

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

**Board Meeting Minutes**

<b>Meeting Information</b>  <b>Date: September 23, 2020</b> <b>Location: Zoom Meeting</b>	<b>Board Member Attendance</b>			
	Y	Kevin Gay- Chair	Y	Tyra Tutor
	Y	Dr. Barbara Darby	Y	Dr. Marvin Wells
	Y	Rebekah Davis	N	Donna Orender
	Y	Rose Conry		

ZOOM Meeting: (616) 558-8656 Meeting ID 939 9164 6702

**Advisory Staff:** Charlie Coffey, Office of Public Defender; Diane Johnson, Office of Public Defender; Laura Lothman, State Attorney’s Office; Dana Kriznar, DCPS; Dawn Lockhart, Mayor’s Administration

**City Staff:** Mary Staffopoulos, Office of General Counsel

**KHA Staff:** Mike Weinstein, Dr. Saralyn Grass, Delores Williams, Travis Williams, Cory Armstrong, Joyce Watson, April Hart, Lenora Wilson, Rodger Belcher, Mary Nash, John Everett, Kenneth Darity, Katoia Wilkins, Tyrica Young, Dae Lynn Helm, LaRaya Strong, Julia Riggins, Ruth Waters, Mari Ganues and other staff members



**Guests:** Leon Baxton, Faith McGowen, Bod Tedeschi, Debbie Verges, Jerome Baltazar, Jennifer Jerles, Mary Bishop, Chad, Desiree Jones, , Erin Mangan, Alex Alston, Colby Allen, Mrs. Poole, Taryn Roberts, Cheryl Wilder, Michael Wilder, Sara Alford, Keto Porter, Jan Morse, Marcia Brown, Adam Miller, Joann Hawkins and Rick Cartlidge and others

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Action/Outcome</b>
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Chairman Kevin Gay called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and thanked everyone for their attendance. He then performed a roll call which met public information requirements and explained the Zoom instructions including how to participate in the meeting.
<b>CHAIRMAN’S NOTES</b>	Chairman Gay informed the participants that the report from the Inspectors General Office had been released. He indicated that he read the report and would allow it to stand and speak for itself. He did not address questions during the meeting instead opting to read a statement on behalf of the Board. Chairman Gay then introduced Diane Johnson from the Public Defender’s Office. Ms. Johnson will act as the liaison between the Public Defender’s Office and the Board. Chairman Gay discussed KHA’s budget being approved the previous night by City Council and thanked staff and Tyra Tutor for

