



Minutes

October Kids Hope Alliance Board Meeting

Wed October 20th, 2021

10:00am - 11:30am EDT

KHA Multi-Purpose Room

In Attendance

Rose Conry, Kevin Gay, Tyra Tutor, Jenny Vipperman, Marvin Wells

1. Introduction and Instructions

Dr. Marvin Wells

Dr. Marvin Wells called the meeting to order. Dr. Wells gave instructions for public participation, and welcomed the KHA Board Liaisons that are in attendance.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the August Board meeting was approved unanimously.

Dr. Wells introduced Ruth Waters and read a letter for her from Mayor Lenny Curry thanking her for 30 years of service at the City of Jacksonville. Dr. Wells then awarded a pin and letter to Mrs. Waters.

Dr. Wells then informed those in attendance that a KHA provider Callie Lackey had passed away and held a moment of silence for her and a KHA staff member whose father passed away.

3. Finance Committee Report

Tyra Tutor

Tyra Tutor recapped the October Finance Committee Meeting in which Jenny Vipperman was in attendance and they reviewed the financials and action items that will be voted on in the consent agenda.

a. **August Finance Report**

4. **Governance and Programs Committee Report**

Rose Conry

Rose Conry recapped the October Governance and Programs Committee in which Kevin Gay and Marsha Oliver were in attendance and the Committee reviewed the upcoming goals for the Governance and Programs Committee and approved the action items that will be voted upon in the consent agenda.

5. **Consent Agenda**

Dr. Saralyn Grass

Dr. Saralyn Grass summarized the two items that are on the consent agenda. Tyra Tutor made a motion on the consent agenda and Rose Conry seconded the motion. The Board voted 7-0 to approve the consent agenda. Dr. Grass said that the Educare model being implemented has higher quality requirements such as three teachers to a classroom that makes this a worthwhile model to implement.

a. **Funding for Lutheran Services Florida for Educare Implementation**

b. **Funding for IM Sulzbacher for Educare Implementation**

6. **Board Discussion**

a. **Site Visits**

i. **Discussion on September Visits**

Dr. Wells invited the Board to share experiences with their site visits from the last month. Kevin Gay shared that he visited DLC Therapy & Care and was able to see how vital these programs are and the attention that is given to the kids. Tyra Tutor shared that she too went to DLC Therapy & Care and asked that in the future the Board visit different programs citing the burden on the provider. Rose Conry shared that she went to J.A.M.S., and Dr. Wells commented that he visited both J.A.M.S. and DLC, and how incredible both of the programs were. Dr. Wells said he spoke to the executive staff about having site visits at different locations and having Board meetings at additional locations to increase parent participation.

ii. **Planning for November Visits**

b. **2022 Calendar**

Dr. Wells asked the Board of Directors if the schedule for the upcoming Board meetings looked okay at first glance. He asked specifically about the dates of November 29th, December 1st, and December 8th. The Board agreed on the next meeting dates.

7. **Staff Discussion**

Dr. Wells made the Board aware of October being National Bullying Prevention Month, and congratulated MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation on their college visits that have been conducted.

a. **CEO Delegation**

Dr. Saralyn Grass

Dr. Saralyn Grass stated that the staff executed grant renewals under the CEO Delegation Authority, the Department of Health SAMHSA Grant, Inspire Grant, Department of Health ReCAST Grant, and a new contract under \$65,000 for the J.A.M.S. What a Leader Program.

b. **Provider Engagement**

Kenneth Darity

Kenneth Darity gave a provider update and noted this is the first of a reoccurring planned provider update. KHA is averaging 24 site visits a week, and 8,269 students served in August and 9,421 students in September. He commented that there will be surveys going out to providers to better understand their needs. He said that staff hoped to gain a core set of feedback from providers that KHA can utilize resources to solve.

c. **CEO Report**

Mike Weinstein

Mr. Weinstein stated that Viewpoint with Dennis Quaid is going to be filming a documentary about KHA. Viewpoint invited KHA to participate because of the wide range of services that KHA offers. City Hall is supportive of KHA being a part of this. It was procured through the City's procurement this week.

Mr. Weinstein also informed the Board of the State of Florida's grant that was given to KHA to fund a STEM center off of Monciref, to open soon after January 1st.

Dr. Wells recognized Laura Lambert, for her years of service to the KHA Board as a liaison. Mrs. Lambert said that it was an honor to be on one of the most important boards in Jacksonville. She introduced Adair Newman who will be incoming to her position and will be the KHA representative to the State Attorney's office.

8. **Presentations**

a. **Goodwill**

Nikki Thompson

Dr. Marvin Wells introduced Nicki Thompson, program manager with the Mayor's Youth at Work Partnership. The MYAWP pairs job coaches with students and teaching them functional job skills and creating an employment pathway. The students apply to the program, interview and onboard for the program. Partners like VyStar and Pelocity were available to the students and VyStar even helped open non-custodial accounts for direct deposit for the program. Students were paid \$10 per hour over the summer program, and had access to their job coach. The students completed over 20,000 hours to the workforce in 2021.

b. **Shiva Robotics/Communities in Schools**

Kalai Sankar/Leon Baxton

Dr. Wells congratulated Leon Baxton for 30 years of service at CIS prior to his presentation. Mr. Baxton wanted to present on a strong partnership that they have with Shiva Robotics. Mr. Baxton summarized all of the services that CIS offers and described multiple partnerships that CIS is very proud of. He introduced Kalai "Coach K" Sankar, Founder of Shiva Robotics. Mrs. Sankar summarized the scholarship opportunities at Shiva Robotics, and the mission of Shiva Robotics in providing STEM opportunities for those who otherwise might not have access to STEM programs. Mrs. Sankar displayed student projects: a 3D printed prosthetic, and a R2D2 robot that walked on its own, all taught through Shiva Robotics.

9. **Public Comment**

10. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned.