**KHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 19th, 2021**

**10:00 AM**

**Jacksonville Public Library**

Members Present: Kevin Gay, Dr. Marvin Wells, Rose Conry, Rebekah Davis, Donna Orender (virtual), Tyra Tutor

Members Absent:

Liaisons Present: Laura Lothman Lambert, Jackie Simmons, Diane Johnson, Chief Andre Ayoub

Liaisons Absent:

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1. **INTRODUCTIONS** Kevin Gay

Chairman Gay opened the meeting by thanking the Kids Hope Alliance’s collaborative partners. Noting that May is Mental Health Awareness Month, he highlighted KHA’s role in addressing mental health in the community. Chairman Gay expressed that KHA is invested in addressing mental health needs. He shared that CEO Mike Weinstein appeared on Melissa Ross, First Coast News to discuss mental health related issues and Hope Street, a KHA- funded partner reaching the milestone of training over 1,000 professionals to better serve children who have experienced trauma. He announced Marsha Oliver as a new board member approved by Jacksonville City Council.

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**  02

The KHA board approved the minutes 6-0.

1. **FINANCE REPORT**

* March Financial Report Tyra Tutor 05

Mrs. Tutor presented the financial report. Several accounts are slow on spending but hopefully we will know more soon on how the year will end because expense reimbursements are continuing to come in.

April Hart

* September 2020 Financial Report 21

Mrs. Tutor covered the full year report. In the title there is a note that reads, “preliminary,” because the books have not officially closed.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**

**Action Items:** *(open for public comments prior to vote)*

* Hope Street Budget Increase Dr. Saralyn Grass 23

Dr. Grass presented the Hope Street budget increase action item. Over the past six months there had been an initiative with partners that include Baptist Health to make Jacksonville a more trauma informed city. Hope Street has been chosen to be the leader of the initiative. In this leadership position, Hope Street would be responsible for not only providing training to providers but also intensive coaching. Coaching would aid providers by explaining how to implement their training. Dr. Grass stated that Hope Street is asking for an increase in their budget from $100,000.00 to $200,000.00 to facilitate the expansion. Chairman Gay asked if the increase would be similar to the initial figure of 1,000 individuals and 70 agencies under the expansion. Dr. Grass replied that the increase will be different because the services provided are different. Dr. Grass said that the training will reach at least 50 more agencies while the coaching will reach at least 25 agencies.

The item passed 6-0.

* Family Support Services Funding Dr. Saralyn Grass 24

Dr. Grass presented the Family Support Services action item. The program will focus on the 32209-zip code area and neighborhoods where child abuse is most frequently reported. Family Support Services of North Florida will assess the risk factors of those neighborhoods and aid families to diminish reports of child abuse. Dr. Grass expressed that the program could be an opportunity to prevent families from entering the child welfare system.

The item passed 6-0.

* KHA Policy: Audit Procedure Shari Shuman 26

Shari Shuman presented the Audit Procedure Action Item. Mr. Weinstein added that this is meant to create a partnership with the providers and make their requirements efficient.

The item passed 6-0.

* FY21/22 Budget Recommendations Mike Weinstein 29

Mr. Weinstein presented the FY21/22 Budget Recommendations and elaborated that this is a formal vote to approve the recommendations to submit to the Administration. Dr. Wells added that he supports the enhancement requests outlined. Mrs. Tutor said that her prior concern of OST funding was addressed.

The item passed 6-0.

* Pre-Teen Contract Amendments Tyrica Young 31

Mrs. Young presented a contract extension of seven KHA sites to provide summer programming. The contracts expire on June 30th, 2021. The extension will allow the sites to operate through the summer until August 31st, 2021. This is nonrenewable funding, the sites will be given an opportunity to respond to an RFP for next year’s funding.

The item passed 6-0

1. **PROVIDER PRESENTATION** Dr. Cheryl Wilder

Dr. Cheryl Wilder gave a presentation on the Carpenters Shop organization. She gave a brief autobiography and description of her organization. Dr. Wilder detailed the services her organization provides. She stressed how the Carpenters Shop prioritizes the mental health of the community by providing mental health counselors to students. Dr. Wilder gave a list of partner organizations and gave a special thanks to Kim’s Open Door. She closed her presentation with student testimonies. Chairman Gay thanked Dr. Wilder for her presentation.

1. **BOARD DISCUSSION**

* Requests for Renewals Dr. Saralyn Grass

Kenneth Darity

Dr. Grass presented the request for renewal of 69 contracts. Dr. Grass noted that the contracts are spread across all essential service categories and detailed the number of contracts that have been assigned to each category. Dr. Grass explained some contracts that are receiving an increase in funding. Mr. Darity shared some details of the programming and the number of youth served.

Mr. Darity also shared some challenges that the providers faced. Most of the challenges were related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Darity thanked the providers for their continued efforts to encourage engagement. Dr. Grass commented that some contracts were not listed in the document because they are to be renewed by October 1st. Mr. Weinstein commented that the listed contracts are only providers that are to be renewed. Mrs. Tutor asked if one of the listed contract budget increases of over 10% needed to be voted on. Dr. Grass replied that since last years’ time period was truncated, the increase is less than 10%. Dr. Grass said that if the increase does exceed 10%, the budget will go before the board.

Chairman Gay announced that new officers will be elected during the next meeting in June. He invited Rebekah Davis to join him on the nominating committee. Chairman Gay said that board member nominations would be submitted to Mr. Weinstein. Chairman Gay asked the board if the meeting should be moved back to Kids Hope Alliance. The board members commented that they were comfortable meeting at KHA. Mrs. Tutor commented that everyone should be prepared to comply with the COVID-19 safety precautions that KHA employees have recommended.

1. **CEO REPORT** Mike Weinstein

Mr. Weinstein outlined the thought process behind the Social Justice Community Investment Committee programs that KHA manages, in relation to how it is incorporated into our budget for the second year. Ultimately it was decided that the decision would be left to City Council to decide. Mr. Weinstein is asking for the Boards approval to be an advocate to try and get ARP dollars to use for children’s services coming out of the pandemic and the problems that the pandemic proliferated. Chairman Gay asked about crime numbers in the past year, and the Young Adult Court program. Laura Lambert responded by saying crime was up everywhere in the last year, and they will be further returning to normal with their Young Adult Court Program.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Leon Baxton made a public comment about how excited he is to hear about how KHA is looking to advocate for ARP dollars to help ease the digital divide caused by the pandemic.

Stanley Scott made a public comment regarding the divide caused by the pandemic.

1. **ADJOURN**

Chairman Gay Adjourned the meeting.