

Kids Hope Alliance

**The Jacksonville Partnership for Children, Youth and Families
1095 A. Philip Randolph Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32206**

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information Date: July 17, 2019 Location: 1095 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. 1st floor, Multipurpose Room	Board Member Attendance			
	N	Kevin Gay- Chair	N	Tyra Tutor
	Y	Dr. Barbara Darby	N	Dr. Marvin Wells
	Y	Rebekah Davis	Y	Donna Orender
	Y	Rose Conry		
<p>Advisory: Rob Mason, Office of the Public Defender; CM LeAnna Cumber; Jackie Simmons, Duval County Public Schools; Lisa Page, Office of the State Attorney</p> <p>City Staff: Julia Davis</p> <p>KHA Staff: Joe Peppers, Delores Williams, Dr. Jennifer Blalock, Adam Miller, Cynthia Nixon, Kenneth Darity, Donnie Horner, Tyrica Young, Mary Nash, Lenora Wilson, Dae Lynn Helm, Ruth Waters, Chris McNeilly, Lissette Maldonado, Katoia Wilkins, LaRaya Strong, Joyce Watson, Najera Johnson, Jerelyn Allen, and Terri Anderson</p> <p>Guest: 7.17.19 Guest list.pdf</p>				
Agenda Items	Action/Outcome			
CALL TO ORDER	Dr. Barbara Darby called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Chairman Gay will not be able to attend today. Dr. Darby said that comment cards are available for anyone wishing to speak to an item or for general comments at the conclusion of the meeting and mentioned the emergency exit plan.			
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES	Dr. Darby asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 19 th meeting. Rebekah Davis made the motion to approve and Donna Orender seconded it. Dr. Darby opened the floor for discussion and public comments. With none being heard, Dr. Darby asked all in favor to signify by the sign of "aye". All were in favor and the minutes passed.			
CEO REPORT	Mr. Peppers acknowledged the summer interns and thanked them for being professional and doing such a great job. Mr. Peppers talked about the Diversion Program that will be transitioning to KHA and the timeline for RFP's. Mr. Peppers recognized those with July birthday and recognized Chandra			

	<p>Brown on her years of service. Mr. Peppers welcomed City Council Member LeAnna Cumber as the new Board liaison from city Council.</p>
<p>FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT</p>	<p>Ms. Nixon gave the Finance Committee updates as Ms. Tutor will not able to attend the meeting today. Ms. Nixon said the Finance Committee met on July 10th. The finance report ran through May 31, 2019 and a copy is located in the binder. Ms. Nixon said that everything is on track and that the Finance Committee approved several of the action items being presented today.</p>
<p>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT</p>	<p>Dr. Darby gave the report from the Governance Committee meeting that took place on July 1st. The Governance Committee is continuing to work on the items listed on the work plan and asked if anyone had any questions. The Committee approved the Youth Travel Trust request and the request to apply for the 21st Century Community Learning Grant. Dr. Darby said for the month of August the Governance Committee will focus on KHA Board policies.</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS ACTION ITEM</p>	<p><u>Adam Miller introduced Mini Grant Legislation.</u> The Board is asked to give Kids Hope Alliance authorization to file legislation to amend Sec. 111.850 Part A, to increase the maximum mini grant awards from \$5000 to \$25,000. Rebekah Davis made the motion and Rose Conry seconded it. Dr. Darby opened the floor for discussion and public comments. Dr. Darby cautioned KHA when awarding, to make sure that we do not forget the smaller organizations. With no other comments being heard, this motion was passed.</p> <p><u>Ruth Waters introduced Youth Travel Trust Fund Application.</u> The Board is asked to approve the Travel Trust request from the Jacksonville Children’s Chorus to travel to Dublin, Ireland to perform at Trinity College, GRUND retirement home in Reykjavik, Ireland and the Parish Priest and Pastoral Council of St. Malachy’s Parish, Belfast, in the Diocese of Down and Connor. Rebekah Davis made the motion and Donna Orender seconded it. Dr. Darby opened the floor for discussion and public comments. Mr. Peppers</p>

