

Community, Housing & Human Services Board

June 5, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at **4:00 PM**.

Attendance/Introductions

- **Board Members Present:** Karen Ssebanakitta, David Edwards, Christabel Agyei, Leslie Hope, Wes Anderson, Jeri Rathbun, James Randall, Barb Lee,
- **Staff Present:** Arielle Anderson, Kimi Clifton, Keri Cederquist, Adam Schooley, Cyruz Campos, Amanda Martinez,
- **Guests Present:** Nicolette Ocheltree, Virginia Ramos,

The Attendance roster listed above may not capture all the individuals that attended virtually if they joined the meeting after it had started due to the limitations of the virtually meeting platform

Approval of the Agenda:

Jeri Rathbun requested to amend the agenda to include new succession planning and Jeri leaving the board and an update on the Regional Authority and a check on if there will be a quorum in July under the announcements.

MOTION by Wes Anderson, seconded by Karen Ssebanakitta, **to approve the Agenda, as amended; unanimously approved.**

Approval of the Minutes: May 2024

MOTION by Wes Anderson, seconded by Caroline Yu, **to approve the May meeting minutes; approved unanimously.**

Public Comment: None.

Director's Report: Arielle Anderson provided information around the RFP being released for the navigation center and all of the work done prior to the RFP to prepare for it. Staff is working on monthly check-ins with providers and boards. There is more money available for competition from Commerce and Arielle is working with staff to determine how much could go out to RFP in the near future. Collaboration is growing between the City, Valley, and County and a grant has been awarded that can be used to have a point person who will be Ami Manning from SLIHC.

Education: OPMA Training (held at the end of the meeting)

Discussion and Action Items:

Fair Housing Plan: Kimberly Babb provided information for the public comment period and then asked the board to open it.

MOTION by Leslie Hope, seconded by Wes Anderson, **to open the Fair Housing Plan Public Comment Period from June 5, 2024, through July 5, 2024, when the public hearing will be held and the period will close; unanimously approved.**

Resignation: Jeri gave accolades to the board and confirmed her need to resign due to a potential conflict of interest with Empire Health Foundation.

Succession Planning: David will act as interim chair after today although Jeri will help as much as possible with the transition until June 14th. An ad hoc committee was created with Wes, Flor, James, and David to nominate a new chair. While the committee will still review candidates, Karen Ssebanakitta was nominated and accepted said nomination to be the new chair. (Confirmation of the new chair will take place in July.)

Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee: Karen Ssebanakitta is asking for board members to review the current bylaws and self-audit them so they can be updated accordingly. She would also like to add a former chair to the committee to assist with this as they may have historical information that could prove helpful. James, Caroline, Christabel, and Karen have agreed to be on the committee with Karen chairing it.

Education and Outreach Committee: Karen Ssebanakitta asked the board if an education and outreach committee would be good to add in the update to the bylaws. The board determined it would be best to consider it next year.

RFP Committee:

Vice Chair: Requesting a motion to have James Randall take over as Vice-Chair as Barb does not want to hold that position on the committee any longer.

MOTION by Jeri Rathbun, seconded by Leslie Hope, to make James Randall the Vice Chair of the RFP Committee; unanimously approved.

New Committee Member: Requesting to add Susan Christianson to the RFP Committee.

MOTION by Leslie Hope, seconded by Christabel Agyei, to approve Susan Christianson to the RFP Committee; unanimously approved.

Council Update: Council is moving the HHOS recommendations to June 24th and the ARPA decision will be on June 10th - They also spoke a bit about the Executive Order concerning the Opioid Crisis. Some discussion followed. Council Members also reminded everyone about Pride Fest and other Pride events in the community. The June 10th Council meeting is going to be a Town Hall at the MLK Center. Some discussion followed.

Affordable Housing Committee Update: David Edwards spoke about Development Loans RFP and provided an overview and timeline for it. He then gave an overview on the Housing-Related Services RFP and timeline.

RFP Committee Update: Karen Ssebanakitta said the committee should plan on working on the Navigation Center at their next meeting.

COC Update: Gloria Mantz reported on the HUD awards, open board positions, and funding opportunities in July.

Regional Homeless Authority: Leslie attended the meeting but there wasn't much to report. It appears there may be a shift in focus from who will be in charge of it to what they will actually be able to do and when.

Announcements: None.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:20 PM.

The next CHHS Board Meeting is scheduled for **July 3, 2024 from 4:00-6:00 pm.**