom started with some good news, we received a \$10K dollar grant from the Bacon Foundation, thank you Lori.
 - May 14th is Elaine Woods 36th Anniversary with COI, we are thrilled to have her.
 - Tom sent out letters to announce his retirement to the families we serve, community members, and legislators. Copies of the letter were also sent to the Board.
 - The long bill has been signed, including the 2.5% rate increase and the 667 new enrollments. With the new enrollments the statewide allocation process will be triggered, and we will get 12 enrollments.
 - CFCM HB 1187 has been signed as well. The RFP for CMAs are due in 2023 to be finalized in 2024 and it looks like the State was listening to us because it appears RFPs will include 2 CMAs for our area.
 - NEMT/PUC HB 1206 has passed out of the House and is now in the Senate, looks likely to pass.
 - Sub-Minimum Wage Bill SB 039 has passed out of Senate and is now in the House. All in all, a positive legislative session.

- Hillview had a follow-up visit yesterday (05/09) with a surveyor regarding the infection control survey. Tom received a phone call today to discuss the findings, which were mostly related to us having difficulty getting the second round of COVID testing initiated. The surveyor will be here for a couple more days and will schedule an exit conference when she is finished.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Finance/Audit Committee: Steve presented the financial report for March 2021. We show a deficit of \$107k, there are three main reasons for that: \$60K for employee bonuses, \$24K on the sewer at Garnet, and another large sewer job at Juniper Junction.
- Cash is holding out well. CDOT has reimbursed us for the two new vehicles this year,
 - The funds we received from HHS are almost certainly going to go back. At this point with the new rate increases, it would be hard to show a tangible need for those funds.
 - In working with our auditors and David Lane, Steve found out we don't have to claim the van logos as advertisement revenue on our 990-tax form.
- David Lane moves to approve the financial statement for March 2021, as presented, seconded by Mike Schottelkotte. All in favor, motion carried.
- B. PR/Fund-Raising Committee: Mary Turner attended the Women's Giving Club meeting last Monday (05/03) and Community Options was chosen to be the recipient of their grant for this quarter, around \$10K.
- The Board discussed some options to invest some of our funds to help maximize our revenue stream. The best option was to pay off the Allinson building/Ute note and some interest for about \$260K. This will save the agency around \$60K a year in the long run. We would also like to move forward on the renovation of the North Park building so we can move Admin to Park. Mike Schottelkotte motioned to approve the proposition to pay off \$251K for the Allinson/Ute note and \$25K in interest, seconded by Carolyn Rettig. All in favor, motion carried.
- C. Search Committee: Everything is rolling along; John will be here May 21st. Thank you David K. for helping find a rental for John.

VII. Old Business: None.

VIII. New Business:

- A. Revised CDOT Limited English Proficiency Policy: Trevor Harrison motioned to approve the newly revised CDOT Limited English Proficiency Policy as presented, seconded by Mary Turner. All in favor, motion carried.
- B. Tom signed contracts for the sale of both parcels of land on East Main. We close, potentially, on the 12th of August. Thank you, David K. for procuring the offers. Tom will no longer be here in August, so he recommended putting off a Board resolution until the meeting in June or July when Mr. Vastag will be here. David K. recused himself and Carolyn Rettig motioned to approve the contracts, seconded by Mary Turner. All in favor, motion carried.
- C. The Board discussed putting some funds into a cd but had questions about options, so Steve and staff are going to look into it. Mike Schottelkotte motioned to have the information brought before the Executive Committee, seconded by David Lane. All in favor, motion carried.

D. Tom was contacted by someone who is interested in renting Glencoe from July to the middle of October. The party is willing to do some of the repairs that our maintenance guys haven't had the time to get to. The matter is being discussed further.

IX. Announcements: None

X. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn put forth by Darcy Arnold. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Pruitt

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Coming full circle

My first in this series of monthly columns about Community Options and people with disabilities was written in July 2014. That is 84 columns, although board member Trevor Harrison recently ribbed me that he had written one of them, and indeed he did. After completing seven full years however, it only seems appropriate that this column will be my last.

The reason is that effective June 30, I am retiring as the executive director of this amazing agency. It has been an incredible honor to serve in this position for just over 26 years, and that was following the nearly 18 years I did the same type of work at Foothills Gateway in Fort Collins.

This is a bittersweet time, for as much as I am looking forward to moving on to the next (and far less responsible!) chapter in my life, it is still difficult to contemplate leaving what has been my life's work of 44 years, as well as all of the wonderful relationships developed along the way with people receiving services and their families,



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co-workers, board members, legislators and other elected officials, policy makers, and staff of allied human service agencies. I have been so blessed to work with and be supported by so many great people.

It's also been an incredible honor to share these columns with all of you, and I want to thank the Montrose Daily Press for that opportunity. When first proposed, I had doubts about who would be interested and actually read these articles? It has been extremely gratifying how many people have told me that they read them regularly and watch for them each month.

Reflecting, most of the columns have been informational and explanatory, while some have been downright editorial or even satirical. One of my personal

favorites proposed a new holiday called "Other's Day" since we seem to focus so much on defining one another by our differences rather than our similarities. But ultimately, my hope is that they have been informative and illustrative of both the successes and challenges of our agency and the people we support. I hope they have underscored the importance of the types of services we provide; thanked those who have partnered with us on this journey; and challenged us all to create a future in which people with intellectual disabilities are more fully valued and included in their communities.

As I complete this circle, I'm pleased to announce that our board of directors has done a terrific job of recruiting and hiring my successor John Vastag, and he'll introduce himself next month. In the meantime, thank you all for reading about and supporting our agency. See you around town!

Tom Turner is the retiring executive director for Community Options.