

RRHC Board Meeting 7/27/22

Board members present: Christina Huff, Erica Boyd, Janet Fitzgerald, Elise Sauer, Shanon Taliaferro, Scott Bliss, and Marcia Mendels taking meeting minutes. Staff members present: Tina Tvedt and Michele Hernandez.

Christina called to order at 3:24

Agenda : Added approve submission of ESG grant and adopt a resolution approving the application
Approved Janet and Erica

Public comment: Erica had conversation about COVID vaccines no longer available. Juliet is returning as vaccine supervisor 8/15 or 8/22. Vaccines can still be administered during regular appointments.

ED Report: Tina working on qualifying us for employee retention tax credit, which could be large. RCEA was funded for EV stations, with two planned for RRHC in early 2023.

Good news with Lots of grants coming in: (See Tina's report)

Consent agenda: M/S. Janet/Marcia

Recruiting update: interview with Family Practice physician in August. Replacement dentist for Dr. Olah starting in September, moving here from Pennsylvania. Housing case manager position filled, and all front and back office positions are full!

Action items:

DEI statement: M/S. Shannon/Erica. Next steps are to form policies and continue staff training already in progress. Christina asked about board training, which Tina will research. QI is investigating health outcomes through DEI lens.

Privileging for Carolyn Eldridge Dr. Nicely M/S. Janet/Shannon

Increasing board seats from 9-11 for flexibility purposes
M/S. Shannon/Erica. Christina and Teri Klemetson are reaching out to prospects.

Updated harassment policy: from HR YourWay. M/S Elise/Marcia

Budget update: added funding streams and expenses from three grants to give us funding to pay for compliance mgr, case mgr and other workers.
M/S. Scott/Marcia

Patient Satisfaction P&P: M/S: Scott/Elise

Addition of second mobile dental van: first one would stay in Fortuna, and second one would roam through school and community sites. Delta dental foundation would be funding purchase of new van. We would need one more dentist for the new van.
M/S Elise/Janet

Solar proposal: three quotes received for various buildings. Tina commented that she needs to clarify whether we qualify for tax rebates that we're included in two of the proposals, since we don't pay federal and state taxes. Tina suggested tabling this action item until she can get confirmation from the bidders on questions she has. m/S to table Erica/Marcia

Option to purchase homeless services site (Solar Suites and Persimmons): issue might be that we would need to put down a large down payment that is not refundable. County has strongly urged us to look at this site. We would apply for a grant with the county to cover purchase, but we would be responsible for renovations and maintenance. Shannon commented that it's hard to work with RSD on hookups, so asked if we should confirm with RSD that they will support this project, with 10 offices for case mgmt and 10 units as emergency shelter or transitional housing. Water and sewer are issues. Christina asked about timeline with seller. Tina said we're the only interested party at the moment. Michelle weighed in with options. Christina asked about long term cost of renovation and maintenance and possible funding for it. Tina is looking at funding sources. Next steps are to get schematics, identify services and funding and confirm with RSD, hoping to avoid public issues. M/S to table till next month Janet/Shannon

Donation of homeless outreach van from SHOW: their funding is ending and want to donate the van to us. It was purchased through government funding. Would be used to transport those clients without transportation who need services, medical and otherwise. Case managers and workers would be drivers, through our RRHC driver safety policy. Newer vehicle. Shannon asked about impact on us and what we can do with it in the future. Tina said we are looking at grant funding to pay for licensing and operating costs. M/S: Janet/Elise

ESG Grant Application: due next week, applying for emergency shelter program. Hotel rooms, etc., plus office space and care managers until we can acquire permanent real estate. \$200,000 with time frame TBD. May have to be two separate applications: emergency and street outreach. Do we need to take money from our reserves? \$35,000 from operating reserves is what we would need to vote to approve to make the emergency shelter proposal work with the other funding sources.

Motion to approve the application and that we're authorizing the match of \$35,000. M/S Janet/Marcia

Discussion items:

QI board involvement: Christina has attended, would appreciate others joining in. Scott and Janet volunteered to participate, and asked to be notified in advance.

Organizational profile, compared to other organizations. Good for us to know how we compare to others. Janet commented on our low level of childhood vaccinations.

Our rate for uninsured jumped from 24-35%, so we now have insurance experts in both medical and dental.

340B program: looking into denials from pharmacies. We now have a third party administrator reviewing all prescriptions to see if they qualify for 340B program with contracted pharmacies.

VA dental follow up: we submitted prior authorization to VA and client has services scheduled for August. Another option is to contract with Delta Dental VA administrator to see if that works better. Issue is that we have not been paid for services rendered to VA clients.

Next Gen to Epic transition—looking at costs and benefits involved.

COVID report: this is our first week we haven't had a vaccine option, with Maryann and Juliet unavailable. We do have 500 at home kits available for our employees and at-risk clients. County no longer offering free antigen kits, so we now have to buy our own at \$300,000/year. Tina is asking HRSA if free tests are available through them.

Huffman approved funding for 4 staff housing projects behind the medical building as one of his projects. Erica wondered if RSD will be a problem. Shannon commented that we should approach RSD with the county and state behind us. Tina said we have existing hookups but isn't sure if we're paying ongoing fees or if they are still active. Congratulations to Terri and Kathleen for writing the grant to Huffman and getting it through.

Adjourned at 4:59.