	all of their hard work. Dr. Darby asked if she could make a statement at the end of the agenda.
<b>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES</b>	Chairman Gay asked for a motion to approve the August 10, 2020 Board summary. Tyra Tutor made the motion to approve and Rose Conry seconded it. Chairman Gay asked for discussion and public comments. Dr. Darby shared that she sent minor changes to staff. With no other comments being heard the motion to approve the summary was passed.
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	Ms. Tutor shared the Finance Report from the meeting which took place on September 16th. Ms. Tutor stated that the Finance Committee was provided a detailed analysis of the report ending on July 31, 2020. Ms. Tutor indicated that finances are in line with expectations. The Finance Committee had reviewed and approved the six action items on the agenda. Ms. Tutor said that at the time of the Finance Committee meeting KHA's budget had not yet been approved by City Council for the 20/21 year. Ms. Tutor praised Mr. Weinstein and April Hart for all of their hard work preparing KHA's budget.
<b>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	Dr. Darby delivered the Governance and Program Committee Report from the September 14 <sup>th</sup> meeting. The Committee discussed and approved the items on the agenda. Dr. Darby stated that questions had been submitted prior to the Governance and Program Committee meeting and feedback had been provided. Dr. Darby then shared that she found the information in the packet to be very informative and well prepared.
<b>RACE EQUITY COMMITTEE UPDATE</b>	Dr. Wells gave an update on the Race and Equity Committee meetings which have been taking place with KHA staff, himself and providers. Dr. Wells stated that the Committee has tried to identify areas of need to lessen the impact of the events which have taken place locally and nationally over the last few months. The committee has met four times in the last two months. Also, internal focus groups for staff have been scheduled with Selena Webster-Bass and Conchita Robinson. Beginning the first week of October, when appropriate, mental health professionals will engage our youth who have been referred by providers. Racial Trauma training will occur with KHA staff and youth beginning in September and continue throughout 2021.
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>	Dr. Grass provided a brief summary on the action items listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewal of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services</li> <li>• No Cost Extension for Boys &amp; Girls Club Youth Family Empowerment Center (YFEC), 2-month extension to spend the remainder of their funds</li> <li>• Renewal of the Afterschool Meals Program Grant, to continue meal services</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CEO Signing Authority, to allow business to continue as usual in the event the CEO is unavailable.</li> </ul> <p>Chairman Gay then asked for approval of the consent agenda. Dr. Darby made the motion and Rose Conry seconded it. Chairman Gay opened the floor for discussion and public comments. With none being heard, Chairman Gay asked all in favor of passing the consent agenda to signify by saying “aye”. All were in favor and the motion was passed.</p>
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<p>Dr. Grass introduced FY 20/21 Contract Renewals for the Juvenile Justice, Preteen &amp; Teen and Special Needs categories. These items were pulled from the consent agenda to discuss in more detail as changes were made after the Committee meetings. Dr. Grass gave a brief overview of the request, the contracted amount and the contract period. Chairman Gay asked for a motion to approve the FY 20/21 contract renewals. Dr. Darby made the motion and Dr. Wells seconded it. Rose Conry stated that she would abstain from the vote due to her working relationship with Goodwill Industries and had completed the necessary paperwork. Chairman Gay opened the floor for discussion and public comments. With none being heard, Chairman Gay asked all in favor to signify by the saying “aye”. All were in favor and the motion was passed.</p>
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<p>Mike Weinstein introduced FY 20/21 Direct Contract Approval for the Early Learning, Out of School Time, Special Needs and Preteen &amp; Teen essential service categories. Mr. Weinstein explained why these contracts must go before City Council for approval and then reviewed the unique reason for funding Carter G. Woodson’s afterschool program. City Council agreed to fund the program this school year but indicated that in the future these funds will be in a Request for Proposal (RFP) so that other schools may apply. Mr. Weinstein said that KIPP funding will also be incorporated into a RFP so that other providers may apply. Mr. Weinstein indicated that all other budget requests made by KHA were approved. Chairman Gay asked for a motion to approve the direct contract for FY20/21. Dr. Darby made the motion and Ms. Tutor seconded it. Chairman Gay opened the floor for discussion and public comments. Mrs. Conry said that she would abstain from the vote due to her working relationship with Goodwill Industries. Leon Baxton, with Communities in Schools, also made comments. With no other comments being heard, Chairman Gay asked all in favor to signify by saying “aye”. All were in favor and the motion was passed.</p>