<p>ACTION ITEM</p>	<p>stated he has visited this program and was very taken with what they are doing. Mark McCombs made public comments about how does a person apply for travel trust funds and how are we advertising? With no comments being heard, this motion was passed.</p>
<p>ACTION ITEMS</p>	<p><u>D. Blalock introduced Department of Education 21st Century Grant.</u> The Board is asked to authorize Kids Hope Alliance to apply for a grant from the Florida Department of Education. The purpose of the grant is to provide opportunities for communities to establish or expand community learning centers. This proposal will cover the FY 19-20. Dr. Blalock said this is a collaborative effort with Duval County Public Schools. The program will be implemented at Westside High and Andrew Jackson High. Rebekah Davis made the motion and Donna Conry seconded it. Dr. Darby opened the floor for discussion and public comments. Dr. Darby talked about being able to provide a safe and fun learning environment for our youth. With no other comments being heard, this motion was passed.</p>
<p>Action Item</p>	<p><u>Dr. Blalock introduced Open Gyms Partnership.</u> The Board is asked to approve funding of an Open Gym with Duval County School Board and Kids Hope Alliance with the minimum qualifications, scope of services, evaluation criteria and performance metrics substantially in the form presented to the Committee. The Duval County Public School District, in partnership with Kids Hope Alliance, will pilot an Open Gym program during selected weeks of Summer 2019 and the 2019-2020 school year at identified school locations. These include, for Summer 2019, Darnell Cookman, Northwestern, J.E.B. Stuart and Jeff Davis Middle Schools. The Program will operate from 4-10 pm weeknights and serve students ages 13-18 and during future school breaks, where appropriate. A motion was made and seconded. Mr. Peppers thanked Dr. Blalock and the others for all their hard work. CM Cumber asked how many students we expect will participate in the program and how many children will each gym hold. Mr. Simmons stated he does not know off the top of his head but would work to get those numbers. Dr. Darby asked about marketing and getting the word out. Dr. Blalock says she has been working with DCPS to contact students and parents.</p>

	<p>Fliers will be advertised at DCPS, social media, and through our community. With no other comments being heard, this motion was passed.</p> <p><u>Katoia Wilkins introduced Juvenile Justice RFP</u></p> <p>The Board is asked to approve the Request for Proposal with the minimum qualifications, scope of services, evaluation criteria and performance metrics. This is a diversionary pilot that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provides a trauma-informed framework grounded in a rights-based approach and utilizes restorative justice principles. 2. Implements valid instruments and tools to guide overall services and supports. 3. Aligns with the Kids Hope Alliance Essential Services Plan. 4. Is congruent with the Circuit 4 Juvenile Justice Advisory Board’s Comprehensive Plan. 5. Adheres to the recommendations of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee. <p>Rose Conry made the motion and Rebekah Davis seconded it. Dr. Darby opened the floor for discussion and public comments. Mr. Peppers gave some background on the Diversion Program and said the transition to KHA was a recommendation from the State Attorney’s Office and is a pilot. Michelle Braun asked about the funding for the Diversion Program. Vernon Washington asked about the move and not losing the focus of the Diversion Program such as allowing the youth to write letters of apologies to their victims as part of their community service. Ms. Wilkins said that KHA will host a Task Force meeting on July 24th at 2 pm that is open to the public. Sara Alford made comments on offering mentoring services. With no other comments being heard this motion was passed.</p>
<p>ACTION ITEMS</p>	<p><u>Mary Nash introduced Healthy Families Contract Renewal</u></p> <p>The Board is asked to approve a contract renewal to the following procurement award, to be executed for 3 months from July 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019 with an option to renew for an additional 3 months after this period. NE Florida Healthy Start Coalition has been on a corrective action plan and continues to be monitored for improvement. Ms. Nash said the contract renewal for three months will ensure that there are no gaps in services while preparing to bid this out for the upcoming year. Dr. Darby asked for a motion to approve</p>

	<p>the request. Rebekah Davis made the motion and Donna Orender seconded it. Dr. Darby opened the floor for discussion and public comments. CM Cumber asked what happens after six months extension. Ms. Nash stated that this will be put out for a Request for Proposal. Dr. Darby asked of the 16 criteria, which ones are not consistently being meet. Fay Johnson Director of NE Healthy Start said they are working very hard to improve the program and to continue to service families. With no other comments being heard, the motion to extend for 3 months was passed.</p> <p><u>Kenneth Darity introduced STEAM Funding Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Board is asked to approve the funding of Communities in Schools of Jacksonville Inc., Renaissance Jacksonville Inc., and Teen Leaders of America Inc. as listed in Exhibit I and approve the advanced payment of up to 25%. Mr. Darity said that four providers came to the bidder’s conference and only three had applied for funding. The three agencies had scored above the cutoff score of 70%. Donna Orender made the motion and Rose Conry seconded it. Dr. Darby opened the floor for discussion and public comments. Mark McCombs asked about funding opportunities. With no other comments being heard, this motion was passed.</p>
<p>Partner Presentations</p>	<p>Mayors Youth Advisory Council Stop the Violence Mini Grants Providers Summer Interns will be presenting their Summer Projects On July 18th at 10 am in the Multipurpose Room The Close out ceremony will be on Friday, July 19th at Atlantic Coast High School</p>
<p>ADJOURN</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.</p>