<p><b>STAFF UPDATES</b></p>	<p>Dr. Grass provided the status of the following KHA grant applications:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="548 300 1385 1346"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="548 300 898 331">Grant</th> <th data-bbox="906 300 1122 331">Date Submitted</th> <th data-bbox="1130 300 1385 331">Result</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="548 342 898 489">Autism Speaks</td> <td data-bbox="906 342 1122 489">March 6, 2020 - \$10,000</td> <td data-bbox="1130 342 1385 489">Funder not awarding due to Covid-19</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="548 499 898 678">Citi Foundation, the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund (CFE Fund) for Summer Jobs Connect</td> <td data-bbox="906 499 1122 678">March 31, 2020 - \$20,000</td> <td data-bbox="1130 499 1385 678">Awarded \$20,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="548 688 898 825">Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) for Comprehensive Anti-</td> <td data-bbox="906 688 1122 825">May 26, 2020 - \$500,000</td> <td data-bbox="1130 688 1385 825">Pending determination. Should know by 9/30/20.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="548 835 898 930">Citi Foundation, Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund -</td> <td data-bbox="906 835 1122 930">June 30, 2020 - \$80,000</td> <td data-bbox="1130 835 1385 930">Awarded \$80,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="548 940 898 1003">TD Bank - Connected</td> <td data-bbox="906 940 1122 1003">August 14, 2020 - \$745,000</td> <td data-bbox="1130 940 1385 1003">Pending determination</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="548 1014 898 1346">National League of Cities (NLC) - Community Practice: Addressing Basic Needs of Post-secondary Students to Improve College Completion and Support Workforce Success.</td> <td data-bbox="906 1014 1122 1346">August 28, 2020 - \$0 (Technical Assistance Grant)</td> <td data-bbox="1130 1014 1385 1346">Awarded</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Grant	Date Submitted	Result	Autism Speaks	March 6, 2020 - \$10,000	Funder not awarding due to Covid-19	Citi Foundation, the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund (CFE Fund) for Summer Jobs Connect	March 31, 2020 - \$20,000	Awarded \$20,000	Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) for Comprehensive Anti-	May 26, 2020 - \$500,000	Pending determination. Should know by 9/30/20.	Citi Foundation, Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund -	June 30, 2020 - \$80,000	Awarded \$80,000	TD Bank - Connected	August 14, 2020 - \$745,000	Pending determination	National League of Cities (NLC) - Community Practice: Addressing Basic Needs of Post-secondary Students to Improve College Completion and Support Workforce Success.	August 28, 2020 - \$0 (Technical Assistance Grant)	Awarded
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<p><b>STAFF UPDATES</b></p>	<p>Kenneth Darity provided updates on the OST request for proposals. RFP applicants who met the minimum requirements were awarded funds to provide over 75,000 afterschool slots at 96 sites.</p> <p>Mary Nash gave updates on the Healthy Families request for proposal. The contract was awarded to Children’s Home Society and they are in the process of transitioning the work.</p> <p>Katoia Wilkins shared updates on the Juvenile Justice Diversion request for proposal. There were six applicants who applied and the contract was awarded to Managed Access to Child Health, Inc. Chairman Gay asked if feedback was provided to the agencies that applied and were not awarded. Ms. Wilkins responded that procurement provides information to these agencies.</p>																					

	<p>Cory Armstrong reviewed available dates for Committee and Board meetings for the next two months. It was decided that the October meetings will remain the same as previously planned.</p> <p>Mr. Weinstein went over a few KHA requests which were approved by City Council. As a result of these approvals, KHA will be able to move funds between essential service categories, move leftover contract funds to other existing programs and extend contract periods.</p> <p>Mr. Weinstein asked Board members to think about the need to meet with him on a weekly or monthly basis prior to Committee and Board meetings.</p>
<p><b>PRESENTATIONS: Communities in School Jax. Police Athletic League</b></p>	<p>Kenneth Darity introduced the representatives from Communities in School and Jax PAL. Their presentations are below:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">         CIS-Natalie Sheppard.pptx     </div> <div style="text-align: center;">         Walk on the PAL Side Summer Camp ;     </div>
<p><b>FINAL COMMENTS</b></p>	<p>Dr. Wells said that he was very pleased with the creativity providers displayed by keeping kids engaged throughout the summer and thanked Mr. Darity for arranging the presentations.</p> <p>Dr. Darby said that after reading the AIG report, she would like to know how KHA will revise its practices as a result of these findings. Dr. Darby requested that staff bring recommendations to the Board at the October meeting, if possible.</p> <p>Dr. Dana Kriznar thanked KHA staff and providers for all of their hard work and mentioned that students will be returning to school on a full-time basis thereby eliminating hybrid learning. Parents do continue to have the option to enroll students in virtual learning. Dr. Kriznar also mentioned that enrollment is down by 20% at Florida State College of Jacksonville with 19% of the decrease being attributed to black males. Dr. Kriznar asked the Board to think about ways to engage these recent high school graduates.</p> <p>Dr. Wells then asked how we can help identify the cause for the low enrollment of black males at FSCJ. For example, are they working, enlisted in the military or attending other colleges?</p>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Gay thanked everyone for attending the Zoom call. The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.